

Joseph P. Mettner Scholarship

About the Scholarship

The Joseph P. Mettner Foundation (jPMF) has created the Public Interest Law/Public Service Scholarship to provide financial support for a student's third year at the University of Wisconsin Law School. Scholarship applicants who will complete their second year of law school and clearly demonstrate a commitment to public service, possess strong academic credentials, demonstrate financial need, and plan to pursue a public interest or public service career upon graduation are eligible. The 2011 scholarship shall award \$10,000 to one successful applicant.

Award funds will be sent directly to the bursar of the University of Wisconsin Law School for partial tuition payment for the benefit of the scholarship recipient.

How to Apply

Applications must be completed and submitted (post marked) by May 30, 2011. Applications should be mailed to:

Joseph P. Mettner Foundation, Inc.
4014 Council Crest,
Madison, WI 53711.

A completed application for this scholarship includes the following:

- A completed application form.
- A **résumé** indicating volunteer service and legal work or public service experience prior to and since you began law school. The resume should list the public interest or public service activities in which you have participated.
- A **personal statement**, not to exceed 750 words, describing your interest in and commitment to practicing public interest or public service law. Applicant may include statement about his/her background, diversity or other unique characteristics he/she wishes the selection committee to consider.
- **No less than two, nor more than three, letters of recommendation** supporting the candidate's commitment to public service
- A copy of his/her **law school transcript** with most recent GPA included.
- A **certification of financial need** provided through law school financial aid office or statement of financial need by applicant.
- A **completed consent form**, authorizing the JPM Foundation to use information, name and likeness of scholarship awardees.

Selection Criteria

To be considered for the JPM scholarship, each applicant must comply with the following requirements:

1. The applicant must currently be enrolled as a second year full-time student in the University of Wisconsin Law School.
2. The applicant must demonstrate a commitment to public interest law or public service and an interest in procuring employment in this field.
3. The applicant must demonstrate a financial need, as demonstrated by certification of financial need or statement of financial need.
4. The applicant must submit all application materials, which include completed application form, résumé, personal statement, letters of recommendation, law school transcript, certification of financial need, and completed consent form.

Screening of applications will be done by members of the Joseph P. Mettner Foundation Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee. Committee members carefully consider the above criteria when selecting awardees. The committee will also consider the diversity of candidate's background. Applicants' residency or non-residency status will not be considered to be a factor in his or her award eligibility.

Important Dates

- May 30, 2011: Deadline for scholarship applications for the 2011-12 academic year
- July 15, 2011: Scholarship recipient finalized