

NSU Shepard Broad College of Law's mission is to ensure that students develop the knowledge, skills, and values that are at the heart of becoming trusted, highly adept, professional lawyers who are respected for serving clients, their communities, and justice. NSU Law is committed to instilling the ethics of pro bono service, community engagement, and public service in its graduates, and as such has instituted a mandatory service requirement for graduation

Each J.D. candidate entering NSU Law in fall 2018 and thereafter is required to perform a minimum of thirty (30) hours of qualifying service as a requirement for graduation. Eligible service options include both legal (pro bono) and non-legal (community) related placements. Students may not receive pay nor academic credit for their service. Students are required to complete the minimum thirty (30) hours of qualifying service prior to the start of their final semester before being scheduled to graduate.

Additionally, all law students are encouraged to participate in NSU Law's voluntary Pro Bono Honor Program. NSU Law's Pro Bono Honor Program recognizes students who have completed voluntary pro bono service in three levels of distinction: Bronze – 50-124 hours; Silver – 125-299 hours; and Gold – 300+ hours. The Pro Bono Honor Program students are recognized for their commitment to pro bono service with an awards certificate, by wearing a gold cord at graduation, and being recognized at an honors program. Any pro bono service hours earned under the College of Law's Mandatory Service Graduation Requirement may be credited to the voluntary Pro Bono Honor Program hours as well as receive recognition under the honor program.

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