

MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL OF LAW

LSAT PREPARATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Completed application must be postmarked or submitted by March 1 to: Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Office of Admissions, 875 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55105 or admissions@mitchellhamline.edu

This scholarship program is intended to promote diversity in the legal profession in Minnesota by assisting prospective law students from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds or who have a demonstrated financial need, prepare to take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Mitchell Hamline will award selected recipients on a rolling basis until scholarships are exhausted. Priority will be given to applicants from underrepresented backgrounds (e.g., citizenship in or affiliation with a federally recognized Indian tribe, students of color, first generation undergraduate student, LGBTQIA+, economically disadvantaged, and/or active military or veteran).

The scholarship will cover the cost to participate in an online self-paced LSAT Preparation Course offered by Blueprint. This will include access to Official LSAT Prep Plus®. The recipient is responsible for setting up their account and will be given a 3 month period to use the preparation course. A MHSL professor from the Academic Excellence Office will serve as a mentor to help plan your studies for the LSAT.

Criteria

1. Minnesota resident **or** currently enrolled in a college or university in Minnesota, North or South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin **or** previously and/or currently enrolled in a MHSL Gateway to Legal Education program™ course.
2. Undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher.
3. Must have a Law School Admissions Council (LSAC) account and take the LSAT on or before the June test date.
4. Must apply for admissions to Mitchell Hamline for next fall.

Personal Information

Last Name: First Name: Middle Name:

Street: Apt:

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone: Email Address:

Undergraduate Institution (including city, state):

Major/Concentration: Undergraduate GPA: LSAC #:

Date of Graduation (month/year):

Are you Hispanic/Latino? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If you indicated 'No' to the previous question, please indicate your race or ethnicity:

☐ American Indian/Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black/African American ☐ Caucasian/White

☐ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander ☐ Prefer not to answer

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-Binary ☐ Self describe as: ☐ Prefer not to indicate

Personal pronouns: ☐ He/His/Him ☐ She/Her/Hers ☐ Self describe as: ☐ Prefer not to indicate

Do you consider yourself a member of the LGBTQIA+? ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No, I am an Ally

Have you served or are you now serving on active U.S. military duty? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Do you have a parent or guardian who has graduated from a four-year college or university? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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Character & Fitness

The character and fitness questions will be on the admissions application. Provide a complete explanation for each question to which you answer "yes."

1. Have you ever been disciplined for academic dishonesty, placed on probation, suspended, or dismissed by any educational institution? If you answered "yes," you must provide a complete explanation. If you were disciplined for academic dishonesty please provide a letter of explanation from the Dean of Students, his/her designee, or other responsible school official about the incident and the disciplinary action taken? ☐ No ☐ Yes
2. Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense or is any such charge now pending against you, other than a misdemeanor traffic violation? If you answered "yes," you must provide all relevant documentation and a complete explanation. ☐ No ☐ Yes
3. Have you ever had an order of protection/harassment taken out against you? If you answered "yes," you must provide all relevant documentation and a complete explanation. ☐ No ☐ Yes
4. Is there anything else in your history that might raise a question as to your character or fitness to practice law from the standpoint of professional responsibility? If you answered "yes," you must provide all relevant documentation and a complete explanation ☐ No ☐ Yes

Enrollment

1. Will you be applying for the upcoming fall? ☐ No ☐ Yes
If you selected 'No', please specify which term: _____

2. Which enrollment option will you be applying?

☐ FT On campus ☐ PT Day On campus ☐ PT Evening On campus ☐ PT Blended (Asynchronous online & on campus)

MHSL Gateway to Legal Education program™ Question

1. MHSL Gateway to Legal Education program™ course participant? ☐ No ☐ Yes
2. If yes, name of college or university _____
3. Term/Yr enrolled in the course _____
4. Name of Course _____

Certification:

I certify that the information submitted in this application and any attached materials are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to notify MHSL of any changes in the information included in this application that might affect my eligibility for a scholarship. If selected to receive a scholarship, I agree to submit my application and required materials through LSAC.org for admission consideration to Mitchell Hamline School of Law. Materials submitted with this scholarship application DO NOT meet the requirements for the admissions application but may be referenced. I agree that my name, likeness, and selected information contained in my application may be used for promotional purposes by MHSL without further compensation or notification.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

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Directions

Submit the following materials:

- **Personal Statement:** Attach a statement indicating how you meet the criteria for this scholarship, why you are interested in attending law school, and why receiving this scholarship would help in accomplishing your goals (not to exceed two double-spaced pages).
- **Undergraduate Transcript:** Attach a current unofficial transcript from your undergraduate institution.
- **LSAC Account Registration:** Provide your LSAC number on page 1.
- **Financial Need Statement:** Attach a statement demonstrating your financial need for this scholarship.

Mitchell Hamline School of Law application for fall admission is open October 1 to July 1. Enrollment is limited by class size and may close at any time. **Apply early.**

Sample admissions timeline:

MHSL Admissions (<i>disclaimer: this is only a sample timeline</i>)	Timeline
<i>Apply for the LSAT Preparation Scholarship (any time from July 1 - March 1)</i>	Opens on July 1
<i>Study eight to twelve weeks to prepare and register to take the LSAT by the registration deadline</i>	October
<i>Take the LSAT and complete the Writing Sample (latest date to take the LSAT is the June test date)</i>	November
<i>LSAT results received approximately 1 month after test date</i>	Late December
<i>Submit MHSL admissions application and other required materials to LSAC (no application fee for MHSL)</i>	October-December
<i>Application file will be reviewed once all materials are received through LSAC including the CAS report</i>	Late December
<i>Admissions decision is made four to six weeks after submission of a complete application file</i>	Early to Mid-late January

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CHECKLIST

LSAT Scholarship Application Documentation Requirements

1. Complete application, answering all questions. Sign and date application.
2. Attach the following supporting materials to your application:

- ☐ Personal statement
- ☐ Current unofficial undergraduate transcript
- ☐ Proof of LSAC Account registration
- ☐ Statement demonstrating financial need
- ☐ Character and fitness explanation(s) (if needed)

If you printed the application, please send to:

Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Admissions
875 Summit Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Or submit electronically to: admissions@mitchellhamline.edu.

RECIPIENT CHECKLIST

If an applicant is awarded this scholarship, the following will occur:

1. Recipient will be sent a coupon code via email to enter on the Blue Print course site. This course allows up to 3 months to study and prepare for the LSAT.
2. Recipient must take the official LSAT exam by June or earlier.
3. Recipient must submit the MHSL admissions application and supporting materials through LSAC.org by July 1 to be considered for MHSL Fall admission.

Please note: If you are not able to apply for the current fall admissions cycle, please contact Ann Buesgens at 651-695-7693 to discuss next steps.

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MITCHELL HAMLINE SCHOOL
OF LAW, OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AT THE ABOVE MAILING OR EMAIL ADDRESS BY
MARCH 1 OR UNTIL ALL SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED.**

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