



# The Michael Maggio Immigrants' Rights Summer Fellowship Program

## 2023 FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

### **Introduction:**

The primary mission of the Michael Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship is to strengthen law students' long-term commitment to promote justice and equality for vulnerable immigrant groups.

The Fellowship was established in 2009 by the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law (CHRCL), the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIP/NLG), and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) to commemorate the life and legal contributions of Michael Maggio.

Michael Maggio was an extraordinary immigration attorney and individual who was a life-long advocate for justice, equality, and peace. Throughout his career, Michael received countless professional awards and was honored for his extraordinary legal representation, astute strategizing, unwavering commitment to the highest ethical standards, and deep passion for justice and upholding the rule of law. He was an active member of AILA and served on the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Project. Michael died in February 2008 after a courageous battle with cancer.

### **Fellowship Description:**

The Fellowship will be awarded to one law student each summer to work on a student-initiated project. Students must submit a project proposal with an organization willing to host the student for 10 weeks and provide a \$1,500 stipend (the Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship will provide a \$2,500 stipend). The Fellow will be required to provide reports half-way through and at the conclusion of the Fellowship, regarding his or her progress in meeting the goals of the project. The host organization must be willing to supervise and provide all logistical needs of the Fellow including office space and supplies. Host organization will also be asked to provide a brief report at the end of the Fellowship.

### **Eligibility:**

- Law student (1L, 2L, or 3L) in good standing at an accredited law school program.
- Demonstrated commitment to social justice and/or immigrants' rights issues.

The fellowship program also aims to support applicants from diverse backgrounds, including applicants with personal experience of the immigration enforcement system, immigrants, women, people of color, persons with disabilities, persons with diverse gender and sexual identities, and formerly incarcerated people.

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### Application Requirements:

- A complete application package should include a cover letter, a completed application form (part I & II), a support letter from the host organization (with information about the organization, the work the Fellow will be doing, and the name of the person responsible for supervising the Fellow), and a resume.
- Preferably email the complete application to: Erin Lynum, [elynum@aila.org](mailto:elynum@aila.org), in MSWord or PDF format, or, if you are unable to email the application materials, mail the complete application to:

Attn: Erin Lynum  
Maggio Immigrants' Rights Fellowship  
American Immigration Lawyers Association  
1331 G Street NW  
Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20005

### Deadline:

- The application must be received no later than end of business (5 pm ET) on **Friday, March 17, 2023**. A decision selecting the 2023 Michael Maggio Fellow will be made by early April 2023.

### Stipend:

The total stipend for the 2023 ten-week summer Fellowship is \$4,000 (the host organization will pay \$1,500 and the Fellowship will pay \$2,500). The Fellow will also receive complimentary registration for the 2023 AILA annual conference, and complimentary registration plus a travel stipend to attend the National Lawyers Guild annual conference in 2023.

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

Please use this form to insert your responses electronically. You may copy and paste this application form into a new document or simply use this one. When you save your application, use the following protocol for naming the document: Your last name, first name, and the date you send the application and "Maggio Fellowship Application" (e.g. Diaz, Michael 1-25-23 Maggio Fellowship Application).

Please forward your application (PDF format preferred) on or before the deadline to:  
[elynum@aila.org](mailto:elynum@aila.org).

Feel free to attach other material to your application (news reports about your work or projects you have worked on, writing samples, information about the issues you want to address during your proposed internship, etc.)

Electronic applications are preferred. If you are unable to submit an electronic application, please mail your application to:

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**All applications must be received no later than end of business Friday, March 17, 2023.**

### PART I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Address and phone are good through what date?

Permanent Address  
(if different from above):

Law School:

Year in School:

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Optional Information (some may be used for purposes of affirmative action):

Age:                      Gender identity:                      Sexuality:

Underrepresented Community:

Disability:

Required Information:

Name of proposed host organization:

Name of contact person for host organization:

Telephone number of host organization contact:

Email address of host organization contact:

Website of proposed host organization:

Foreign Languages:

Fluency Level:

Other Skills (i.e. computer skills, typing, Lexis/Westlaw training):

List extracurricular activities you have participated in and approx. dates:

Dates available to work: From:                      To:

How did you hear about the Fellowship?

List the name, organization, position, how you know the person, email and phone number of two references:

- 1.
- 2.



**HOST ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT**

The Fellowship awards \$2,500 to a law student to work on an immigration related student-initiated project. Applicants must submit a project proposal with an organization willing to host the student for 10 weeks. The student's proposal must include a collaborative plan with the host organization to partially match the Fellowship award in the amount of \$1500. This matching may be done either by direct compensation OR through other means, e.g., law school public interest funding, independent fundraising, etc. This ensures that the student will receive total funding in the amount of \$4,000.

Please have the organization with which you are applying complete and sign the portion below:

- On behalf of my organization, I agree that we will provide the \$1500 partial matching funds.
  
- My organization is unable to provide a \$1500 partial match at this time, but I will work with the applicant to develop a fundraising plan to secure this amount.

\* If selecting option 2, please describe plan below.

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Signature of Applicant

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Signature/Title of Host Organization  
Representative