

2025 Federal Justice Fellowship



The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri is deeply committed to local public service and advancing student learning opportunities. The Federal Justice Fellowship was established in 2020 to provide upper level college students with a unique educational opportunity at the federal courthouse in Cape Girardeau. This year, the program will be offered from July 7-August 1.

The Court's Education and Outreach Committee will select up to six students for the 2025 class of Fellows. The Fellows will be individuals who have shown leadership potential and the requisite academic ability to thrive in an intensive learning environment.

During this intense four-week summer program, Fellows will: gain an understanding of the state and federal judicial systems; learn more about the U.S. Constitution; observe district court cases; and receive an introduction to legal writing.

Fellows will also interact with lawyers and staff from the U.S. Attorney's Office, Federal Public Defender's Office, U.S. Probation Office, U.S. Pretrial Services Office, U.S. Marshals, and the Clerk's Office. At the end of the program, each Fellow will make a final presentation in a courtroom.



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Who is eligible?

Rising college juniors and seniors who have an interest in a career in the legal field. Particularly, students considering law school.

What are the benefits?

- Learning about the judicial system
- Enhancing public speaking skills
- Gaining leadership and networking skills
- Developing meaningful relationships
- Observing court cases firsthand

Will I be paid?

Yes. Fellows will receive an educational stipend of \$400 per week. There may also be compensation for travel expenses.

When & where do I apply?

Applications will be available February 10, 2025. **The deadline is March 7.**

To access the online application, visit: www.moed.uscourts.gov/federal-justice-fellowship

Be sure to include:

- Completed online application
- Transcript from your school
- Letter of recommendation from a recent professor or guidance counselor
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residence status