

## Law School Application Checklist

### SPRING (OF JUNIOR YEAR, IF YOU ARE STILL A STUDENT)

- Visit the LSAC website (<http://www.lsac.org>) and/or talk to a member of The Pre-Law Advising Program committee to get information on the LSAT and the Credential Assembly Service (CAS).
- Register for an LSAT preparation class or purchase an LSAT preparation book to fully prepare for the LSAT.
- Research law schools and the admission process.
- Register with LSAC to take the June LSAT.
- Begin to compile a list of schools to which you might apply, and gather as much information as you can. Visit their websites.

### SUMMER (BEFORE SENIOR YEAR, IF YOU ARE STILL A STUDENT):

- Take the June LSAT.
- (LATE SUMMER) Register for the Credential Assembly Service that allows you to have all transcripts and recommendations sent only once to LSAC. LSAC summarizes and combines that information with LSAT scores and writing samples into a report that is sent upon request to the law schools to which you apply. The fee for this service also covers electronic application processing for all ABA-approved law schools.
- Make a checklist and schedule for each application.
- Start thinking about who you want to write your letters of recommendation.
- Visit as many of your target law schools as possible.

### EARLY FALL:

- If necessary, register with LSAC to re-take the LSAT in late September/early October.
- Meet with a Pre-Law Advisor to discuss how to begin writing your personal statement.
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- Attend the law school fair held in October on The College of Wooster campus to talk with admission officers and collect law school information.
- After you register for CAS, you must have a separate transcript sent to LSAC directly from each undergraduate or graduate institution you attended in the U.S., its territories/associated states, or Canada.
- Talk with recommenders. Use the Letter of Recommendation Information Sheet provided by the Pre-law Advising Program and provide recommenders with all the materials listed, so they have ample information to write a strong letter for you.

### MID-FALL:

- Check on your recommenders and the letters of recommendation they are writing on your behalf.
- Complete financial aid applications from the schools to which you are applying, making sure to follow the instructions very carefully.
- Obtain a copy of the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Study Aid) application from the federal government, library, college financial aid office, or online. Remember: you must complete this form in order to be eligible for federal and private aid.
- If you have completed your applications, submit them early.
- If necessary take the September/October LSAT.
- If necessary, register for the December LSAT.

### LATE FALL/WINTER:

- Verify that your recommenders have submitted their letters of recommendation for you.
- Complete all financial aid forms and submit them.
- Take the December LSAT, if necessary.

### SPRING/SUMMER:

- Review financial aid notices from law schools.
- Attend law school events for accepted students to which you are invited.
- Decide which law school offer to accept, and send in the necessary deposit.
- Complete your student loan applications.
- Review your finances to make certain you have sufficient resources to meet your law school expenses.