

SPECIAL AUXILIARY GRANT APPLICATION FOR 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Application Deadline: **October 23, 2020** for JD and LLM students enrolled in the fall 2020 semester.

The Law School understands many families are experiencing additional financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We also recognize the financial situations of some individuals may have significantly changed since the tax year used to determine need-based grant consideration. As resources are limited, our guiding principle is to assist students from the neediest families. Therefore, need-based Special Auxiliary Grant funds will be distributed primarily to students with limited personal and family resources. Regardless of the student's age, marital status, or dependency status for tax purposes, our grant decision will be based on an analysis of the family's financial strength.

Consideration for the \$1,500 need-based Special Auxiliary Grant requires complete family and parental information from both custodial and non-custodial parents. If the student's parents have separate households (unmarried, separated, or divorced), complete financial information for both households must be provided.

Required Application Materials for the Need-Based Special Auxiliary Grant Consideration

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to federal processor ¹
- Columbia Law School Financial Aid Questionnaire for the 2020-2021 Academic Year ²
- 2019 Federal Income Tax Forms for student, spouse, and parent(s) to the Financial Aid Office ³

1. International students (those who are not US citizens or eligible noncitizens), are not eligible for federal aid and should disregard the FAFSA requirement.
2. If you have already submitted this form, you can disregard this requirement. Otherwise, students can request our office to email it to them.
3. If 2019 tax forms are not available by October 23, please submit complete 2018 tax forms by October 23, and complete 2019 tax forms by early November.

Please note that in order for the Financial Aid Office to determine eligibility for a need-based Special Auxiliary Grant, students may be asked to provide additional supporting documents beyond those originally submitted.

Student Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

PID/CUID: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Class Standing: 1L (Class of 2023) 2L (Class of 2022) 3L (Class of 2021) LLM (Class of 2021)

Reason for the Request (Change in circumstances):

Signature: _____ Date: _____