

University of Tennessee Pro Bono Alternative Spring Break – Student Application

UT Pro Bono is excited that you are thinking about Alternative Spring Break! We have been working very hard to provide you with a variety of ways to give back during the week of March 19-23, 2012. Our projects are divided into two categories: Weeklong and Day Projects.

We are offering two weeklong projects, both sponsored by Legal Aid of East Tennessee. Students will work in a legal aid office for the entire week as a law clerk. This is a great way to gain research and office skills while adding variety to your resume. Positions available across East Tennessee include: the Knoxville Legal Aid Office will host two students; the Johnson City Legal Aid office will host two students in office or remotely; the Morristown office will host one student in office and one student remotely; the Maryville office will host one student in office and two students remotely; and the Chattanooga office will host three students.

There also will be three to five remote research positions where students can perform research from any of the offices at any point in the week. There will be a total of nine remote positions from various offices. These research projects are expected to take four to 12 hours depending on the subject.

Please note that if you are interested in applying for the weeklong Immigration Alternative Spring Break in Memphis, you must apply directly to the University of Memphis. Their application can be found under National TWEN Courses on Dec. 1, 2011, and is due by Jan. 6, 2012.

There are several weeklong and day opportunities available with the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, including an "ETO Experience" intern, a marketing intern and two technical writers for grants and grant researching.

- The "ETO Experience" internship, which has slots for two to three students, will assist CASA March 19-21 by helping transfer their paper files to digital ones through their new online program, Efforts to Outcomes.
- The marketing internship, which has slots for two students, will be charged with creating new brochures and pamphlets for CASA. This can be done remotely and will equate to about 10 hours of volunteer work per student.
- CASA is also in need of a technical writer (one student) to assist with grant proposals, equating to approximately four hours of volunteer work that can be done remotely.
- The grant research intern (one student) will be charged with researching other grant opportunities for CASA. All students must attend a training session on Monday, March 19, 2012, at 10 a.m. at the CASA office in Knoxville.

We also are hosting day projects, with a time commitment of one to three days.

- Legal Aid of Middle Tennessee is hosting a Justice Bus one day during the week. Students will travel together to rural communities in the Cookeville area to assist low income and elderly clients with the assistance of area attorneys.
- Students also are invited to participate in Wills for Warriors, in which students will travel to Fort Campbell and assist active military and veterans write their wills and plan their estates.
- The ENLACE Latino Student Association is hosting an immigration clinic with Community Legal Center (CLC). CLC is one of the only non-profits in the state of Tennessee with an on-staff immigration attorney. Students will perform intake with immigrants seeking immigration assistance.

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- Legal Aid of East Tennessee (LAET) is hosting a one-day Debt Clinic Document Blitz on March 23 where students will provide the much-needed service of reviewing documents for attorneys. Debt Clinic also will offer a training session on Thursday, March 22, 2012, at noon for students interested in becoming involved with Debt Clinic.
- LAET also will be hosting an Elder Law project, where students will perform intake with elderly clients in surrounding rural areas.

To apply for any of the opportunities offered during Spring Break 2012, please print this application and fill it out accordingly. Next, sign and attach your personal statement. Please mail or drop off a hard copy of your application to Brad Morgan at the University of Tennessee College of Law by January 16, 2012, with a check written to UT Pro Bono in the amount of \$25. This check will be deposited only if you are accepted into the program. Your \$25 deposit will fund 2012 Alternative Spring Break t-shirts, as well as meals for projects of eight students or more. Please make sure to fill out your size information in the application. Priority will be given to completed applications submitted before December 30, 2011.

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I. Personal Information

Name:

Mailing Address:

Phone:

Email:

University:

What year are you in law school? (1L, 2L, 3L, part-time or full-time) 1L 2L 3L 4L PT FT

Emergency Contact Information*

Name:

Relation:

Address:

Phone:

*Please note that all emergency contact information will be kept private.

II. Please rank your interest (from 1-3) in each of the Alternative Spring Break Projects:

Week Long Projects

___ Legal Aid Research (___ On Site, Location Desired _____ or ___ Remote)

___ CASA (___ ETO Experience Interns, ___ Marketing interns, ___ Technical writer intern, ___ Grant researching intern)

Day Projects (Please select projects that add up to three days of work with the rank you prefer.)

___ Justice Bus: Date TBA

___ Wills For Warriors: March 19th and 20th

___ Immigration Clinic: March 21

___ Debt Clinic: March 22 and 23

___ Elder Law: Dates TBA

*If you have any experience or career interest in one of the projects, please indicate this in your personal statement.

III. Personal Statement

Please attach a brief statement that answers the following in 600 words or less.

1. Why do you want to participate in the Alternative Spring Break Program?
2. What previous service, pro bono or teamwork experience do you have?
3. Please address any questions, concerns or observations you have about Alternative Spring Break, and in particular, working with underprivileged individuals directly in their community.
4. Please explain any financial hardship in detail if you wish to participate without submitting the application fee. A scholarship fund has been established to ensure the participation of financially disadvantaged students.

IV. Additional Information

1. Are you willing to participate in Alternative Spring Break, even if we cannot accommodate your project choice? ___ Yes ___ No

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2. Have you been trained in Debt Clinic? Yes No

3. Are you willing to participate in fundraising to make this program possible? Yes No

4. Part of your deposit will be used to purchase an Alternative Spring Break 2012 t-shirt. What size do you require?

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5. Are you willing to share lodging with another student of the same sex or to room with a Tennessee student of the same sex? Yes No

If yes, whom do you have in mind?

If you are *not* willing to share a room with another student, will you be willing to pay for your own lodging?
 Yes No

6. Out-of-Knoxville students, are you aware that you will be responsible for your transportation costs to and from the University of Tennessee? Yes No N/A

V. Signature

By signing my name and the date, I certify that I am a student in good standing at an accredited law school in the United States of America. If selected for the Alternative Spring Break Program, I am aware that I will be asked to provide a \$25 non-refundable deposit to secure my spot. I also agree to abide by the rules of confidentiality and the rules of professional responsibility as outlined in the Tennessee Rules of Court (available online at <http://www.tsc.state.tn.us/opinions/tsc/rules/TNRulesOfCourt/rulesindex.htm>).

I authorize UT Pro Bono to use my name, photo, personal statement or likeness in promotional materials for Alternative Spring Break, which will be distributed to the University of Tennessee and other local news sources.

Signature

Date

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012, TO BRAD MORGAN
AT 1505 CUMBERLAND AVE, KNOXVILLE, TN, 37996, WITH THE \$25 NON-REFUNDABLE
DEPOSIT. APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY JANUARY 31, 2012,
VIA EMAIL.**