

L-STAR

LAW STUDENT TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATIONS REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does the program work?

Stay with a family member or friend in the city of your call back and your firm will donate \$215/night for foregone hotel costs and/or \$35/night for cab fare and other local travel costs. Give the top half of the form to the recruiting coordinator during your call back. Return PILA's bottom half to the folder in Scott Commons once you've completed the interview. (Alternatively, you may also email lstar@email.virginia.edu with the information on the form).

Where do I get an L-STAR form?

Forms are on the PILA bulletin board in Scott Commons or outside SL 158D.

How do I benefit?

First, you contribute generously to the numerous students who receive funding for low or non-paying public interest work during the summer. Second, each time you turn in a call back voucher, you are entered into a drawing for several prizes (i.e., Westlaw and Lexis points, gift certificates to local attractions).

What do I tell the firm when I want to participate?

Contact the recruiting director or whoever is in charge of travel arrangements and inform them that you will be staying with family or friends and would like to have the value of your accommodations donated to PILA. They should be familiar with the L-STAR program. If they are not familiar with the program, please have them contact lstar@email.virginia.edu with questions.

Does participating have a negative effect on my interview or job prospects?

Not at all! Almost all firms interviewing on campus participate because it demonstrates their commitment to public service and may cost them less than typical lodging and transportation costs. Keep in mind that most hiring committees don't know or care about your travel arrangements and most students don't submit their receipts until after offers are made.

Is my firm participating?

All firms participating in OGI's were notified in July of the program. The firms that will not be participating are posted on the PILA bulletin board in Scott Commons and outside SL 158D.

What if I'm visiting more than one firm during my call back?

Inform both firms that you are participating in the L-STAR program and that they can split the costs between themselves. Then, return PILA's bottom half of the L-STAR form to the folder in Scott Commons or email lstar@email.virginia.edu with the information on the form and indicate that the costs will be split between those firms.

Email questions to lstar@email.virginia.edu