

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PAY-IT-FORWARD OBLIGATION

What is the SFP Pay-it-Forward Obligation?

To satisfy the Pay-it-Forward element of the Summer Fellowship Program, returning fellows must spend at least 10 hours on one or a combination of the activities listed below or some equivalent activity through which returning fellows will contribute to the New England Law community or greater legal community while also continuing to explore the practice of law. Pay-it-Forward activities must not be paid or credited.

Due Date for Completing the Pay-it-Forward Obligation:

Returning fellows must satisfy the Pay-it-Forward obligation by April 1 of the academic year following their summer fellowship.

How to Report Pay-it-Forward Hours:

Fellows must report Pay-it-Forward hours after they occur through the SFP TWEN site. There is an assignment box set up for reporting, and students may report more than once if reporting on several projects that add up to the 10 hours.

Examples of Pay-it-Forward Activities:

Hours spent on the following non-exclusive list of activities qualify as Pay-it-Forward hours, as long as such activities are not for payment or law school credit:

- contributing to a project or event sponsored by one of the three law school centers—the Center for International Law and Policy, the Center for Business Law, and the Center for Law and Social Responsibility—as defined by any Center faculty member;
- serving as a student ambassador for the Admissions Department;
- working on events such as presentations at the law school open to the entire student body and sponsored by a law school department, student group, or professor;
- working on uncredited, unpaid projects at the law school such as amicus briefs, surveys, or other studies;
- attending Career Services Office events, Center events, Charles Hamilton Houston Enrichment Program events, or other school-sponsored speaker or panel events offered through the academic year (not including events for which attendees receive credit);
- participating in Boston Bar Association and/or Massachusetts Bar Association programs for law students or new lawyers;
- serving as a mentor, tutor, tour guide, orientation leader, etc., through any unpaid law school programs; and

- participating in The Lawyering Experience or the Summer Fellowship Program programming by serving as a guest speaker or some equivalent service.

These are examples. Please note that the focus is on engagement and not on position. A fellow who takes a leadership position in a student organization does not satisfy the Pay-it-Forward obligation by virtue of the position but is likely to satisfy the obligation by virtue of activities performed in connection with the position.

What about activities that are not listed above but should count as Pay-it-Forward hours?

Fellows who perform activities that do not fall within any of the above-listed categories but fall within the parameters of the Pay-it-Forward program should report those hours and activities through the SFP TWEN site. The SFP team will review all Pay-it-Forward submissions and contact fellows about any problems or other issues. SFP personnel will contact such students if such activities fail to meet the program parameters.

Questions?

Please contact Professor Manus, pmanus@nesl.edu, with any questions or issues about this element of the SFP. *Do not report Pay-it-Forward hours by email to Professor Manus.* Pay-it-Forward hours must be reported via the SFP TWEN site.