



Junior & Senior Years: Law School Application Checklist

Junior year:

- Continue to focus on grades, building credit and staying out of trouble

Fall/winter

- Begin LSAT preparation: use actual, previously-administered tests (available at www.LSAC.org)
- Attend mock LSAT(s)
- Meet with prelaw advisor to discuss LSAT preparation and grades
- Order *ABA/LSAC Official Guide to ABA-Approved Law Schools* (available at www.LSAC.org).
- Begin considering which law school attributes are important to you

Spring/Summer

- Continue LSAT preparation
- Decide whether you wish to take the June or October LSAT (either is usually fine, some Early Decision/Early Action programs may require the June test)
- Begin considering who you will ask to write your letters of recommendation; approach prospective letter writers late in the spring
- Register for LSAT and LSDAS (www.LSAC.org)
- Submit transcript requests to ALL undergraduate schools attended
- Attend LSAC's Washington DC recruitment forum (July)

Senior year:

Fall

- Take LSAT if not taken previously
- Meet with prelaw advisor to discuss application process and formulate a plan
- Determine topic for personal statement, submit draft(s) to prelaw advisor for comments
- Finalize application list of 5-8 law schools (safeties, middles and stretches)
- Submit applications by late-November/early-December (watch earlier deadlines for ED/EA programs)
- Check online LSDAS file status regularly to monitor applications
- Attend LSAC's New York recruitment forum and/or Philadelphia Law School Fair

Winter

- Retake LSAT in December and/or February, if necessary
- Continue to monitor LSDAS file status to keep abreast of status of applications
- Promptly respond to all supplemental requests for information from law schools
- Keep prelaw advisor informed as schools issue decisions
 - Reevaluate list of schools as appropriate/consider submitting additional applications if necessary

Winter/Spring

- Plan visits to law schools
- File FAFSA after submitting previous year's federal tax return (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Evaluate financial aid packages
- Narrow choices
- Make decision
- Pay seat deposit on or before deadline

Spring/Summer

- Secure law school housing
- Summer reading list
- Apply for student loans
- Make certain law school has current contact information
- Graduate from Drexel
- Enjoy your summer: relax!

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