**2024 DIGUMARTHI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Dear Prospective Grant Applicant:

On behalf of the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association Law Foundation (“GLF”), this document provides the application requirements for the 2024 Hemanth Digumarthi Public Interest Scholarship (formerly the GLF Law Student Grant; “Digumarthi Scholarship”).

The Digumarthi Scholarship provides a source of funding for students who accept unpaid summer internships with organizations that advance public interest causes including pro bono legal clinics, non-profit organizations, state and federal agencies, and judicial clerkships. Applicants may be contacted for a brief interview if necessary. The maximum amount of funding for the Digumarthi Scholarship is **$5,000**.

Applicants are assessed holistically by GLF.

**Deadline Information:**

* The deadline to apply for the Digumarthi Scholarship is **Monday, March 18, 2024, at 5:00 PM EDT.** Applications may be submitted upon completion.
* No extensions will be given absent extenuating circumstances.

**Submission Instructions:**

* + The application is to be submitted digitally in **PDF format** and emailed to the **Scholarship Selection Committee**: [**scholarship@gapaba.org**](mailto:scholarship@gapaba.org)with the file name “[Your Name], Digumarthi Scholarship 2024” (Example: “Jo Student, Digumarthi Scholarship 2024”).
  + After submitting your Digumarthi Scholarship application, you will be notified that your application was received; you may be contacted for an interview, if necessary.

**Application Requirements**

1. **\_\_\_ Application:**
   1. Complete the attached application in 12-point, Times New Roman font.
2. **\_\_\_ Resume and Transcript:**
   1. Attach your resume and unofficial transcript. If grades are not yet released at the time of application, please state so accordingly and submit the grades once available.
3. **\_\_\_ Legal Internship Verification:**
   1. Applicants ***must*** ***provide*** verification of their acceptance of a summer internship position at a qualifying public interest organization.
   2. The verification should be made in the format of the attached template. The verification must include the following information: (1) the name of the organization sponsoring the internship placement; (2) the time frame during which the applicant will be working at the organization; (3) that the position is unpaid; (4) that the applicant will be working under the supervision of an attorney; and (5) a signature by the person within the organization that is hiring or supervising the applicant.
   3. To qualify for the Digumarthi Scholarship, the internship must be for a period of ***8-10 weeks*** and a total of ***320-400 hours*** (excepting any federal holidays). An applicant may work at up to two public interest placements during the summer to satisfy this requirement; in such cases, both placements must be listed within the application for consideration of the Digumarthi Scholarship.
   4. If the applicant is not yet able to provide verification (e.g., the applicant is still interviewing, the prospective employer has not yet responded, etc.), the applicant must (1) state this in the application, (2) provide an estimated response time in the application, and (3) submit the verification following submission of the grant application.
4. **\_\_\_ Optional Recommendations:**
   1. If you believe a recommendation would be helpful for members of the review committee, up to two (2) recommendation letters may be submitted per the instructions below.
      1. Please ask your recommenders to email[**scholarship@gapaba.org**](mailto:scholarship@gapaba.org) with the subject “Digumarthi Scholarship – Recommendation for [Applicant Name] ” - by the application deadline (e.g., “Digumarthi Scholarship - Recommendation for Bob Student”.)

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[Name of Applicant, Law School, Graduation Year]

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| **Applicant Contact Information** | **Email, Phone** |
| **Employer Information** | Name of Organization  Employer’s Street Address  City, State, and Zip  Employer’s Telephone Number  Employer’s Website (if available) |
| **Supervising Attorney Information** | Supervising Attorney’s Name  Supervising Attorney’s Position  Supervising Attorney’s Phone and Email Address |
| **Are you a current paid member of the Georgia Asian Pacific American Bar Association?** | Y/N |
| **What will be your mailing address during the summer of 2024?** | Mailing Address |

**\*\*\*Please attach your resume and unofficial transcript\*\*\***

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| **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** |
| [Explain your reason(s) for selecting that organization and the professional experience you expect to gain.] |

**Applicant Statement:**

Your statement must be typed in 12-point, Times New Roman font and should not exceed two double-spaced pages. We recommend addressing at least two of the prompts below. Your statement should be attached to your application.

1. Why are you pursuing a career in public service?
2. How does your summer project align with your goals, and how do your goals align with GLF’s mission?
3. Provide a snapshot of where you see yourself in 5 years.

**LEGAL INTERNSHIP VERIFICATION**

**SHOULD BE ON EMPLOYER LETTERHEAD PAPER**

I, [Name of Supervising Attorney], certify that [Name of Applicant] has accepted a summer internship position [at/with] [Name of Organization]. This internship will begin on [Expected Start Date] and will last for a minimum of 8-10 weeks and 320-400 hours. This internship position is unpaid. I am a licensed attorney, and [Name of Applicant] will be working under my supervision during [his/her/their] time at [Name of Organization].

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[Name of Supervising Attorney] [DATE]

[Position]

[Name of Organization]

[Contact Information]