

The Coelho Center Law Fellowship 2020-2021 Application Form

What is The Coelho Center Law Fellowship?

The Coelho Center for Disability Law, Policy and Innovation brings together and fosters the development of leaders from our disability community. We believe in creating a strong pipeline of law students with disabilities who will go on to serve as attorneys, judges, public policy professionals, and politicians. Our goal is to increase representation in policy spaces where decisions are being made. As such, we need to strengthen the pathway into law school for students with disabilities. The Coelho Center Law Fellowship Program's mission is to train and mentor students with disabilities to successfully apply for and excel in law school while addressing any barriers that may arise.

Eligibility Requirements and Application Instructions

The Coelho Center Law Fellowship Program is designed to serve students with disabilities interested in pursuing law school. As such, students who identify as D/deaf, hard-of-hearing and/or disabled are strongly encouraged to apply. Students must be currently enrolled in a community college, college, university or be recent graduates. Fellows must provide their own transportation and housing during the summer intensive program. Limited scholarships will be available to provide transportation and housing for selected fellows (refer to the Scholarship Application).

Strong candidates will demonstrate an understanding of barriers to education access and have an interest in becoming leaders to break down those barriers for people with disabilities. Law Fellows will be required to sign a release to use their name and image on The Coelho Center website, in press releases and other materials.

To apply, the Application Form, including an unofficial transcript and resume, must be submitted via email in PDF format to CoelhoCenter@lls.edu by **Friday, February 28, 2020**. As an alternative, you may create a voice or video recording in response to the application questions (in spoken or signed language).

**I have read and understand the requirements as listed on this application.
(Please type your name and the date for an electronic signature.)**

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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CONTACT INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Preferred Pronouns:

Address:

City:

State:

Phone Number (Optional):

E-mail:

Please list any professional online presences (e.g., organizational website,

LinkedIn, Twitter, etc.) (Optional):

DIRECTIONS

To apply, please answer three of the six short-answer questions, and attach a Personal Statement (maximum two pages, 12-point font, double-spaced) describing the applicant's background and experience and commitment to the goals of The Coelho Center Law Fellowship. Lastly, identify two references with their contact information. References will only be contacted if your application reaches the final stage of review. Submit your application in PDF format and include all the application materials via email to CoelhoCenter@lls.edu. As an alternative, you may create a voice or video recording in response to the application questions (in spoken or signed language) and send your files to CoelhoCenter@lls.edu. **Applications are due Friday, February 28, 2020 by 11:59 pm PST.** Notification of acceptance will occur by Friday, April 3, 2020 via email.

The Coelho Center for Disability Law, Policy and Innovation has a strong commitment to diversity as a core value. As such, we encourage applicants from a broad range of backgrounds with identities intersecting with disability including race, gender, sexual orientation, and immigration status. Applicants from low income backgrounds and applicants who have been involved in the criminal justice system are also encouraged to apply.

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Choose three of the following six prompts to answer. Please answer as succinctly as possible, keeping your responses to under 200 words.

Describe one or two of the most important experiences in your personal life that make you who you are today.

What motivates you to make positive impact in your community?

What social justice issues are important to you and why?

Continuing on to higher education is hard: describe what keeps you going.

Describe what your ideal job would be following law school.

Describe what you hope to achieve by the end of the Law Fellowship.

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References: Please list two references who would be able to vouch for your leadership skills and your determination to be selected as one of The Coelho Center Law Fellows. Note: We will not contact your references unless your application has made it to the final round of the selection process.

Reference #1:

Contact #1 (email):

Contact #1 (phone – optional):

Reference #2:

Contact #2 (email):

Contact #2 (phone - optional):

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