

VHFCNBA SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR LAW STUDENT APPLICANTS

I. Program Overview

The VHFCNBA Summer Scholars Program (“Program”) is a competitive, paid legal internship initiative designed to place law students from underrepresented backgrounds in summer positions with law firms, corporate legal departments, government agencies, and other legal organizations throughout Florida.

Participation in the application process constitutes agreement with all rules and regulations set forth below.

II. Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for the Program, applicants must:

1. Be **currently enrolled** and in good academic standing at an **accredited law school** at the time of application.
2. Have completed **at least one year** of law school prior to the start of the internship.
3. Demonstrate an interest in **public service, private practice, corporate law, or other legal careers** aligned with the Program’s mission.
4. Identify as coming from an **underrepresented background** in the legal profession (including, but not limited to, racial/ethnic background, first-generation professional status, socioeconomic background, or other factors consistent with diversity and inclusion).
5. Be legally authorized to work in the United States.
6. Commit to the **minimum program duration** (no less than six (6) weeks, 20-40 hours per week, during the summer period).

III. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit a **complete application** by the stated deadline. A complete application includes:

- Completed online application form;
- Current résumé;
- Unofficial law school transcript;
- Personal statement responding to Program prompts;
- Headshot
- Any additional materials required by VHFCNBA.

Incomplete or late applications will **not** be considered.

IV. Application Review & Selection

1. Selection is **competitive** and based on:
 - Academic preparedness;
 - Professionalism and maturity;
 - Commitment to the Program's mission;
 - Quality of written materials;
 - Employer placement considerations.
2. Submission of an application **does not guarantee placement**.
3. VHFCNBA reserves the right to:
 - Interview applicants;
 - Request additional information;
 - Decline any applicant at its discretion.

V. Placement Terms

1. Applicants understand that:
 - VHFCNBA facilitates placements but **does not guarantee a specific employer, location, or practice area**.
 - Placements are subject to employer availability and fit.
2. Applicants must be willing to accept reasonable placement assignments consistent with their qualifications and interests.

VI. Conduct During the Application Process

Applicants must:

- Act professionally and honestly in all communications;
- Refrain from contacting host employers directly unless instructed;
- Avoid misrepresentations regarding academic standing, experience, or qualifications.

Any misrepresentation or unprofessional conduct may result in **immediate disqualification**.

VII. Acceptance of Rules

By submitting an application, applicants acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with these Rules & Regulations.