

## Loan Repayment Assistance Program 2008 Information

Golden Gate University School of Law sponsors a Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) for GGU Law School graduates (JD program) who are working in public interest law and require assistance to repay their law student loans. Qualifying applicants must be working in a law related advocacy position which requires a JD and must be engaged in one of the following types of work: (a) providing direct legal representation to underrepresented populations, (b) providing legal assistance to organizations that provide direct legal representation to underrepresented populations, (c) conducting efforts to change legislation affecting underrepresented populations through policy or impact litigation work, (d) environmental law or policy work, or (e) local, state or federal government employment. Golden Gate University School of Law JD graduates may apply to the program even if they have previously received an LRAP award.

### Additional eligibility criteria\*

- Income: Applicant's total salary cannot exceed \$50,000/year.
- Bar Exam: Applicant must become a member of the bar within two calendar years of graduation. (i.e. a May 2001 graduate must become a member of the bar by December 2003. If you are studying for the bar exam you may be eligible to apply. Please contact Angela Dalfen for more information.)
- Date of Graduation: First application must be within five years of graduation.
- Judges/Clerks: Judges and judicial clerks are not eligible to apply for LRAP. However, time spent in those positions will not toll the five-year post-graduation application deadline.
- Private/Self Employment: At least 50% of the applicant's practice must be devoted to pro bono or representation of underrepresented populations or issues. Self-employed applicants must be members of a state bar and may be required to submit additional information.

*\*Applicants who do not meet the criteria but believe that special circumstances warrant an exception are encouraged to apply. Please include a separate letter explaining these circumstances.*

The target LRAP award amount is the difference between 10% of the applicant's salary/income and the applicant's total annual law school loan payment. However, the total funds awarded each year will depend upon the amount of funding available and the number of qualified applicants. ***The LRAP committee reserves the right to use its discretion in making LRAP awards.*** Funds are limited and it is possible that not all applicants will receive awards.

### REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- (1) Most Recent Income Tax Return
- (2) Partner/Spouse's Most Recent Income Tax Return (if applicable)
- (3) Lender Verification (see page 4)
- (4) Employment Verification Form (see page 5)
- (5) Current Resume
- (6) Personal Statement
- (7) Completed Application Forms
- (8) Additional information about income/debt (if necessary)

### THE DEADLINE TO APPLY IS 5:30 P.M. FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2008

Please submit all materials to:

Angela Dalfen

Assistant Director for Public Interest & Student Leadership Programs

Golden Gate University School of Law

536 Mission Street

San Francisco, CA 94105

Fax to: (415) 543-6680

Hand delivery: Law Career Services, 62 First Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

## Loan Repayment Assistance Program 2008 Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jurisdiction and Date of Admission to Practice Law

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

### DEPENDENTS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dependent's Name/Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dependent's Name/Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Graduation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dependent's Name/Relationship

*Please attach a copy of your current resume and a one page Personal Statement that describes your position, how you serve the public interest in that capacity, a description of your public interest activities before, during and after law school, and any additional circumstances you wish the LRAP Committee to consider. If you are expecting any significant changes to your employment or financial situation in the near future, please include that information as well.*

### EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Employer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer's Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supervisor's Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Start Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
End Date (if employment is for a limited term, e.g. fellowship)

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APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**INCOME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Are you eligible for any other LRAP Programs?<sup>1</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Gross Annual Salary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Additional income (over \$500) from spousal support, child support, fees, bonuses, rent, interest, dividends, gifts from family, etc. Please specify if individual or joint income.

**ASSETS (OVER \$500)<sup>2</sup>**

**DEBTS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Market Value of Owner Occupied Residence

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Mortgage Payment or Monthly Rent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Equity in Investment Property

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Amount Borrowed for Law School Education

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bank Account(s)/Cash

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Law School Education Debt Currently Owed (**separate** from undergraduate debt) including Bar Loan<sup>3</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Value of Stocks/Bonds/Other Investments

\_\_\_\_\_  
Term of Repayment (i.e. 5 years, 10 years, 30 years)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Value of Other Assets

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Undergraduate Education Debt

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Market Value of Car

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Debt<sup>4</sup>

**EXPENSES**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Law School Education Debt Payment

\_\_\_\_\_  
Have you consolidated your educational loans? Y or N

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Undergraduate Education Debt Payment

\_\_\_\_\_  
Are you paying the *minimum* monthly payment on your law school loans? Y or N

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Significant Expenses

\_\_\_\_\_  
If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain any discrepancies between monthly income and monthly expenses. Failure to explain unusual or inconsistent information may affect consideration of your application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>1</sup> If so, please explain and/or provide amounts of any awards to date. For example, see <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/resource/ccraa>

<sup>2</sup> Excludes retirement accounts

<sup>3</sup> Federal Stafford loans and Perkins loans for J.D. degrees only

<sup>4</sup> Including, but not limited to, credit card debt, medical expenses and private family loans

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SPOUSE/PARTNER'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**INCOME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Gross Annual Salary

\_\_\_\_\_  
Additional income (over \$500) from spousal support, child support, fees, bonuses, rent, interest, dividends, gifts from family, etc. Please specify if individual or joint income.

**ASSETS (OVER \$500)<sup>5</sup>**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Market Value of Owner Occupied Residence

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Equity in Investment Property

\_\_\_\_\_  
Bank Account(s)/Cash

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Value of Stocks/Bonds/other investments

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Value of Other Assets

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Market Value of Car

**EXPENSES**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Law/Graduate School Debt Payment

\_\_\_\_\_  
Monthly Undergraduate Educational Debt Payment

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Significant Expenses

**DEBTS**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Current Mortgage Balance or Monthly Rent

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Law/Graduate School Education Debt

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Undergraduate Education Debt

\_\_\_\_\_  
Total Bar Loan Debt (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Debt<sup>6</sup>

Have you consolidated your educational loans?

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Medical Expenses: Please attach Schedule A of most recent Tax Return

\_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>5</sup>Excludes retirement accounts

<sup>6</sup>Including but not limited to credit card debt, medical expenses and private family loans

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**LENDER VERIFICATION/CERTIFICATION**

I authorize the Golden Gate University School of Law Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee to verify information provided by me on this application from relevant Golden Gate University departments (including but not limited to Law School Financial Aid and Student Accounting Services), lenders indicated within this application, and/or agencies involved in the distribution, lending, and guaranteeing of financial aid.

I certify that all of the information and materials I am submitting with this application are true and correct as of the date of this application. I understand that if any of this information changes prior to consideration of my application or after the awarding of a grant to me, I am responsible for immediately informing the LRAP Committee of the changed information. I understand that the failure to do so may result in my disqualification from the Program. I further understand that any changed circumstances may result in my ineligibility for an award or the obligation to return some or all of the funds awarded to me.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Partner's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please submit:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2007 Income Tax Return
- \_\_\_\_\_ Partner/Spouse's 2007 Income Tax Return, including Schedule A if claiming medical expenses
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lender Verification<sup>7</sup>
- \_\_\_\_\_ Employment Verification Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Current Resume
- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Statement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Additional description of income/debt information (if necessary)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completed Application Forms, including signed Lender Verification/Certification Form

For more information, contact:

Angela Dalfen  
Golden Gate University School of Law  
Mail: 536 Mission Street, San Francisco, CA 94105  
Office: 62 First Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA  
Tel: (415) 369-5391 Fax: (415) 543-6680  
Email: [adalfen@ggu.edu](mailto:adalfen@ggu.edu)

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**Applications must be postmarked by the above deadline.**

<sup>7</sup> Please clearly identify types of educational loans currently in repayment and highlight amount of law school loan payments. If necessary, please include bank repayment schedule, lender account statement and/or printout of repayment status.



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EMPLOYMENT VERIFICATION FORM

This form MUST be completed by the applicant's current employer.

Please submit the completed form with your application; do not have the employer submit it separately.

Employer Name

Contact Person/ Applicant's Supervisor

Employer Address

Contact Phone Number

City/State/Zip

LRAP Applicant's Name

LRAP Applicant's Salary

LRAP Applicant's Title

Qualifying applicants must be working in a law related advocacy position which requires a JD and must be engaged in one of the following types of work: (a) providing direct legal representation to underrepresented populations, (b) providing legal assistance to organizations that provide direct legal representation to underrepresented populations, (c) conducting efforts to change legislation affecting underrepresented populations through policy or impact litigation work, (d) environmental law or policy work, or (e) local, state or federal government employment.

Please describe the applicant's general duties and how they meet the above eligibility criteria:

THIS POSITION IS: Full-Time π Part-Time π Permanent π Temporary (dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Signature

Date

Print Name