

/ Host Site Frequently Asked Questions

When does the 2025 Rural Summer Legal Corps program start and end?

The Rural Summer Legal Corps program will operate between May-August 2025. Regardless of when Fellows begin, accepted participants must complete the required 300 hours of service by September 1, 2025.

Can we host more than one law student?

Yes, grantees can apply to host more than one law student if the project or projects warrant it. Please submit only one application but include project descriptions for each student requested. You can request two students to work on a single project.

How does LSC and Equal Justice Works define 'rural'?

Legal Services Corporation (LSC) and Equal Justice Works are not defining the parameters of "rural." We are leaving it up to the programs applying for law students to describe the challenges a program faces in serving its rural client-eligible population. You can take into consideration demographics, geography, office placement, and other factors. For example, a statewide program or service area may have several large- to mid-size cities in its service area as well as a significant rural presence.

What is the stipend for the student?

Students will receive a \$7,000 stipend for 8-10 weeks of service amounting to at least 300 hours. The law student will have the option to request unlimited additional outside funding.

Do grantees have to provide housing and transportation to the law student?

Host sites are not required to provide local transportation or housing, but LSC and Equal Justice Works appreciate your assistance in helping the student secure housing when possible.

Is the Rural Summer Legal Corps program competitive?

This is a competitive program with awards made annually.

What is the role of Equal Justice Works?

Equal Justice Works administers the Rural Summer Legal Corps. It publicizes the program, recruits the law students, and provides a slate of top candidates for the host sites to interview. Once a student is enrolled in the program, Equal Justice Works' staff will provide ongoing support of the law students throughout the summer and assist them in building peer networks that advance their careers and the host

organization's capacity. Equal Justice Works will ensure all Rural Summer Legal Corps students submit a final report regarding their summer placement.

What is the role of Legal Services Corporation?

LSC provides the funding for the fellowships. It is also responsible for selecting the programs that will be the host sites for the students. LSC will also organize and present the training program for students at the beginning of the summer.

What is the role of the host site in making a student selection?

Equal Justice Works will provide host organizations with a slate of top law students to interview. The host organization will select candidates to interview and make their final selection. Equal Justice Works will make every effort to ensure the proposed slate of applicants fits the needs of the host organization.

What is the deadline for the host organization application?

Applications were due in October 2024.

How will my organization receive the law student stipend?

Equal Justice Works will provide payment directly to the host site. Details will be provided in the award letter once a student is matched with a program.

How do I submit my organization's application?

Applications are submitted electronically to RSLC@lsc.gov.

Are there reporting requirements?

Rural Summer Legal Corps sites and students will be required to submit a final report to Equal Justice Works regarding their summer placement. Host sites will complete a survey. Student reports will include specific metrics, outcomes, and narrative questions based on the host organization's project proposal. More information will be provided to the law students during the 2-day training prior to start date.

We have a current law student who is interested in applying, what are the details of the student application process?

Equal Justice Works will begin recruitment for law students in January 2025. If you have a specific prospective law student in mind, please include that name and contact information in your organization's application and encourage that student to apply through the Equal Justice Works application.