



**2026 Justice for All  
Fellowship Application**

## OVERVIEW

The Ohio Access to Justice Foundation (the Foundation) will award two-year Justice for All Fellowships to outstanding recent law school graduates with a passion for public service. The Foundation supports fellowship projects which address unmet civil legal needs facing low-income individuals and families in Ohio. Each fellow must work together with an Ohio nonprofit host organization to develop a proposed project. The host organization must be a 501(c)(3) and must have an established civil legal services program in Ohio that has been in existence for no less than three (3) years and engages in direct client representation. **All applications are welcome. Projects serving rural Ohioans are of particular interest.**

Fellows will receive a competitive salary and benefits from the host organization and are eligible to participate in the Foundation's loan repayment assistance program. The Foundation will provide the host organization with a grant during each year of the fellowship (up to \$75,000) to support the fellow's salary and benefits. Individual grant awards may vary depending on the salary and benefits offered by the host organization.

## FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2025, 12-1PM	Call discussing what to include in a successful application ( <i>to attend, please email <a href="mailto:cgill@ohiojusticefoundation.org">cgill@ohiojusticefoundation.org</a> by 5pm on Tuesday, April 15, 2025</i> )
FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025, 12-1PM	Call discussing what to include in a successful application ( <i>to attend, please email <a href="mailto:cgill@ohiojusticefoundation.org">cgill@ohiojusticefoundation.org</a> by 5pm on Thur. June 26, 2025</i> )
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025, 12-1PM	Call discussing what to include in a successful application ( <i>to attend, please email <a href="mailto:cgill@ohiojusticefoundation.org">cgill@ohiojusticefoundation.org</a> by 5pm on Friday. August 4, 2025</i> )
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025	Application is due to the Foundation by 5 p.m. Eastern Time
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025	Interviews for selected candidates
MID-NOVEMBER 2025	Fellowships announced
SEPTEMBER 2026	2026 Fellowships begin

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants for the 2026 Justice for All Fellowships must meet the following requirements:

- The proposed fellow must be a third-year law student or a recent law school graduate who demonstrates a commitment to public interest law.
- The proposed fellow must either:
  - be eligible and take the Ohio bar examination in the summer of 2026;
  - be admitted to practice law in Ohio prior to July 2026; or,
  - submit an UBE transfer application to the Supreme Court of Ohio by January 15, 2026.
- The proposed fellow must identify an Ohio nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization to serve as the host organization and full-time employer during the fellowship term. Together, the

proposed fellow and host organization will create a project that will allow the fellow to use legal skills to address civil legal needs faced by low-income individuals and families throughout Ohio.

- The host organization must have a civil legal services program in Ohio that has been in existence for at least three (3) years and provides direct client representation to low-income Ohioans.
- If the fellowship is awarded, the host organization must agree that the fellow will receive a salary equivalent to the salary of a new staff attorney at the organization, or a minimum salary of \$60,000, whichever is higher.
- The proposed fellow and/or representative from the host organization must either attend one of the pre-scheduled fellowship group calls or schedule an individual call with the Foundation's Programs and Grants Counsel prior to submitting an application.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To apply, please submit the following, in a single PDF file, in the order indicated below.

- A typed and signed Fellowship Application (handwritten applications are discouraged; electronic signature is acceptable);
- Narrative response addressing the questions presented in the Fellowship Application;
- Resume of the proposed fellow;
- Law school transcript documenting no less than four semesters of attendance at an ABA-accredited law school that has been redacted to exclude social security number, date of birth, and student ID number. **Do not submit a transcript that is not redacted;**
- A commitment letter from an Ohio host organization explaining the following (in two pages or less):
  - that the host organization meets the requirements listed on the previous page;
  - how the host organization will ensure the proposed fellow's success;
  - how the proposed fellowship project is distinctly different from, or innovative when compared to, the current work of the host organization;
  - who the fellowship supervisor will be, their expertise in the project's substantive area of law, and their experience and capacity to train and supervise a new attorney who is working on a fellowship project;
- Resume of the proposed fellow's supervisor at the host organization;
- While additional letters of support are not required, if you choose to submit a letter, please submit no more than one letter of support.

Email your application to [grants@ohiojusticefoundation.org](mailto:grants@ohiojusticefoundation.org) by close of business (5 p.m. Eastern Time) on September 2, 2025.

- The email subject should use the following format: "[Your Name]–Fellowship Application"
- The attached PDF file should be named using the following format: "[Your Last Name], [Your First Name] – Justice for All Fellowship Application."

If you have any questions about this application, please contact Camille Gill, Programs and Grants Counsel, at [cgill@ohiojusticefoundation.org](mailto:cgill@ohiojusticefoundation.org).

## APPLICATION

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Law School: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Host Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Supervising Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Email of Supervising Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of the Proposed Fellowship Project:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Substantive legal area(s) of focus for the Proposed Fellowship Project:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I hereby certify that the facts set forth in the above application and all submitted materials are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsified statements on this application, including all of the submitted materials, shall be considered sufficient cause for denial of a fellowship.**

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DATE APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

## NARRATIVE

Responses to the questions below must follow formatting requirements to be considered:

- The application should contain page numbers;
- Responses must be typed;
- If a statistic is given, a source for that statistic must be cited as a footnote;
- The question to be addressed should be stated before the response is given (re-stated questions are not part of the word count); and
- Questions/responses should be numbered to match the list below.

On a separate page, provide answers to the following questions:

1. Describe briefly your proposed fellowship project. What is the need your project seeks to address? Give specific details on how your project will address this identified need. (400 words or less)
2. How is this project innovative compared to and/or different from the work the host organization already engages in? (400 words or less)
3. Describe the desired outcomes for your project, both (400 words or less):
  - a. quantitative (*numbers; e.g. "estimated number of clients to be assisted"*), and
  - b. qualitative (*relates to quality, or the overall goals and objectives of your project; e.g. "this project will increase the economic stability of Ohio families by assisting individuals in obtaining documents that are required to work"*).
4. Please address the sustainability and impact of the project. (400 words or less)
5. List the entities, organizations, and individuals (including at the host organization) with which you have discussed the project. Include no more than a sentence description of each. (e.g. *Met with [name] on [#] occasions to discuss [ \_\_\_\_\_ ].*)
6. Include a proposed timeline for project implementation, in six (6) month increments, covering the two (2) year fellowship period. This may be done in bullet point format. (400 words or less)
7. Personal Statement: Why are you interested in this project? (400 words or less)