

Spring Break Pro Bono Trips 2025



Trips

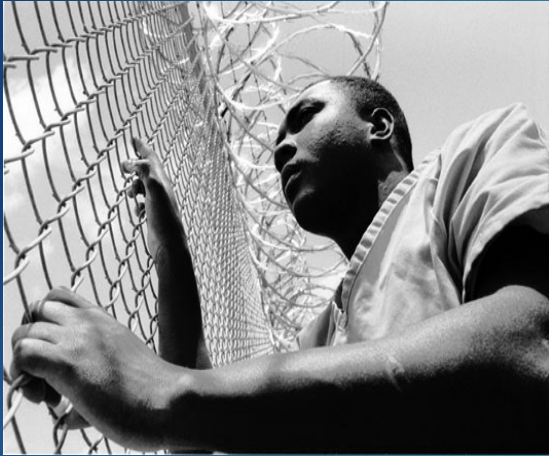


1) Immigration Services to, San Diego, CA
@ Jewish Family Service
w/HIP

2) Hurricane Relief to North Carolina
@Legal Aid North Carolina

+ Local Boston-area pro bono projects (Boston and Cambridge, MA)

Jewish Family Service



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- ▶ Student volunteers will work on asylum or Special Immigrant Juvenile status, preparing application materials, and/or, where needed, interviewing clients and attending immigration proceedings.
- ▶ Students will learn about immigration statuses, put language skills to use, engage in client meetings and interviews, and draft legal documents within the particulars of practicing in a border zone.

Jewish Family Service

- ▶ Preference for speakers of other languages: Arabic, Haitian Creole, Dari, Pashton, Portuguese, Spanish, and Russian.
- ▶ Trainings prior to departure
- ▶ Passports required if visiting Mexico
- ▶ More at <https://www.jfssd.org>

Jewish Family Service



- ▶ Eight- ten students
- ▶ Two Rental cars
- ▶ Airbnb in San Diego
- ▶ Saturday March 15- Saturday March 22

Legal Aid of North Carolina



- ▶ Coordinating Hurricane Helene relief efforts with the Bar Association and the ABA Young Lawyers Division.
- ▶ Work in three or four legal services offices including Pisgah Legal Services
- ▶ May start and/or end as group in Charlotte or Asheville

Legal Aid of North Carolina

- ▶ Legal research, client intake, and possibly assisting with legal clinics.
- ▶ Vital documents replacement; estate planning document replacement or creating new wills and advanced directives.
- ▶ Working with state agencies, owners, and neighbors regarding private roads and bridges, property rights and boundaries
- ▶ Appeals of FEMA and other benefits available to disaster survivors, assistance with life, medical and property insurance claims, help with home repair contracts and contractors, including fraud or scams, assistance with consumer protection matters, and counseling on landlord/tenant problems.

Legal Aid of North Carolina



- ▶ Eight to ten students will be selected for this trip.
- ▶ Work in pairs
- ▶ More at <https://legalaidnc.org/tropical-storm-helene-disaster-assistance/>
- ▶ Rental cars
- ▶ Hotels
- ▶ Saturday, March 15- Saturday, March 22
- ▶ Likely fly into Charlotte or Asheville, but may change

Boston/Cambridge

- ▶ Projects and host organizations to be finalized. Open to proposals. Past projects with local legal services and remote.
- ▶ No overnight or long-distance travel required
- ▶ As many students as can be accommodated will be selected.
- ▶ Applications open end of January/early February

Legal Work

- ▶ All legal work is eligible for HLS pro bono credit
- ▶ Travel and training time not for pro bono credit (likely not reach 50 hours)
- ▶ Must work all days required by specific trip

Student Costs



Students will pay for their own:

- food
- transportation to and from Boston airport
- baggage fees after 1 bag
- entertainment
- maybe \$100 towards airfare, unless financial hardship depending on final students and costs

Funding



- ▶ OCP can book on standard group flight
- ▶ Need volunteers to rent car and be reimbursed for car and gas (full amount) after
- ▶ Hotels/Air BnBs paid in advance by HLS

Application

- ▶ Must submit application with resume by **11:59 pm on Tuesday, November 19** (on OCP website)
- ▶ Decisions announced by **Wednesday, November 27**
- ▶ Selected students must commit by **Tuesday, December 3**
- ▶ Decisions based on a final composition of students representing a range of class years, perspectives, skills, or experience relevant to project
- ▶ Anticipating more applications than slots

Student Requirements:

- ▶ Attend group meeting(s) before trip, usually February and early March
- ▶ Reading material and training before trip
- ▶ Written evaluation upon your return
- ▶ Travel grant paperwork
- ▶ HLS Pro Bono paperwork

Keep In Mind

- ▶ You must be flexible
- ▶ You are going to help
- ▶ Volunteers needed to rent cars (preferably over 25) and pay gas and parking, etc. on credit card and be reimbursed

Questions?

<https://hls.harvard.edu/pro-bono/spring-break/>

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