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 prior to April 1. After that date, the fee will only be waived for applicants who have received an undergraduate or graduate degree from Drake University or will receive that degree prior to entering law school. The non-refundable application fee can be paid electronically by credit card via the LSAC website.

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. Each applicant should secure information regarding character and other qualifications for admission to the bar in the state in which the applicant intends to practice.

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 Vice Provost for Human Resources has been designated coordinator of Title IX, Title VI, and Section 504 regulations.
Inquiries or complaints may be addressed to the Vice Provost for Human Resources, 515-271-3133; or to the Chair, University Equal Opportunity Committee, in care of the President's Office, 515-271-2191; mailing address, 2621 Carpenter Ave., Des Moines, IA 50311.
**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 ________________________________
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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 Drake 3+3 and the PharmD/JD programs are for current Drake students only):

____ Full Time

____ Career Opportunity Program (COP)

____ Drake 3+3

____ 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 refer to attachment requirement)

____ 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

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 Relative 2
_____ Law school _____ University _____ 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 _________________________ Degree awarded _________________________

Parent/Guardian - 1
_____ Choose not to answer
_____ Deceased
First (given) name _____________________ Country ____________________________
Middle name/initial ____________________ Street address--line 1 _____________________
Last (family) name _____________________ Street address--line 2 _____________________
Occupation ____________________________ Street address--line 3 _____________________
Highest level of education __________________ City ____________________________
State/province _________________________ Zip/postal code ________________________
Family continued
Parent/Guardian - 2

____ Choose not to answer

____ Deceased

Country ____________________________

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Law School Information

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

____ Alumnus

____ Internet

____ Law School Direct Mail/Email

____ Law School Forum

____ Pre Law Advisor

____ Pre Law Handbook

____ Proximity to School

____ Publications

____ Recruiter On Campus

____ Other

If "Other" please specify:

________________________________________________________________________

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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
- International Law
- Joint Degree Programs
- Legislative Law
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Patent/Intellectual Property Law
- Public Interest

If other, please specify:

_________________________________________________________________________

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  _____________________________

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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.

______________________________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

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.
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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Test Date  Test Score
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TOEFL
Test Date  Test Score
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_________  ___________

Character and Fitness
If you answer YES to any Character and Fitness questions you must explain each incident in full in an electronic attachment (see Attachments section).

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 (see Attachments section). 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.

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: In order to be considered for financial aid or scholarships, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1. FAFSA submissions received by the processing center after March 1 will receive consideration for scholarships on a funds available basis. 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 not required; however, they are strongly encouraged. If you plan to submit letters of recommendation, please ensure that they are sent promptly. If you indicate letters will be submitted, your file may not be reviewed for either admission or scholarship purposes until the Law School has received the number of letters you indicate. 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.