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Wyoming State Bar Rural Practice Opportunity Fund

The Wyoming State Bar Rural Practice Opportunity Fund is an endowment started by the Wyoming State Bar to help address the decline and shortage of rural lawyers in the state. The fund aims to introduce, encourage, and prepare students from the University of Wyoming College of Law to practice in Wyoming's rural communities*.

Endowment funds will be available for the first time for the summer of 2024. The funds can be used for a variety of purposes such as stipend/salary matches, traveling expenses and living expenses for students participating in a summer internship or clerkship in a rural Wyoming community. UW Law School's Office of Career Services will assist with recruiting students and structuring an internship.

We encourage attorneys in Wyoming's rural communities to consider hiring a current law student to work with you this summer or apply if you have already committed to hiring an intern or extern. Internships can be from five to ten weeks and shorter internships can be paired with an externship with a judge or county attorney's office.

To post a position, contact the [UW Career Services office](#). Public organizations may also qualify for course credit. To learn more about the externship program, review their [website](#).

Please contact Sharon Wilkinson, Executive Director, at (307) 432-2102 or by email at swilkinson@wyomingbar.org to learn more about utilizing endowment funds for a summer internship.

** Counties of particular interest include Big Horn, Carbon, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Hot Springs, Johnson, Lincoln, Niobrara, Platte, Sublette, Uinta, Washakie and Weston.*