

University of Maryland School of Law

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Application for J.D. Admission

Before completing the application, consult the application instructions found on our website for details on the admission process and deadlines: www.law.umaryland.edu. Failure to furnish all information requested may delay action on your application. Please type or print in ink.

I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

1. Prefix: Mr. Ms. 2. Full Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle Name

3. Gender M F

4. LSAC Account Number:

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5. Social Security Number:

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Please Note: The Social Security Number will only be used for financial aid purposes.

6. Place of birth _____ 7. Date of birth _____
MM/DD/YYYY

8. Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No If no, country _____

9. Visa Type & Expiration Date _____ 10. Alien Registration Number & Date of Issuance _____

II. ACADEMIC PROGRAM

11. Indicate the division to which you are applying: (select only one) Day (Full-Time)
 Evening (Part-Time)

12. Have you previously applied to the University of Maryland School of Law? Yes No
If yes, when: _____

III. CONTACT AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

13. Record your present and permanent mailing addresses.

Present Mailing Address

Use of this temporary mailing address should be discontinued after what date? _____

Street

City

State & Zip

Telephone

Country (if not the US)

Permanent Mailing Address

Street

City

State & Zip

Telephone

Country (if not the US)

14. Email Address: _____

15. Please state the relationship, (e.g., parent, guardian, other) and educational background of the person(s) who raised you.

A. Relationship: _____

- Did not graduate from high school
- High school graduate
- Some college
- College graduate
- Graduate/Professional Degree

B. Relationship: _____

- Did not graduate from high school
- High school graduate
- Some college
- College graduate
- Graduate/Professional Degree

16. Has any member of your immediate family attended the University of Maryland School of Law? Yes No
If yes, please provide their name(s), relationship and years they attended.

IV. ENTRANCE EXAMS

17. Date(s) you took or plan to take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT):

18. List your approximate scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Test (ACT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), or similar tests (other than Law School Admission Test), if these are known:

Name of Test Score(s)

19. A strong mastery of the English language is an essential skill necessary for applicants to perform competitively and successfully in law school. If English is not your first or primary language, please answer the following:

a. Provide the date you took or plan to take the TOEFL (Test for English as a Second Language):

b. If you have already taken the TOEFL, what was your score? _____

Please Note: TOEFL scores are only valid for two years, and we will not accept outdated scores. We will only accept TOEFL scores sent to us directly from Educational Testing Services (ETS). **Photocopies of TOEFL reports are not acceptable.** For more information on the TOEFL, please visit www.toefl.org. Our TOEFL code is 5814 03. Please request a copy of your TOEFL score and have it sent directly to the Office of Admissions.

Request for Waiver of TOEFL: If you believe that you are proficient in English and that the TOEFL requirement should be waived in your case, please submit a brief statement describing your English language instruction and proficiency.

V. SKILLS AND INTERESTS

20. Indicate your possible primary and secondary areas of interest in the law. Indicate your interests by placing a (1) by your primary interest and (2) by your secondary interest. (Optional.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Commercial/Corporate	<input type="checkbox"/> International/Comparative Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal	<input type="checkbox"/> Legislation/Politics/Public Policy
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental/Land Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Litigation/Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment/Labor Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Property/Real Estate
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Law/Child Advocacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest Law/Community Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Tax
<input type="checkbox"/> Intellectual Property/Technology Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Uncertain

21. Personal Statement: Please submit a personal statement along with this application. We recommend that you use the personal statement to present to the admissions committee information and perspectives regarding your background, experience, special circumstances and interests that you believe will help the committee understand your unique story. In addition, the statement should address why you are interested in obtaining a law degree and, more specifically, in attending the University of Maryland School of Law. The personal statement should be no longer than 2 to 3 pages double-spaced. If submitting this application electronically, you may electronically attach your personal statement.

22. Diversity Statement (Optional): The University of Maryland School of Law is committed to promoting diversity in legal education and in the profession as a whole. Toward that end, the Admissions Committee invites applicants to submit a statement explaining how you would contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the law school. The qualities of students we seek may be reflected in background characteristics such as geographic origin, age, cultural and language, racial, social, disability and economic barriers overcome; and other special characteristics that demonstrate the capacity for making a special contribution to the community. Limit the length of the statement (which may be electronically attached) to approximately 250 words.

23. Resume: Please submit a resume along with your application detailing your education, employment, skills, honors, awards, and accomplishments.

VI. CHARACTER AND FITNESS

24. Character and Fitness. The failure to provide honest and accurate answers to the questions posed below may delay your application decision and/or result in disciplinary action from the law school. If your answer to any of parts **A** through **H** below is "yes," please submit a statement with this application explaining the circumstances in full.

- A. Yes No Have you ever been discharged from any employment, volunteer position or discharged from the armed forces under conditions other than honorable?
- B. Yes No Have you ever been subjected to disciplinary action such as probation, suspension and/or expulsion, from any college, university or professional school you have attended?
- C. Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a felony?
- D. Yes No Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or any charge involving drugs or alcohol?
- E. Yes No Has your driver's license ever been suspended or revoked?
- F. Yes No Are there any criminal charges currently pending against you?
- G. Yes No Are you currently deferring enrollment at a law school that requires a commitment not to apply elsewhere?
- H. Yes No Have you ever attended a law school? If yes, provide the name of the school and reason for leaving in separate statement.

You have a continuing duty to inform the Admissions Office of any changes in the information you have provided in your application even after its submission.

VII. RESIDENCY

25. Do you claim Maryland resident status and do you wish to be considered for in-state tuition?

- Yes, indicate your county of residence _____ No, indicate your state of residence _____

Note: Applicants claiming Maryland residency must complete an application for an In-State Status Classification. You may find this application at: www.law.umaryland.edu/prospective/documents/IN-STATE_STATUS.pdf. Please print, complete and submit it to the Office of Admissions by email, mail, or fax at your earliest convenience.

VIII. DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

26. **Demographic Information:** The U.S. Department of Education requires educational institutions to report data on ethnicity and race. Please voluntarily provide the information below so we may comply with this federal requirement. This information will not be used in a discriminatory manner and it is confidential.

a. Please indicate your ethnicity:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Hispanic and/or Latino
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Ethnicity Unknown

b. Please indicate your race(s):

- American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White Race Unknown

IX. SIGN AND DATE

27. By signing this application, transmitting it electronically, or printing, signing, and mailing the certification letter, I certify that the information in this application is complete, accurate and honestly presented. I also certify that any information submitted on my behalf is authentic, including letters of recommendation, academic transcripts and certifications. I understand and agree that any inaccurate, misleading or omitted information will be cause for an investigation of misconduct in the admissions process, rescission of any offer of admission, or cause for disciplinary action, dismissal or revocation of degree if discovered at a later date. I further agree to abide by the rules, policies, and regulations of the University of Maryland if I am admitted as a student.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

Submit your application, together with a non-refundable application fee of \$70 (check or money order payable to the University of Maryland), to the Office of Admissions, University of Maryland School of Law, 500 West Baltimore Street, Suite 130, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. While you may download, print and submit most application materials via US mail, the Office of Admissions prefers that you apply electronically through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS). Please see specific application instructions found at: <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/prospective/applying/index.html>.

Note: You may elect to submit the application and pay the fee electronically or you may print, sign, and mail the Certification Letter along with your payment directly to the law school.

The University of Maryland School of Law does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, ancestry or national origin, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, financial status or veterans status. The University is required by federal regulatory agencies to supply admissions and enrollment information by racial, ethnic and gender categories. Provision of the information is voluntary and will not be used to determine eligibility for admission.

J.D. Application Check List

A completed application file for a first-year applicant consists of:

- > Application for J.D. Admission.
- > \$70 application fee-check or money order made payable to the University of Maryland.
- > LSAC Law School Report (including LSAT score, transcripts, and letters of recommendations),
The Admissions Office will automatically request the applicant's Credential Assembly Service report from LSAC.
- > Personal Statement.
- > Two letters of recommendations-submitted directly to the Credential Assembly Service
- > Diversity Statement (optional).
- > Resume.
- > Financial Aid Application (Submit FAFSA form as soon as possible after January 1st.)
- > Application for In-State Status Classification (Maryland Residents Only).

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Postmarked By April 1, 2011

If you have questions, contact us at (410) 706-3492 or admissions@law.umaryland.edu. Be sure to notify the Office of Admissions promptly of any change in your address as well as any new facts that may change the responses to any part of your application.