



THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HONORS PROGRAM



Many distinguished attorneys began their careers through the Attorney General's Honors Program -- the largest and most prestigious federal entry-level attorney hiring program of its kind. **ENRD is an enthusiastic participant in the Attorney General's Honors Program.**

Eligibility for the Honors Program

Eligibility is generally limited to graduating law students and recent law school graduates who entered judicial clerkships, graduate law programs, or qualifying legal fellowships within 9 months of law school graduation and who meet additional [eligibility requirements](#) [see below].

Selection Criteria

Justice takes pride in the fact that we consider the "whole candidate" when making selections for employment. Selections are made based on many elements of a candidate's background including a demonstrated commitment to government service, academic achievement, leadership, law review or moot court experience, legal aid and clinical experience, past employment, and extracurricular activities that relate to the work of Justice and the relevant component.

Every year the Department hires a significant number of entry-level attorneys through the Honors Program. Selectees represent diverse backgrounds and interests, and come from law schools throughout the country. The Honors Program is centrally managed by the Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management, but each participating component reviews the applications submitted and makes independent hiring decisions.

How to Apply

Candidates interested in starting their career as an entry-level attorney with Justice must apply through the Attorney General's Honors Program via an on-line application. For employment in 2022, **the application opens on July 31, 2021, and closes on September 8, 2021.** We highly recommend that applicants read the [application tips and checklist](#) [see below] and assemble requested information before starting the [on-line application](#) [see below]. If you need an accommodation in order to complete the application, please contact Deana Willis at (202) 514-3397 for assistance. For technical assistance in submitting your application, please contact the AVUE Digital Services Help Desk using "Live Chat" or "Concierge Service"

links on the top and right of the application screen (available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time).

Key Dates

- July 31: Application Period Opens
- September 8: Application Deadline
- Late September: Interview candidates selected
- Mid-October – early November: Formal Honors Program interview period
- Late November – February: Offers Extended

Important Links

- Eligibility Requirements

<https://www.justice.gov/legal-careers/honors-program-eligibility>

- Application Tips and Checklist

<https://www.justice.gov/legal-careers/application-tips-and-checklist>

- Salaries, Promotions, and Benefits

<https://www.justice.gov/legal-careers/attorney-salaries-promotions-and-benefits>

- Interviews – All of ENRD's Honors Program interviews will be conducted virtually. Additional information will be posted when it becomes available.

<https://www.justice.gov/legal-careers/honors-program-interviews>

- Online Application

<https://www.avuedigitalservices.com/casting/aiportal/control/mainmenu?agency=dojoarm>

Applications for the 2021-2022 Honors Program will open on July 31, 2021 for positions starting in 2022. The submission deadline is Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST.