



HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE / VERMONT LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

Are you interested in:

- Environmental law and policy?
- Farm and agriculture law and policy?
- Energy regulation and law?

Are you considering a Master's degree or law degree?

Apply for a full-tuition scholarship for a Master's degree and/or a JD from [Vermont Law School](#), which is consistently ranked as having the country's top environmental law program.

Each year, Hampshire can recommend **one** student or recent alum (**up to 10 years out**) for one of the two scholarship opportunities:

- **1-year Full Scholarship** for one of the following [Master's Programs](#) at VLS:
 - Environmental Law and Policy (MELP)
 - Farm and Agriculture Law and Policy (MFALP)
 - Energy Regulation and Law (MERL)
- **3-year Full Scholarship** for [Juris Doctor](#) (JD) program *or* Joint JD/Master's in one of the three areas listed above.

Hampshire Alumni Experience at VLS:

"I remain connected to VLS and after graduation was part of the VLS observer delegation, [that traveled] to Lima, Peru for the climate conferences in December! Vermont Law is an inspiring community full of hard-working and passionate learners, much like Hampshire. For a graduate-level education in the environmental sector, Vermont Law is simply unmatched." – Catherine Craig 08F, VLS-MELP program, 2014

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS & REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2 OPTIONS:

A. Scholarship for 3-Year JD or Joint JD/Master's. Master's can be: Environmental Law and Policy (MELP), Agriculture and Farm Law and Policy (MFALP), *or* Energy Regulation and Law (MERL):

- **Scholarship Description:**
 - 3-year full-tuition scholarship to VLS, starting in 2020
 - Inclusion in the Dean's Scholar program
 - Inclusion in the international program experience with waived administrative fees
- **Candidate Requirements:**
 - Current Hampshire Div III or recent grad (up to 10 years out)
 - Demonstrated involvement in environmental issues
 - Commitment to service through campus and/or community activities
 - Excellent writing and critical thinking abilities
 - LSAT score of 160 or better
 - Commitment to attend VLS, starting in Summer or Fall 2020, if awarded the Hampshire/VLS Scholarship; deferrals are not possible

B. Scholarship for 1-Years Master's: MELP, MFALP, or MERL Program:

- **Scholarship Description:**
 - One year (2020-2021) full-tuition scholarship for MELP, MFALP, or MERL-only degree program at Vermont Law School
 - Inclusion in the Dean's Scholar program
- **Candidate Requirements:**
 - Current Hampshire Div III or recent grad (up to 10 years out)
 - Demonstrated engagement in environmental issues
 - Demonstrated commitment to service through campus and/or community activities
 - Excellent writing and critical thinking abilities
 - Test scores are not required.
 - Commitment to attend VLS for the one-year program, starting in Summer or Fall 2020, if awarded the Hampshire/VLS Scholarship; deferrals are not possible

HOW TO APPLY:

For JD or Joint JD/Masters Candidates only:

- We recommend you register by Oct. 10, 2019 to take the Nov. 25th [LSAT](#). If you don't make the 160 score that is required, you have time to study and register by Dec. 3 to take the January 13, 2020 LSAT.
- For the LSAC statement, respond to the VLS required essay.
- We strongly recommend that you submit the 'optional' VLS essay, "How have you tried to affect change in relation to an issue of personal, local, or national significance?"

Application Procedures and Timeline for ALL candidates:

- **Apply to VLS by Feb. 3, 2020**, following the directions on the VLS site for the appropriate program.
- Get feedback on your essays from a CORC career counselors. Please use this service!!!

- If there is something in your academic history that might be an issue, it can be beneficial to answer the optional question, “Give a realistic appraisal of your academic work since graduation from high school. Please note any inconsistencies in your record and the reasons for them.”
- **Apply to the Hampshire Scholarship by Tuesday, Feb. 18th, 2020**, with the following materials.
 - **3 letters of recommendation.** Ask your writers to submit to VLS with a copy to Hampshire College at corc@hampshire.edu.
 - **Copy of your VLS application** (or LSAC application for JD candidates), combined into one PDF document.
 - **Official transcripts** from Hampshire and any other institutions. (Allow ample time (2 weeks for Hampshire) to ensure your transcripts will be received by the deadline.
 - **Additional essay** that explains, with specifics, how you fulfill the scholarship criteria and why the timing is right for you to start at VLS in summer or fall of 2020.

INFORMATION SESSION: Tuesday, Nov. 12, 5:00 pm at CORC, Library, 3rd Floor with nosh food from VT (call-in available)

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