

Application Instructions

Instructions: Washington University School of Law

Admission Information

The application may be sent electronically through the LSAC website.

Requirements for Admission

To be admitted as a JD candidate, the applicant must have earned a bachelor's degree, or the equivalent, from an accredited college or university prior to enrolling in the School of Law. The applicant also must demonstrate their capacity for the study of law as evidenced by a competent undergraduate record and superior performance on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) or the GRE Test. If the applicant has taken both the LSAT and the GRE, the LSAT score will be given precedence.

Law School Admission Council

The Law School Admission Council (LSAC) administers the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) and the Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Washington University School of Law requires that applicants register with LSAC in order that a CAS report may be sent to the law school should they decide to matriculate. Applicants may apply to Washington University School of Law electronically through the LSAC website, [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org), or through our website at <https://law.wustl.edu/>.

Application Procedure

First-year students are admitted for full-time study in the fall only. The School of Law has no program for part-time or evening study, although exceptions can be made for students with disabilities and for some students providing primary care for their children.

Each applicant is advised that there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar, and the applicant is encouraged to determine, prior to matriculation, what those requirements are in the state(s) in which the applicant intends to practice.

Binding Early Decision Program

Our Early Decision Program is a highly competitive and binding admittance program designed for candidates who have researched law schools carefully. Applicants admitted under the binding Early Decision Program will receive a scholarship award of at least 50% tuition, in addition to being considered for specific awards tailored to the applicants' short- and long-term goals. The admissions committee considers strong credentials, as reflected in LSAT or GRE scores; undergraduate performance; and a wide variety of skills and experiences that will enrich our diverse community and enhance the classroom discussion. Applicants admitted through the Early Decision Program are awarded the strongest scholarship available to them as part of the Class of 2023.

Early Decision Program applicants will receive a decision and, if admitted, scholarship award within two weeks of submitting their application, resume, personal statement, and transcript(s), as well as completing a personal interview with the Office of Admissions. Applicants admitted through the Early Decision Program are granted two business days to accept their scholarship. After accepting their scholarship, Early Decision Admitted Students are required to withdraw all applications at other law schools and may not initiate any new applications.

Applicants not admitted through the Early Decision Program are transferred to our Regular Decision Program. If applicants have questions about applying to the Early Decision Program, they can [schedule a consultation](#) with the Office of Admissions.

Application Fee

WashULaw does not have an application fee.

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are strongly encouraged. There is no specific form for letters of recommendation. The most helpful letters include commentary on specific examples of the applicant's academic ability, energy, motivation, discipline, character, and other qualitative variables. Washington University School of Law recommends that letters be submitted



through the Law School Admission Council (LSAC) Letter of Recommendation Service, which serves all member schools. This service is included in the Credential Assembly Service registration. To use this service, follow the directions for submitting letters outlined on [LSAC.org](https://lsac.org).

The Admissions Decision

Washington University School of Law takes a holistic approach to the admissions decision, considering strong credentials, as reflected in LSAT or GRE scores; undergraduate performance; and a wide variety of skills and experiences that will enrich our diverse community and enhance the classroom discussion. The interview process is a critical part of the holistic approach to the admissions process.

In addition to LSAT or GRE scores, letters of recommendation, and an undergraduate transcript, all applicants are also asked to submit a two- to three-page personal statement with an updated resume. Successful applicants often write about formative experiences or sources of personal motivation.

To ensure timely receipt of all email communications from the Admissions Office, we recommend applicants add applylaw@wustl.edu to their safe senders list to avoid important information being marked as spam.

We encourage all interested applicants to arrange a [campus visit](#).

Final Transcripts

If the applicant has not completed their undergraduate degree, their acceptance by the School of Law is conditional pending satisfactory completion of work in progress and the fulfillment of the baccalaureate degree requirement for admission. Before registration in mid-August, the applicant must have their undergraduate school send a final, official transcript showing the degree earned and graduation date to the Admissions Office. Official final transcripts sent to the School of Law in the CAS report fulfill this requirement.

Tuition Deposits

If an applicant is admitted, they are required to reserve their seat in the incoming class with tuition deposits by deadlines communicated to them by the law school. Admitted applicants who fail to meet deadlines as specified may lose their reserved place in the class.

Class of 2023 Deposit Deadlines:
April 15, 2020 at 5pm Central Time (\$500, non-refundable)
June 1, 2020 at 5pm Central Time (\$500, non-refundable)

Reactivation Procedure

If an applicant is not admitted and wants to be reconsidered the following year, they must reapply for admission or request that the Office of Admissions reactivate their application for the next cycle. An updated CAS report is required.

International Students

Washington University welcomes applications from international students. Admitted international students are required to provide financial records documenting that funds are available for the cost of both law school attendance and living expenses in order to receive student visas. Washington University School of Law does not provide tuition waivers or graduate teaching assistantships to any applicants.

Electronic Applications

Washington University School of Law asks that applications be submitted electronically. This may be done directly through the LSAC website ([LSAC.org](https://lsac.org)) or by visiting the law school's website (<https://law.wustl.edu/>).

When an applicant submits an electronic application, they are automatically certifying the following:

By electronically transmitting this application, I hereby certify that the answers and statements contained in this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a misrepresentation or omission may be grounds for revocation of an offer of acceptance or for dismissal. I agree to report in writing to the Admissions Office any changes in my responses that may occur after the filing of this application (excluding responses to the optional questions). If admitted, I will

have an official transcript from my degree-granting undergraduate institution, showing the degree earned and its date, sent to the Admissions Office by August 1, preceding the start of my entering fall term. If I matriculate to Washington University, I will accept the responsibilities imposed by the Honor Code and abide by those principles.

Financial Aid Information

A request for financial aid has absolutely no bearing on the admission decision.

The School of Law makes every effort to meet the minimum financial needs of each enrolled student, but, because funds are limited, we cannot always accomplish this objective. Consistent with the policy of most professional schools, it is assumed that students will bear the primary cost burden of their educational expenses. Therefore, long-term loans are the primary source of financial assistance. Financial assistance is granted on an annual basis.

The sources of aid include federal loans, such as funds obtained under the Stafford Loan program, and the Graduate PLUS program. Merit-based scholarships are also sometimes available. To be eligible for loans, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Washington University School of Law [New Student Application for Financial Aid](#). To complete the FAFSA, visit www.fafsa.ed.gov. It takes approximately five working days for the FAFSA to issue the need analysis to the school. It is the student's responsibility to secure financial aid forms and to meet all deadlines.

Loans and scholarships are not awarded until applicants are admitted to the School of Law.

Merit Scholarships

The Law School offers Scholar in Law awards to admitted students with exceptional LSAT scores, GRE scores, and academic credentials regardless of financial need. No separate application or financial aid paperwork is needed to be considered for these merit-based scholarships.

Statement of Need (Scholarships)

Applicants may include a brief statement of financial need (addendum) explaining why they would benefit from being awarded a scholarship and why they are seeking aid. Is the applicant the first in their family to go to college? Are they from a disadvantaged background? Are they from an ethnic or social group that is underrepresented? This statement may be reviewed by the scholarship committee. The school considers all admitted applicants for scholarship.

Special Scholarships

There are also other types of scholarships available. For full descriptions, contact information, and deadlines for special scholarship programs available to Washington University School of Law applicants, please visit our website: <https://law.wustl.edu/admissions/jd-admissions/scholarships-fellowships/>.

Required Financial Aid Forms

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)—be sure to list Washington University (code number 002520) so the Law School receives the results of the need analysis.
2. Washington University School of Law Application for Financial Aid Form—available online at https://apps.law.wustl.edu/admissions/wuforms/FA_PersonalInfo.asp.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Washington University encourages and gives full consideration to all applicants for admission, financial aid, and employment. The University does not discriminate in access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, age, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, veteran status, disability or genetic information. Inquiries about compliance should be addressed to the University's Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, Washington University, Campus Box 1184, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130.

Qualifications for Admission to the Bar

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction.

Program

Academic Year: First-year JD candidates are accepted only for the fall.

2020

2019

2018

Program

JD

Joint Degree Program Applicants

If applicable, please indicate any interest in a Joint Degree Program. The Law School will work with any other Washington University graduate program towards creating or facilitating a Joint Degree Program. Joint Degree applicants must obtain and submit a separate application to the companion program as well as gain admission to that program and the JD program to pursue a Joint Degree Program.

JD/MA Women, Gender, and Sexuality Stud

JD/MA Art History & Archaeology

JD/LLM Negotiation/Dispute Resolution

JD/LLM Taxation

JD/MA Classics

JD/MA East Asian Studies

JD/MA Education

JD/MA English, Writing

JD/MA Film & Media Studies

JD/MA Chinese

JD/MA Islamic & Near Eastern Studies

JD/MA Japanese

JD/MA Jewish Studies

JD/MA Mathematics

JD/MA Music

JD/MA Statistics

JD/MA Theater & Performance Studies

JD/MBA Business Administration

JD/MPH Public Health

JD/MSW Social Work

Program continued

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Early Decision

Regular

Biographical

Prefix

Mr.

Dr.

Dean

Judge

Ms.

Reverend

Professor

First (given) name

Middle name/initial

Last (family) name

Suffix

Previous (other) name

Preferred first name



Biographical continued

Date of birth

Place of birth: City

Place of birth:

Gender Identity

Woman

Man

Genderqueer/Non-binary

Transgender/Trans* person

Other

Decline to Answer

SSN/SIN (do not include dashes)

LSAC Account Number

Contact Information

Current Address

Country _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Street address--line 3 _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Current mailing address good until date _____

Day phone _____

Evening phone _____



Contact Information continued

Permanent Address

Country _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Street address--line 3 _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Permanent mailing address good until date _____

Day phone _____

Evening phone _____

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail address _____

Secondary e-mail address _____

Mobile phone _____

Washington University School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone.

Yes

No

Demographics

Citizenship

Citizenship

Non-Resident Alien

US Citizen

US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship _____

Visa/SEVIS number _____

Permanent resident number _____

Permanent city _____

Permanent state/province _____

Permanent country _____

Native language _____

Demographics continued

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

Yes

No

If you selected 'Yes' to the above question, select an ethnicity.

Hispanic/Latino

What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian

American Indian or Alaska Native

American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian

Asian

Black or African American

Black/African American

Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous

Canadian Aboriginal/Indigenous

Caucasian/White

Caucasian/White

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Puerto Rican

Puerto Rican

Consent

Decline to respond

Tribal Affiliation

Tribal affiliation or village name _____

Enrollment number (enrolled members only) _____



Education

List ALL educational institutions attended.

Institution type High School Undergraduate Graduate Law Other Post Graduate

Institution name _____

Major _____

Country _____ Start date _____

State/Province _____ End date _____

City _____ Degree _____

GPA _____ Date degree granted _____

Rank _____

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Institution name _____

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Education continued

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Institution name _____

Major _____

Country _____ Start date _____

State/Province _____ End date _____

City _____ Degree _____

GPA _____ Date degree granted _____

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Have you ever attended any law school?

Yes

No

Standardized Testing

LSAT

Test Date	Test Score
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

TOEFL

Test Date	Test Score
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



Standardized Testing continued

IELTS

Test Date

Test Score

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Other Standardized Tests

If you are applying to law school with a GRE score only please report your scores here. Verbal, Quantitative, Analytical (Note: Most law schools require candidates to take the LSAT. Applicants admitted without an LSAT score who subsequently take the LSAT will be subject to admission reconsideration. In the event admission is rescinded, any seat deposits paid will be refunded.)

Diversity

Please list any diversity characteristics that you would like to provide (cultural, sexual and/or gender minorities, disabilities, age, religion, immigrants, socio-economic, etc.). Applicants may also attached an optional Diversity Statement to their application as an addendum.

Do you identify with a sexual and/or gender minority?

We request this information as part of our commitment to diversity in both our law school and the legal field generally. We collect statistics to enable us to further that commitment and to better serve this community and our applicants/students as individuals. Your response will in no way negatively impact your application.

Yes

No

Are you a first-generation college student?

No

Yes

Are you a military or veteran spouse, dependent child, veteran caregiver, surviving family member, or ROTC cadet of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Yes

No



Military

Have you served or are you now serving on full-time, active US military duty?

Yes

No

Date of entrance (month/year) _____

Date of discharge (month/year) _____

Rank _____

Expected military reserve or National Guard status during law school

Branch _____

Discharge type _____

Have you ever been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions?

Yes

No

If you have been separated from any branch of the US armed forces under less than honorable conditions, explain the circumstances.

Character and Fitness

The following questions must be answered. If your answer to any of these questions is "yes," please provide an explanation (as an electronic attachment).

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction.

Have you ever been denied admission to a law school on grounds of fraud, immorality, or improper or dishonorable conduct?

Yes

No

Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for scholastic, judicial/code violation, or any other reason by any college, university, graduate or professional school, or trade or professional organization?

Yes

No

Character and Fitness continued

Have any disciplinary charges ever been brought, are currently pending, or are expected to be brought against you by any college, university, graduate or professional school, or trade or professional organization?

Yes
 No

Have you ever been charged with and/or convicted of a criminal offense, including any matters that may have been expunged, or received anything other than an honorable discharge from the military?

Yes
 No

Have you been a party to any noncriminal legal proceeding, including but not limited to any civil, administrative, family court, or domestic abuse proceeding, or any arbitration?

Yes
 No

Were you ever investigated for misconduct, suspended, formally reprimanded, disciplined, fired, asked to resign, or allowed to resign in lieu of discipline or discharged by an employer?

Yes
 No

Special Interest

The Admissions Committee often likes to know whether an applicant has a specific coursework and program interests.

What areas of law interest you now?

Where would you like to practice after law school?

If Other, please tell us where you would like to practice after law school.

What do you consider your hometown? [City/State/Country]

Do you have any lawyers in your family?

Yes
 No



Special Interest continued

Do you speak a language other than English?

If your language is not listed here, please include it in the Diversity Characteristics section.

If you have any additional comments that would be helpful to the Admissions Committee, please include them below.

If you have lawyers in your family, please provide additional information:

Family

Next of Kin/Emergency Contact

Salutation _____

Country _____

First (given) name _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Middle name/initial _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Last (family) name _____

Street address--line 3 _____

Relationship to applicant _____

City _____

Telephone (include area code) _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Parent/Guardian - 1

___ Choose not to answer

Country _____

___ Deceased

Street address--line 1 _____

First (given) name _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Middle name/initial _____

Street address--line 3 _____

Last (family) name _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____



Family continued

Parent/Guardian - 2

Choose not to answer

Deceased

First (given) name _____

Middle name/initial _____

Last (family) name _____

Country _____

Street address--line 1 _____

Street address--line 2 _____

Street address--line 3 _____

City _____

State/province _____

Zip/postal code _____

Financial Aid

Are you applying for Financial Aid?

Yes

No

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Evaluation

Note: The following questions are not relevant to the admission decision. They are included only to aid us in evaluating our various efforts to communicate with you and other prospective students.

Please indicate your source of information about Washington University School of Law. Please mark all that apply:

My college prelaw advisor recommended Washington University to me. Please identify advisor:

A Washington University law school alum suggested it. Please identify alum and their graduation year:

A current Washington University law student suggested it. Please identify student:

I received a mailing/email from Washington University School of Law.

Yes

No



Evaluation continued

I met with a representative from Washington University School of Law. Please identify the event location and date:

Do you have any other connections to Washington University School of Law? Please explain:

Certification

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Please type in your name:
