

## **March, 2020**

### **Financial Aid Newsletter**

#### **Credit Refund Policy Change, Effective Fall 2020**

- We are pleased to report that the University Provost has approved an early disbursement of financial aid funds. Beginning 2020/2021, Yale Law School students will receive their anticipated credit refund ten days before the start of classes. To receive the funds ten days prior to the first day of classes the student must submit a Credit Refund request available on the SIS account, satisfy all financial aid requirements, and/or holds. If a student receives a credit refund, and then withdraws or take a leave of absence after the refund has been issued, the student will be responsible for reimbursing the University for the amount they are no longer entitled to keep.

#### **Other Exciting Financial Aid News – Paperless Office & Online Forms**

- The Financial Aid Office is going Paperless! To submit ANY document(s) to the financial aid office, please go to the [Current Student](#) section of our website to UPLOAD REQUIRED FINANCIAL AID documents via the [UPLOAD link](#).
- Our paper forms are becoming online forms! You will soon have the convenience of submitting all forms (i.e. Budget Revision, Notification and Confirmation, Tax Non-Filing Statement) online. More information to follow!

#### **Individual Loan Counseling Session (3Ls)**

- Bill Mangini is on campus providing individual loan counseling sessions two days per week (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) between 8:30am – 1:15pm to all 3Ls who have borrowed loans at YLS. Bill has four one-hour appointments on both days (barring any unforeseen circumstances that would require him to be out of the office). All appointments must be made on the online Office Hours system. Once your appointment is scheduled, you will receive confirmation of your appointment, along with additional instructions.

- Please remember to bring your FSA ID and password to the session with Bill as you will need it to access the federal student loan website.
- If you are unable to keep a scheduled appointment, please contact our office or use the online calendar to cancel and reschedule.
- Bill's calendar is open and he has lots of availability. Do not delay schedule your appointment today! For your convenience, he will also be available during the Spring Break!

### **Term-Time Employment Verification Form(3Ls)**

- The Term-Time Employment Verification Form will be sent to all 3L students receiving some form of financial aid during the 2019-2020 academic year. **The form should only be completed and returned by the requested deadline if employed at any point during the 2019-2020 academic year (August 26, 2019 – May 11, 2020), AND income will be \$5,001 or greater.** If your income will be \$5,000 or less, the Term-Time Employment Verification Form is NOT REQUIRED. For more details on the policy, click [here](#).

### **Summer Fellowship Opportunities (1Ls and 2Ls)**

- **SPIF Application, Part II is due March 15, 2020** – If you submit after March 15 and you are SPIF eligible, we will still make an award but cannot guarantee that you will have the funds before leaving campus in early May. If you have received your letter from your employer and have not submitted a copy to the financial aid office, please submit as soon as possible. **Upload your employer letter directly on our website. To upload the letter, go to the SPIF [Application & Payment](#) section of the financial aid website, and click on the link to upload the document.** If you have any questions about SPIF or how to submit your employer letter, please contact Christine Nolan at [christine.nolan@yale.edu](mailto:christine.nolan@yale.edu), call our office (203) 432-1688, or stop by room M13.
- **Squire Patton Boggs Foundation Public Policy Fellowship** – The Squire Patton Boggs Foundation is pleased to make available a Squire Patton Boggs Public Policy Fellowship grant to Yale Law School for the summer of 2020. This will be the fourteenth year they have made a grant to Yale Law School to enable students who have finished their first or second years to work during the summer in a public policy position. The grant is in the

amount of \$5,000 (SPIF will make up the difference per week up to the 12-week maximum). For more information about Squire Patton Boggs, please visit the websites below: <https://www.squirepattonboggs.com/> under “Corporate Responsibility” <https://www.facebook.com/squirepattonboggs>. Please **submit all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office by NOON, Friday, March 27.**

- **Justice John Paul Stevens Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program** – The Justice John Paul Stevens Summer Public Interest Fellowship Program (“Stevens Fellowship”) provides a grant of \$8,000 each to two students at Yale Law School who have secured unpaid public interest legal positions during the summer. These two Stevens Fellowships are awarded to help defray living expenses of deserving and committed students working in the public interest, as well as to provide much-needed legal assistance to public interest organizations. Application Process: Students must complete the Justice Stevens Summer Public Interest Fellowship application. Application Deadline: Your complete application should be sent electronically to Professor Nancy Marder ’87 ([nmarder@kentlaw.iit.edu](mailto:nmarder@kentlaw.iit.edu)) and one (1) hard-copy should be delivered to the Office of Financial Aid by **noon on Thursday, March 26, 2020.** Both the electronic version and the hard-copy must be submitted by noon on March 26, 2020. There are no exceptions to this deadline. Please keep in mind that your complete application must be submitted electronically and in hard copy. To access the Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowship application, please click [here](#). **You do not have to be SPIF eligible, or receive financial aid, to be considered for this fellowship.**

### **Financial Aid Reapplication (1Ls and 2Ls)**

- **Deadline is April 15, 2020** – Application requirements for continuing students include FFAST and FAFSA. If any additional information is required, our office will reach out to you. Click [here](#) for all the details.
- **As part of the financial aid application, we will now require an employer letter from ALL employers (including firm employers).** The employer letter should include the student’s name, employer’s name, number of weeks working, and earnings per week. The letter should be uploaded via the [UPLOAD link](#) on our webpage.

### **It’s MAX Madness: MAX Lessons (1Ls, 2Ls, & 3Ls)**

- MAX lessons are a great way to increase your financial knowledge and to gain entries into the May scholarship drawings.
- As a reminder, each 1L, 2L, or 3L MAX lesson, workshop/webinar, and MAX survey that you complete will provide you with an entry into the MAX scholarship drawings.
- If you like to listen and learn, be sure to check out the newest [LEX Talk Money!](#) Podcast.
- Check out the upcoming MAX webinars or check the full webinar schedule in your [MAX account](#):
  - The Psychology of Financial Decision-Making, Thursday, 4/9/2020, 8:00pm
  - Not Just a Number – The Importance of Credit to Law Students, Wednesday, 3/25/2020, 8:00pm
  - Your Employment Option, Your Money, Tuesday, 4/14/2020, 3:00pm
  - Financial Bootcamp: Life After Law School, Tuesday, 3/17/2020, 3:00pm
  - Strategies for Financing the Cost of Your Bar Study, Tuesday, 3/10/2020, 8:00pm
  - The Road to Zero: A Strategic Approach to Student Loan Repayment
    - Tuesday, 3/24/2020, 7:00pm
    - Tuesday, 4/7/2020, 9:00pm
    - Wednesday, 4/22/2020, 4:00pm
    - Wednesday, 5/6/2020, 7:00pm
    - Wednesday, 5/20/2020, 9:00pm
- Remember, your participation in MAX gets your name entered into their scholarship drawings. Don't pass up an opportunity to win free money, and gain a wealth of information on all money matters! The next drawing will be held in May.

Any questions, issues, concerns, please reach out to us at [financialaid.law@yale.edu](mailto:financialaid.law@yale.edu) or stop by room M13