



KOZYAK SUMMER FELLOWSHIP *fund*

2026 Kozyak Summer Fellowship | Application Guidelines

Deadline for application submission is Sunday, March 15th at 11:59 pm

Notification of Award: April 22nd

Annual Award Amount: \$5,000

The Kozyak Summer Fellowship (KSSF) continues the legacy of the Kozyak Minority Mentoring Foundation, which for more than 15 years awarded \$5,000 summer fellowships to minority and first-generation law students. These fellowships support students enrolled at Florida law schools or Florida residents attending law schools out of state.

KSSF provides financial assistance for unpaid internships with judges, nonprofit organizations, or government agencies offering opportunities that align with values of service, diversity, and fairness. Each fellow is paired with one or more mentors, gaining meaningful legal experience and building valuable professional connections.

Scholarship Criteria

Who May Apply?

First and second year law students who are either enrolled in a Florida law school or are verified Florida residents attending an out-of-state law school who have secured an unpaid summer internship with a public service agency, Judge, non-profit or governmental agency. The summer internship must last a minimum of 6 weeks and must be unpaid.

What is the criteria?

Student must be academically and professionally driven, demonstrate financial need and commitment to service, diversity and fairness in the legal profession. Student must also secure their own unpaid summer internship.

What is required?

1. Resume; 2. Law school transcript; and 3. Statement of Interest (1,000 words or less) with examples of your life experiences, including but not limited to, how you would benefit from the fellowship, and your academic and career goals. Describe your financial need, including any loans, scholarships and extenuating circumstances. Finally, explain why service, diversity and fairness are important to you.

For questions about this worksheet please contact scholarships@miamifoundation.org.