



FORDHAM
LAW SCHOOL

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION AS CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREE OF JURIS DOCTOR MUST:

- ❖ Be at least 18 years of age upon entering the first-year class.
- ❖ Have graduated from an American college or university accredited by an agency approved by the American Bar Association.

Note: Applicants who have earned a baccalaureate degree in a foreign country will need to demonstrate that the degree earned is the equivalent of a US four-year baccalaureate degree. Applicants must submit their academic transcripts to LSAC JD Credential Assembly Service. This service is included in the LSDAS subscription fee. A Foreign Credential Evaluation will be incorporated into your LSDAS report.

- ❖ Not have been dismissed from another law school regardless of the time elapsed since the dismissal.
- ❖ Have taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) within the past four years. Every applicant must also register with the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS). Information concerning the LSAT and registration with the LSDAS may be found at www.lsac.org.

HOW TO APPLY:

Apply through the Law School Admission Council at www.lsac.org or, if you prefer, mail the completed application to our office. Remember to either certify your signature if you apply electronically, or sign and date the application if you mail it in.

Optional letters of recommendation—Fordham Law School does not require applicants to submit letters of recommendation, however most do. If you submit letters, please do so through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service that is included as part of the LSDAS Registration subscription. Your letters will be photocopied and sent to us with your LSDAS Report.

Enclose a non-refundable check or money order in the amount of \$70 (payable to Fordham Law School). If you are applying electronically through LSAC, you will need to pay this fee with a major credit card.

Mailing Address: Fordham University School of Law
140 West 62nd Street
Office of Admissions
New York, NY 10023

Selection Process—In evaluating the academic record, attention is paid to school attended, course selection, choice of major and grades in the major, the grade trend over the course of study, and the time frame within which the degree was earned. Academic work completed at the graduate and professional school level is also carefully considered.

While the best available evidence suggests that the LSAT score and GPA should be accorded significant weight in evaluating most applicants, the Admissions Committee believes that securing the most diverse, interesting, and able entering class involves the consideration of qualitative factors—including prior employment, student activities, service to the community, leadership ability, propensity for public service, and communication skills—that suggest an applicant's potential to make extraordinary contributions to Fordham and to the legal profession.

Applicants who have been educationally, socially, and economically disadvantaged are afforded a particularly careful review, as are applicants who have had to overcome significant obstacles in their lives.

Fordham makes great efforts to ensure that the entire selection process is fair and the Committee goes to great lengths to ensure that all applicants are accorded equal treatment, respect, and consideration.

TRANSFER AND VISITING APPLICATIONS:

Applicants for Transfer must have successfully completed at least one year of law study at an ABA approved law school, and be in good academic standing. Transfer candidates will be accepted for matriculation only for August enrollment.

Applications must be submitted by June 30 prior to the fall for which admission is being sought, and must include:

- ❖ A completed Fordham Law School application form, together with the \$70 application fee.
- ❖ A complete law transcript, which includes all grades earned in the first year, and any subsequent years of the applicant's law school enrollment.
- ❖ An official LSDAS report from the Law School Admission Council.
- ❖ A letter of good standing from the applicant's home law school.
- ❖ A statement detailing the reasons why the applicant wishes to transfer to Fordham Law School.

Applications for Visiting Student status must be submitted by June 30 for the fall and by December 15 for the spring.

Applicants applying as visiting students must submit:

- ❖ A completed Fordham Law School application form, together with the \$70 application fee.
- ❖ A complete transcript of all law school work.
- ❖ A letter from the Dean of the home law school stating that the applicant is in good academic standing and eligible to continue his or her law studies, and setting forth the conditions under which the credits completed at Fordham Law School will be accepted for transfer.
- ❖ A statement detailing why the applicant wishes to be a visiting student at Fordham Law School.

Please note: Transfer and visiting students register after all continuing Fordham Law School students. This may limit the availability of courses. Transfer and visiting students are encouraged to explore the availability of courses prior to accepting the offer of admission. To do so, they should contact the Registrar's Office at 212-636-6801.



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Please check only one box below.

- J.D.** Applications accepted between September 1st and March 1st preceding the fall semester to which admission is sought.
- Transfer** Applications accepted between March 16th and June 30th preceding the fall semester to which admission is sought.
- Visitor** Applications accepted between March 16th and June 30th preceding the fall semester to which admission is sought.

1. LSAC Number: L _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

2. Division applying to (*Please check only one*): Day Evening

3. Name:

Last Name (Surname)	First Name	M. I.	Maiden Name
Title: <input type="radio"/> Mr. <input type="radio"/> Ms. <input type="radio"/> Miss <input type="radio"/> Mrs. <input type="radio"/> Dr.			Gender: <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Male

4. Permanent Mailing Address: _____ Current Mailing Address: Valid from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
MM DD YY MM DD YY

Number and Street	Apt. Number	Number and Street	Apt. Number
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City/State/Zip Code	City/State/Zip Code
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E-Mail	E-Mail
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Country (if other than U.S.)	Country (if other than U.S.)
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Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Home Phone Number	Cell Phone Number
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5. Are you a citizen of the U.S.? Yes No If no, enter country of citizenship: _____

6. Birth: _____

Date of Birth	Age	Place of Birth
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7. Optional information on ethnic background (for statistical reporting purposes):

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| <input type="radio"/> American Indian/Native Alaskan | <input type="radio"/> Black/African American |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian | <input type="radio"/> Hispanic |
| <input type="radio"/> White | <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify): _____ |

8. Please provide complete information about secondary schools, colleges or universities attended, including law schools.

Do not refer to resume or other attachment in lieu of completing this section. You must provide this information in the space provided.

	Name of Institution	Location	Dates Attended (MM/YY - MM/YY)	Degree and Major	Date Degree Awarded (MM/YY)
Secondary School (s)					
Colleges or Universities					
Graduate, Professional, or Law Schools					

9. If any near relative is a graduate of Fordham Law School, give the name, relationship, and date of graduation:

Name	Relationship	Date (YY)

10. If any near relative is a graduate of one of the other schools within Fordham University, give the name, relationship, school attended, and date of graduation:

Name	Relationship	School Attended	Date (YY)

11. Please list scholastic honors received in college, graduate, or professional schools. Please use the space below. If more space is needed, please attach an addendum clearly labeled "Attachment A: Scholastic Honors." (If applying electronically, use the electronic attachment.)

12. Please list extracurricular, community, and public service activities while in school and/or subsequent to graduation. Please use the space below. If more space is needed, please attach an addendum clearly labeled "Attachment B: Activities." (If applying electronically, use the electronic attachment.)

13. Please list below a record of your employment. All employment for a period of six months or more must be included.

Name & Address of Employer	Position Held	From MM/YY	To MM/YY	Reason for Leaving

14. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action, placed on academic probation, or dismissed from any school, college, university, graduate, law, or other professional school attended? Yes No If yes, provide details on an attachment clearly labeled "Attachment: Question 14."

15. Have you ever been arrested or convicted of violating any law (other than minor traffic violations)? Yes No
 Note: records sealed under Court order and/or offenses which have been expunged must be disclosed. If yes, provide details on an attachment clearly labeled "Attachment: Question 15."

16. Have you ever been a party to or otherwise involved in any civil action or proceeding (other than actions involving divorce or small claims)?
 Yes No If yes, provide details on an attachment clearly labeled "Attachment: Question 16."

17. Have you ever been separated from any branch of the armed forces of the United States under conditions other than honorable? Yes No
 If yes, provide details on an attachment clearly labeled "Attachment: Question 17."

18. Please indicate all dates on which you took or will take the LSAT.
 Date _____ (MM/YY) Date _____ (MM/YY)

19. Indicate (using the table below) the name of any law school to which you have applied in the past, are now applying to, or intend to apply to in the future. Also list the date of application, and, if known, the disposition.

Name of Law School Applied To	Date of Application MM/YY	Disposition

If additional space is needed, please make use of an attachment (or electronic attachment) labeled "Attachment: Additional Law Schools Applied To."

20. Did you earn any part of your college expenses? Yes No If yes, how much? _____

21. Will it be necessary for you to work during the academic year? Yes No How many hours per week? _____

22. _____
Father's Name Father's Education (highest degree earned) Father's Occupation

Mother's Maiden Name Mother's Education (highest degree earned) Mother's Occupation

23. Personal Statement — Every year we receive many applications with similar academic credentials. In order to get a better sense of our applicants, we require a “personal statement” on a topic of your choosing. This allows you to demonstrate your ability to communicate effectively and concisely through your writing. Sharing this information provides another opportunity for us to get to know you beyond your academic record. Your personal statement should not exceed two pages double spaced.

24. Optional Statement — In addition to your personal statement, you may include any background or experiences that you believe contribute to the diversity of our class. Some examples may include, but are not limited to, any unique skills and experiences, including language fluency, professional accomplishments, talents, hardships overcome, educational or socioeconomic disadvantages, descriptions of any disabilities, or any other aspects that have not already been addressed in your application.

25. In what state(s) do you contemplate seeking admission to the bar? _____

The admission and registration of the applicant is granted pursuant to this application, and his or her continuance upon the rolls is subject to all rules and regulations set forth in the statutes and bulletins of Fordham University. All materials filed in support of this application will become the property of the School of Law and made available to State Bar Character Committees.

By signing this form below or transmitting it electronically, I certify that the above information is true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I shall promptly amend the foregoing application should there be a change in any of the facts therein, and shall notify the Registrar's Office of such changes as they occur.

Applicant's Signature

Date This Application Was Signed

PLEASE BE SURE YOU HAVE...

- Completed the application.
- Signed and dated the application (if sending paper application).
- Electronically certified the application (if sending electronically via LSAC).
- Enclosed the \$70 application fee or submitted payment electronically by credit card if applying electronically via LSAC.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

The law school strongly recommends that your letters of recommendation be submitted through the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service that serves all member schools. This service is included in your LSDAS registration. Your letters will be photocopied and sent to us along with your LSDAS report.