Application Instructions

Thank you for your interest in Drake University Law School. We are very proud of our school and equally proud of the students we train for a wide variety of legal careers. I think you will be impressed with the rich history and traditions of the law school, one of the 25 oldest in the country, complemented by an innovative curriculum, collegial environment and an abundance of experiential opportunities. Drake Law School programs are student-centered and practice-oriented. Please complete the Drake Law School application for admission on the Law School Admission Council website at LSAC.org.

Our priority application deadline for admission and scholarships is April 1. However, applications are accepted and reviewed after this date as space permits.

It is your responsibility to ensure that the Law School receives all documents necessary to evaluate your file. A complete file includes the following:

- The application form. Please be sure all questions have been answered and the application is signed or electronically certified.
- A personal statement (see Attachments section).
- Any necessary explanation(s) for Character & Fitness, Diversity & Disadvantage and other special program consideration if applicable (see Attachments section).
- Letters of recommendation, if you have indicated they will be sent. We encourage you to use the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service.
- The application fee is waived for all applicants who apply electronically (via www.lsac.org).

Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis. Once your file is complete, it will be forwarded to the admission committee, which gives careful and thoughtful review to each individual application. As such, it may be up to four weeks before you hear from us regarding the status of your admission.

Throughout the year, you will be invited to open houses and special events at Drake University Law School. We also encourage personal visits and will gladly arrange for you to sit in on a class, meet with an admission professional, visit with a professor and take a tour of campus. To make arrangements for your personal visit to the Law School, or if you have questions regarding Drake or the application process, please contact us at 1.800.44.DRAKE, extension 2782. Locally or from outside the United States, call 515.271.2782. You may also contact the Office of Admission via e-mail at law-admit@drake.edu.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Kara Blanchard
Director of Admission and Financial Aid

Bar Admission:

Admission to Drake Law School does not guarantee admission to the bar of any state. 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 see admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

Non-discrimination Policy:

Drake University does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, creed, national or ethnic origins, age, disability, veteran or veteran disability status in administration of its employment and personnel policies, education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other University-administered programs. Further, Drake University reserves the right to take affirmative action in connection with this policy in accordance with applicable law.

Drake University admits students, without regard to sexual orientation, to all rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at the University, and does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation in administration of its employment and personnel policies, education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other University-administered programs, except when such discrimination is required by Federal or State law or regulations.

The Chief Administration Officer has been designated coordinator of Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504 regulations.
Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the Chief Administration Officer, Venessa Macro, at, 515-271-3962 or venessa.macro@drake.edu.
Biographical

Prefix ____________________________  Date of birth ____________________________
First name _________________________  Place of birth: City _________________________
Middle name ________________________  Place of birth: Country ____________________
Last name __________________________  Place of birth: State/Province ________________
Suffix ______________________________  Gender ________________________________
Previous (other) name ________________  Social security number __________________
Preferred first name ________________  LSAC account number ____________________

Contact Information

Current Address
Country ____________________________  Current mailing address good until date __________
Street address--line 1 __________________ Day phone ________________________________
Street address--line 2 __________________ Evening phone __________________________
Street address--line 3 __________________
City __________________________________
State/province ________________________
Zip/postal code ________________________

Permanent Address
Country ____________________________  Permanent mailing address good until date __________
Street address--line 1 __________________ Day phone ________________________________
Street address--line 2 __________________ Evening phone __________________________
Street address--line 3 __________________
City __________________________________
State/province ________________________
Zip/postal code ________________________
Contact Information continued

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail address __________________________
Secondary e-mail address __________________________
Permanent e-mail address __________________________
Mobile phone __________________________

Drake University Law School can send text messages to my mobile phone
____ Yes
____ No

Application Details

Semester you wish to enter Drake Law School: (NOTE: Spring entry is for Transfer and Visiting students only)
____ Fall
____ Spring
____ Summer

Year you wish to enter Drake Law School (YYYY):
______________________________

I am applying as:
____ 1st Time
____ Reapplicant
____ Transfer
____ Visitor

Program (Note: the PharmD/JD program is for current Drake students only):
____ Full Time
____ Career Opportunity Day Program (COP)
____ Career Opportunity Night Program (COP)
____ 3+3 Program
____ Drake PharmD/JD

For COP applicants only: If admission is not offered to the Career Opportunity Program, do you want to be considered for the regular full-time program? (NOTE: COP applicants must explain their circumstances. This explanation needs to include employment plans in the Central Iowa area starting with the entrance year they are applying to Drake Law School.)
____ Yes
____ No

Do you wish to enter one of the joint degree programs?
____ Yes
____ No
Application Details continued

If yes, please select (Note: A separate application must be made to the graduate school which offers the master's degree in which you are interested.):

- [ ] JD/MA Political Science
- [ ] JD/Master of Health Care Administration
- [ ] JD/Master of Public Health
- [ ] JD/Master of Social Work
- [ ] JD/MBA
- [ ] JD/MPA
- [ ] JD/MS Agricultural Economics

Demographics

Citizenship

- [ ] Non-Resident Alien
- [ ] US Citizen
- [ ] US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship ____________________________

Visa type ____________________________

Visa/SEVIS number ____________________________

Permanent resident number ____________________________

Permanent city ____________________________

Permanent state/province ____________________________

Permanent country ____________________________

Native language ____________________________

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino

- [ ] Yes
- [ ] No
Demographics continued

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
   ____Canadian Aboriginal

Caucasian/White
   ____Caucasian/White

Hispanic/Latino
   ____Hispanic/Latino

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) ______
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 ______________________

If you have any close relatives who have been students at this university, please provide the following information.

Relative 1

____ Law school   ____ University

First (given) name ____________________  First (given) name ____________________
Middle name/initial ____________________  Middle name/initial ____________________
Last (family) name _____________________  Last (family) name _____________________
Relationship to applicant __________________  Relationship to applicant _______________
School attended _________________________  School attended _______________________
Start date (month/year) __________________  Start date (month/year) _______________
End date (month/year) __________________  End date (month/year) _________________
Degree awarded _________________________

Parent/Guardian - 1

____ Choose not to answer

____ Deceased

First (given) name ____________________  First (given) name ____________________
Middle name/initial ____________________  Middle name/initial ____________________
Last (family) name _____________________  Last (family) name _____________________

Country _____________________________  Street address--line 1 ____________________
Street address--line 2 ____________________  Street address--line 3 ____________________

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
Occupation
Highest level of education

Country
Street address--line 1
Street address--line 2
Street address--line 3
City
State/province
Zip/postal code

Law School Information
How did you initially learn about Drake Law School? (Please mark only one)

Alumnus
Friend or Relative
Internet
Law School Direct Mail/Email
Law School Forum
Pre Law Advisor
Pre Law Handbook
Proximity to School
Publications
Recruiter On Campus
Social Media
Other

If "Other" please specify:

Are you applying, or have you applied, to other law schools? If so, please list these schools below:

____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
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____________________________________________________________________
Areas of Law
Please select the area(s) of law in which you are interested:

- Agricultural Law
- Constitutional Law
- Corporate Law
- Criminal Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- International Law
- Joint Degree Programs
- Legislative Law
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Patent/Intellectual Property Law
- Public Interest

If other, please specify:

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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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Education continued

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 ____________________________

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 ____________________________

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 ____________________________

Have you ever attended any law school?

 ____ Yes

 ____ No
Education continued

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?

_____ Yes
 _____ No

If you did not leave the law school in good standing, explain the circumstances.

________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________

Has your education in college, university, or professional school been interrupted for one term or more for any reason?

_____ Yes
 _____ No

If your education was interrupted, explain the circumstances.

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List the academic honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received and explain the reason(s) upon which awards were made.

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Employment

List all employment including internships.

Employment type  ____ Full-time  ____ Part-time  ____ Internship  ____ Unpaid Internship

Employer ________________________________

Position ________________________________  Country ________________________________

Hours per week __________________________  State/Province __________________________

Start date ________________________________  City ________________________________

End date ________________________________

Reason for leaving ________________________________
Employment continued

Employment type  ____ Full-time  ____ Part-time  ____ Internship  ____ Unpaid Internship

Employer ____________________________________________________________

Position ___________________________ Country ______________________________

Hours per week ___________________________ State/Province __________________

Start date ___________________________ City ______________________________

End date ______________________________

Reason for leaving ____________________________________________________

Employment type  ____ Full-time  ____ Part-time  ____ Internship  ____ Unpaid Internship

Employer ____________________________________________________________

Position ___________________________ Country ______________________________

Hours per week ___________________________ State/Province __________________

Start date ___________________________ City ______________________________

End date ______________________________

Reason for leaving ____________________________________________________

Employment type  ____ Full-time  ____ Part-time  ____ Internship  ____ Unpaid Internship

Employer ____________________________________________________________

Position ___________________________ Country ______________________________

Hours per week ___________________________ State/Province __________________

Start date ___________________________ City ______________________________

End date ______________________________

Reason for leaving ____________________________________________________

Total number of months full-time work experience.

List your extracurricular, community, or other activities in the order of their importance to you. Give a brief description of your involvement, including any special responsibilities or leadership positions held.

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______________________________________________________________________
Employment Interruptions
If you have been employed full-time and experienced an interruption of employment or business activity for six months or more, please explain below:

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__________________________________________________________________________

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__________________________________________________________________________

Standardized Testing

LSAT
Test Date  Test Score


TOEFL
Test Date  Test Score


Character and Fitness
If you answer YES to any Character and Fitness questions you must explain each incident in full in an attachment including the date, violation, and explanation for each incident.

Have you ever been arrested for, charged with, or convicted of any violation of criminal, administrative, or military law (including any deferred, expunged, or sealed judgments)? This question includes, but is not limited to, all alcohol-related incidents. However, the question is not meant to include minor traffic violations.

____ Yes
____ No

Are there any criminal charges pending against you?

____ Yes
____ No
Character and Fitness continued
Have you ever been dismissed, placed on probation, or otherwise disciplined by any school or college for either academic or disciplinary reasons?

___ 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.

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Diversity or Disadvantage
Have you experienced economic, educational, or social disadvantages and/or will you contribute to the diversity of the student body?

___ Yes
___ No
Diversity or Disadvantage continued

Note: If yes, please include a detailed explanation with your application for admission. Drake awards a limited number of need-based Opportunity Scholarships to qualifying entering students each academic year. The information you provide will be considered in both the admission and scholarship award processes.

Drake Law School seeks students who have many different experiences, opinions, backgrounds and cultures. In making admissions and scholarship award decisions, we consider all relevant factors, including significant obstacles the applicant has overcome (such as economic, educational, and social obstacles or disadvantages), membership in groups historically underrepresented in the legal profession, and applicants whose enrollment will significantly contribute to the diversity of the Drake Law School student body (including but not limited to race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or other aspects of diversity). In addition to the mandatory Personal Statement, you may optionally submit a statement explaining how any of the aforementioned factors apply to you.

Do you identify with the LGBT community?  
Applicants answering “yes” will be sent information about LGBT resources at Drake Law School.

___ Yes  
___ No

Have you applied or are you planning to apply for admission to the CLEO program?  
___ Yes  
___ No

NOTE: The Council on Legal Educational Opportunity (CLEO) enables educationally and economically disadvantaged students to demonstrate capacity for the study of law school through a summer institute. For information, visit www.cleoscholars.org.

Financial Aid

NOTE: Applicants wishing to be considered for financial aid should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1. The FAFSA may be filed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Have you applied or are you planning to apply for financial aid?  
___ Yes  
___ No

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation from academic sources are strongly encouraged. Your file may not be reviewed for either admission or scholarship purposes until the Law School has received the number of letters you indicate. Please notify Drake Law School immediately of any changes regarding your letters of recommendation. Drake Law School is a participant in the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service as described at LSAC.org.

Do you plan to submit letters of recommendation?  
___ Yes  
___ No

If yes, please indicate the number you will submit (up to 3):  


Letters of Recommendation continued

Please list the name(s) of the person(s) who will submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf:

Certification

As future members of the legal profession, the students of Drake Law School bear a special responsibility to maintain high ethical standards for the profession. Accordingly, it is expected that each student will scrupulously regard the rights of others and will observe high ethical standards of both personal and professional conduct. The Drake Law School Honor Code is concerned with discipline in a professional society, with special emphasis on examinations, law school and library procedures, preservation of property, and relationships with fellow students, faculty and staff. Violations of the Honor Code are brought before the Honor Board, a panel of elected student justices.

The Honor Code is not the exclusive source of professional standards and student disciplinary rules and procedures. The Law School reserves the right to establish, modify and enforce academic and professional standards governing satisfactory performance of students and their conduct while enrolled at Drake Law School. All Drake law students are bound by the Honor Code as adopted by the Law School student body and faculty.

By submitting the application electronically, I agree to be bound by the Honor Code as it is adopted by the Law School student body and the Law School faculty. I certify that the information contained herein and in any supplemental documents is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I shall promptly notify law school officials in the event that anything happens prior to my enrollment at Drake Law School that would change the information contained in this application or its supporting documents. I understand that the obligation to report changes extends to the period of time during my law school enrollment as well. I understand that any false or misleading statement, omission of subsequent or material facts, or incomplete application may be the basis of denial of admission, revocation of an offer of admission, or dismissal from law school if already enrolled.

Signature  Date