PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND ELIGIBILITY

The Minnesota Pre Law Scholars program provides a free LSAT preparation course along with law school information and admissions resources. College students considering law school, especially from groups historically underrepresented in law school, are encouraged to apply. The program is open to undergraduate students and recent graduates from any undergraduate institution.

Classes are typically held two days per week beginning in late May and ending in mid-August. Through discussions with Minnesota Law School staff, students will increase their understanding of law school and gain insight into the admissions process. The remaining portion of class will be taught by a trained LSAT preparation instructor and will be dedicated to intense LSAT preparation and practice exams.

Success in this program is largely dependent on being present in class and outside study. Students are expected to study 15-20 hours per week outside of class.

Admission to the program is limited to approximately 25 participants and is competitive based on a holistic assessment of the application material. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Participants will be asked to complete evaluations and surveys at the end of the program and at several points in the future.

The University of Minnesota shall provide equal access to and opportunity in its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.
THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LAW SCHOOL offers an exciting opportunity for prospective students to learn about the law school admissions process and to prepare for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT). The Minnesota Pre Law Scholars (MPLS) Program aims to better prepare historically underrepresented students for the LSAT exam and the law school admissions process.

MINNESOTA PRE LAW SCHOLARS PROGRAM BENEFITS

• A free LSAT preparation course
• Insights into the admissions process
• Connections to law school administration
• Experience visiting a downtown Minneapolis law firm
• Networking opportunities with current students and alumni

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applications will be reviewed by Law School Admissions staff. The application is designed to provide additional information on a candidate’s maturity, judgement, communication, analytical skills and motivation to pursue a legal education. The Admissions Committee will complete a holistic assessment of all application materials.

Applicants for MPLS are responsible for the complete submission of the following materials to jdadmissions@umn.edu by the deadline:

1. Completed and signed application form
2. Completed short essays (details on website)
3. Résumé
4. Unofficial transcript from degree granting school
5. Letter of recommendation (optional)

Completed applications may be emailed/scanned (preferred) or mailed to:

University of Minnesota Law School
Office of Admissions
290 Walter F. Mondale Hall
229 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455

For additional information on the program, please contact Office of Admissions at jdadmissions@umn.edu or visit www.law.umn.edu/prospective/mpls-program.html.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Students who are accepted into the program are required to submit a $100 seat deposit in the form of a personal check. The deposit is fully refundable upon successful completion of the program. Other than the refundable $100 seat deposit, there is no cost to participate in the program.

Successful completion is defined as:

• Being present the first day of class
• Missing no more than two classes/practice exams
• Making up a missed class or practice exam within one week of the original date
• Attending one scheduled individual appointment with staff during the summer
• Completing all homework by the due date
• Completing assignments as assigned by staff on time
• Arriving to class on time

These guidelines have been established to help ensure the success of participants.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

Visit www.law.umn.edu/prospective/mpls-program.html for specific dates