

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR BINDING EARLY DECISION FIRST YEAR ADMISSION



Application Requirements

You must:

- Have received or plan to receive a bachelor's degree or its equivalent before the first-year classes begin.
- Have taken or plan to take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) before the application deadline.
- Register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS).
- Complete and return this application with the application fee by April 1st. We encourage you to submit your application as early as September 1st.
- Submit two letters of recommendation, a personal statement and a resume or work history.

LSAT

The LSAT is generally given in June, October, December and February each year. You should plan to take the June, October or December test. If you take the February test, you will be eligible for consideration but will be at a disadvantage because your file will not be complete until late March. For entrance into the University of Minnesota Law School, your LSAT score will be considered current for four years.

You can get registration forms on-line at www.lsac.org. A sample of the test is in the *LSAT & LSDAS Information Book* and on the LSAC website.

LSDAS Report

The Law School is a participating member of the LSDAS. Register with LSDAS by visiting the LSAC website at www.lsac.org. Send LSDAS separate transcripts from every college or university you have attended, regardless of whether you earned credit or a degree. Sending a transcript from only the last institution attended is not sufficient, even if the transcript contains your grades from previous institutions.

If you are accepted, you will be required to submit a final official transcript directly to the University of Minnesota Law School showing the degree awarded. You must submit this transcript before the first day of school.

Application Form

You can complete and submit this form electronically through the LSAC electronic application service. If you are applying after the deadline, you will need to print the application and send a hard copy of all your materials directly to the University of Minnesota Law School at Office of Admissions, 290 Mondale Hall, 229 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455. If you are applying electronically and paying via credit card, you will electronically sign your application form. If you are applying electronically and paying by check or money order, you will need to print the

Certification Letter and sign it instead of the application. You then send the Certification Letter and the fee directly to the Law School.

April 1st is the postmark deadline for filing an application. Exceptions to the deadline are made upon petition. Complete accuracy is a continuing requirement in all statements made on this application. Misrepresentation of application information is sufficient grounds for canceling admission or registration. We will notify you when your application is complete. Please feel free to contact us if you have not received completion notification within 30 days of submitting your application.

Application Fee

You must submit a \$75 nonrefundable credentials examination fee with your application or Certification Letter. If you cannot afford to pay the fee, you can request a fee waiver by sending to the law school a completed application, a completed fee waiver form (available from the Law School Admissions Office) and, if possible, a letter from a financial aid officer verifying need.

Letters of Recommendation

Two letters of recommendation are required before your application will be considered. If possible, the letters should be from persons in an academic setting who can attest to your ability to enter a competitive professional program. If you have been out of college for more than two years, letters from an employer may be submitted instead. Although you are not restricted to two letters, your file will be considered complete when two letters have been received.

The Law School recommends that your letters be submitted through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service. This service is included in your LSDAS registration. Your letters will be copied and sent to us as received. To use this service, follow the instructions outlined on the LSAC website. If a letter writer wishes to write specifically about your qualifications for the University of Minnesota Law School, you can designate a specific letter to be sent to only our school through the electronic service or have the recommender send the letter directly to us. In this case, you will need the Law School's Letter of Recommendation form which can be printed from the law school's website.

Federal legislation gives students in attendance at the law school the right to inspect and review the letters of recommendation contained in their educational records unless the student or applicant waives that right and consents to the letters remaining confidential between the law school and the writers. You may waive the right to access provided by the legislation. Waiver of this right, however, is not required as a condition for admission to the University of Minnesota Law School or for receipt of financial aid or any other benefits.

JD Foreign Credential

Assembly Service

The University of Minnesota Law School requires that your foreign transcripts be submitted through the LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service. If you completed any postsecondary work outside the US (including its territories) or Canada, you must use this service for the evaluation of your foreign transcripts. The one exception to this requirement is if you completed the foreign work through a study abroad, consortium, or exchange program sponsored by a US or Canadian institution, and the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript. This service is included in the LSDAS subscription fee. A Foreign Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your LSDAS report. Unless you have received a degree from an English speaking institution, you will need to submit a TOEFL score. In this case you must contact the Educational Testing Service (ETS) and request that your TOEFL score be sent to LSAC. LSAC's TOEFL code for the JD Credential Assembly Service is 0058. Your score will be included in the Foreign Credential Evaluation document that will be included in your LSDAS law school report.

To use the JD CAS, log in to your online LSAC account and follow the instructions for registering for the service. Be sure to print out a Transcript Request Form for each institution and send it promptly to them. More time is usually required to receive foreign transcripts.

Questions about the JD Credential Assembly Service can be directed to LSAC at 215.968.1001, or LSACINFO@LSAC.org

For More Information

You are welcome to visit or write the Admissions Office if you have questions about the admission process or have special concerns. To schedule an appointment or have your questions answered, please call our office at 612.625.3487, or you can e-mail us at jdadmissions@umn.edu. You may also visit our website at www.law.umn.edu. The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, or sexual orientation.

FIRST YEAR ADMISSION BINDING EARLY DECISION AGREEMENT



University of Minnesota Law School Binding Early Decision Program

Candidates who have researched law programs and have determined that the University of Minnesota is the best choice may submit an application to the Early Decision Program. Applicants to the University of Minnesota's Binding Early Decision Program commit themselves to matriculating at Minnesota if admitted pursuant to the Early Decision Program. An applicant to the Early Decision Program may not be an Early Decision candidate at any other school during the same admissions cycle.

An Early Decision applicant may apply to other law schools on a non-binding basis, but once admitted to the University of Minnesota as an Early Decision candidate, the applicant must notify the other programs and immediately withdraw all other law school applications. No new law school applications may be initiated. The University of Minnesota reserves the right to provide other law schools with the names of applicants admitted to the University of Minnesota under the binding Early Decision Program.

Applicants who are admitted pursuant to the Early Decision Program will receive notification of law school scholarships at the time of the notice of admission. Complete financial aid packaging, however, does not occur until late July, prior to matriculation.

In order to apply to the University of Minnesota's Binding Early Decision Program, an applicant must submit:

1. Early Decision Application
2. LSDAS report (October 2009 LSAT is the latest test score accepted)
3. \$75 Application Fee
4. Two Letters of Recommendation
5. Resume
6. Personal Statement
7. Early Decision Agreement

Electronic submission of the applications materials is encouraged; however, a paper copy of this Early Decision Agreement must be signed by the applicant and submitted either by mail or in person.

I have read the above instructions and understand the policies and practices that apply to Early Decision admission at the University of Minnesota Law School. The University of Minnesota Law School is my first choice and I wish to be considered as an Early Decision candidate. I have not submitted and will not submit an application for Early Decision at any other law school nor will I enter into an Early Decision agreement with any other law school. If accepted under Minnesota's Early Decisions Program, I will enroll at the University of Minnesota Law School. If accepted, I further agree to withdraw all applications for admission to other law schools and to initiate no new applications to other law schools.

Applicant signature

LSAC Account #

Applicant Name (please print)

Date

APPLICATION CHECKLIST FOR BINDING EARLY DECISION FIRST YEAR ADMISSION



Application Requirements for Binding Early Decision First-Year JD Students

- Completed application, both pages, and signed physically or electronically
- Application fee of \$75
- Personal statement, including all requested elements
- Resume or work history
- Two letters of recommendation
- Completed LSDAS file
- Signed copy of Early Decision agreement *mailed* to the Law School
- Deadline is November 15th

Application Requirements for Binding Early Decision First-Year JD Students With Foreign Credentials

- Completed application, both pages, and signed physically or electronically
- Application fee of \$75
- Personal statement, including all requested elements
- Resume or work history
- Two letters of recommendation
- Completed LSDAS file, including TOEFL if needed and use of the JD Credential Assembly Service
- Signed copy of Early Decision agreement *mailed* to the Law School
- Deadline is November 15th

Binding Early Decision APPLICATION FOR FIRST-YEAR ADMISSION



This is your application to the University of Minnesota Law School. Along with the application form, resume, personal statement, and letters of recommendation, the University of Minnesota Law School also requires applicants to register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS) which provides to the Law School a summary of an applicant's academic work, copies of college transcripts, LSAT score, and letters of recommendation. Register online at www.lsac.org or contact:

Law School Admission Council
Box 2001, 661 Penn Street
Newtown, PA 18940
215.968.1001

Personal Statement: The University of Minnesota's award-winning legal writing program recognizes that written communication is vital to the success of our graduates. All first-year students receive intensive individual instruction and writing credits are required during all three years at Minnesota. In making admissions decisions, Minnesota carefully considers the applicant's writing ability as demonstrated by the personal statement and other submissions.

This application requires that you present yourself in a personal statement. This essay may be on a subject of your choice and may be used to assess not only your writing skills, but your judgment, passions and analytical abilities. Your decision about what to present and how will assist us in evaluating you as a potential student and alum of the University of Minnesota Law School.

We suggest that your essay be at least two and not more than five typewritten pages long. No single spacing please. If there are ancillary matters that you wish to explain, such as breaks in your education or any other particular issue, please submit a separate essay or electronic attachment

Resume: Please include on a separate sheet (or electronic attachment) a detailed resume containing the following information:

- a. Work history during college and since college graduation.
- b. Extracurricular activities and community service, including the extent of your involvement.
- c. Other relevant information, including academic honors and prizes, hobbies, and other special interests, abilities, or accomplishments.

How did you hear about the University of Minnesota Law School?

(Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> E-mail Solicitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Fair or Forum | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Member an Alum (Please Identify):
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Reputation/Rankings | <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty | <input type="checkbox"/> Program or Course Offering (Please Specify)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet Search | <input type="checkbox"/> Location | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify):
_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend or Colleague | <input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota Residency or Reciprocity | |

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA



Joint or Dual Degree, with _____
(name of other department)

Personal Information

Name LAST		FIRST		MIDDLE	
Mr. Ms.					
Name Former, if any			Preferred/Nickname		
LSAC Account number L	Social Security number (voluntary; used for tracking your application)		Gender <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY	
Current street address			Permanent street address		
City, State, Zip Code			City, State, Zip Code		
Country	Current Phone Number ()	Country	Permanent Phone Number ()		
Address current until (MM/DD/YYYY) _____/_____/_____	E-mail address 1		E-mail address 2		Cell Phone Number ()

Residency Information

State in which you claim legal residency	How long have you lived in your legal state of residency? Years: _____ Months: _____	
If you have lived in Minnesota less than three years, when and why did you move to Minnesota?		
Your country of citizenship <input type="checkbox"/> United States <input type="checkbox"/> Other, Specify: _____ Visa type: _____		
Name of high school you attended	City and state of high school	Date you graduated from High School MM/YYYY

Previous Coursework List all colleges and universities attended, including law school, summer session, evening school, and correspondence study (whether or not credit was earned).

Name of school	Degree received or expected	Date received or expected MM/YY	Major	Dates of attendance (MM/YY-MM/YY)

Scholastic honors you received in undergraduate or graduate school

Have you taken any courses that do not appear on your official transcripts?
 Yes No If yes, please explain:

Have you applied for admission to the University of Minnesota Law School previously?
 Yes No If yes, please state when, and give the result:

Have you ever attended this or any other law school?
 Yes No If yes, give dates of attendance and your status (submit all transcripts): MM/YY-MM/YY



Disciplinary Proceedings

A. Have you ever in your entire life been charged with, or arrested for, the violation of any law including traffic laws, misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors, felonies, or the equivalent?

- Yes No

If yes, provide a narrative statement describing the circumstances. You must disclose this requested information even if the charges were dismissed or you were acquitted, the conviction was stayed or vacated, the record sealed or expunged, or you were told you need not disclose this information.

B. Have you ever been placed on probation, disciplined, dropped, suspended, or expelled from a post-secondary college, university, graduate school, professional school, or law school for academic or non-academic reasons?

- Yes No

If yes, provide a narrative statement describing the circumstances on a separate page or attachment.

Request for Confidential Information We request but do not require that you answer the questions in this section. They help us evaluate our minority recruitment and admissions program. If you believe that this information should be considered in the review of your application, please include a statement on a separate sheet of paper (or electronic attachment) describing any aspects of your ethnic, cultural, or linguistic heritage that you deem relevant to your application, noting any related academic or extracurricular activities.

Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

Select all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> White |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Two or more races |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black / African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Race and ethnicity unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander | |

Are you a non-resident alien? Yes No

Name of parents or guardians (last, first, middle)	
Address of parents or guardians (street, city, state, zip code)	
Occupation of parent or guardian	Education of parent or guardian
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I will inform the University of Minnesota Law School in writing of any changes or additions to answers which I have made on this application. I understand that this obligation shall continue until I graduate from the University of Minnesota Law School, or until such time as my application is withdrawn or denied by the University of Minnesota Law School.

I swear or affirm that the answers and statements on this application are complete, true, and correct. I have not altered the wording on any question. I acknowledge that any false, misleading, or evasive response on the foregoing application may be grounds for the University of Minnesota Law School to deny my admission. I further acknowledge that I am aware that false or misleading answers discovered subsequent to my admission to the University of Minnesota Law School may result in revocation of my admission.

Signature	Date
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Note: This application form, the application fee, and all required supporting materials as set forth in our instructions must be postmarked by April 1st. Mail to the University of Minnesota Law School, Office of Admissions, 290 Mondale Hall, 229-19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455-0401 or send them electronically via LSAC. Note: You may elect to submit and pay for this application electronically, rather than printing and mailing it, or you may print and sign the Certification Letter, instead of the application, and send the letter along with the fee directly to the law school.