

2024-2025 Dale Minami Public Interest Fellowship Application

The Dale Minami Public Interest Fellowship was created in 2007 by three Berkeley Law students to provide fellowship awards to Berkeley Law students and alumni who have shown a strong commitment to serving the public interest. **This year's award will be \$20,000.** Minami Fellows are selected for their diverse backgrounds, record of exceptional academic and professional accomplishment, leadership in community service, and commitment to social justice and public interest work. The recipient may use the award to supplement annual income, cover bar exam preparation fees, or other related expenses. Priority will be given to applicants who have worked with the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. We invite individuals working in any range of public interest jobs, including government positions, to apply.

The Fellowship recipient will be honored at our annual Dale Minami Public Interest Fellowship Dinner on **March 7, 2024** at the **Harborview Restaurant in San Francisco.**

All application materials must be completed and received by 6:00 PM (Pacific Time) on January 24, 2025. Please email your application to: minamifellowship@gmail.com

A complete application must include *all* of the following items:

- a. A completed and signed fellowship application form
- b. Your current resume (please include information on education, community service, work experience, and other significant activities)
- c. A typed personal statement of 500 words or less describing your commitment to and plans for a legal career in public service.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please visit our website at <http://www.dmfellowship.org> for more information about the Dale Minami Fellowship Program and dinner. If you have any questions please contact any of the three co-chairs listed below.

Sincerely,

The Dale Minami Public Interest Fellowship Co-Chairs

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Instructions: Please answer each question completely and accurately. When necessary, please use additional pages to complete your responses and be sure to note the question to which you are responding. *An application is not considered to be complete unless all questions are answered.*

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
Last Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____
Telephone Number: _____

Current Address

Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Permanent Address (if different from above)

Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please indicate how you would like us to contact you regarding your application:

E-mail Current Address Permanent Address

Other (please specify on this line): _____

2. EDUCATION

J.D. Graduation Date: _____

3. PERSONAL STATEMENT (500 words): Please detail why you chose a career in public interest and how you see your work improving the community. We also ask you to include any facts relating to your financial condition or any other circumstances that you feel is relevant to the committee. Your personal statement should be on a separate page.

Please note the signature requirement on the next page.

4. SIGNATURE:

I understand that the Dale Minami Fellowship Board will rely on the information contained in this application. The above statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I understand the following:

- The Fellowship recipient will be required to attend the Dale Minami Public Interest Fellowship Dinner at the time, date, and location specified on the first page of this application.
- The Fellowship recipient will be requested to provide a recent digital picture of themselves upon receiving notification of their award. Please do not send photos with the Application.
- The Dale Minami Fellowship Board reserves the right to use information from applications as part of its publicity of the Dale Minami Public Interest Fellowship.

Full Name of Applicant:

Initials: _____ (Typing your initials shall be considered your electronic signature.)

Date: