

# Financial Aid & Scholarships

## STEP 4: FINANCIAL AID

### Scholarships and Grants

Check to see what each school you apply to offers.

UF Law offers:

- Merit-based
- Need-based

### Federal Loans

UF Law recommends applying for FAFSA before your acceptance.

- Federal Direct Stafford Loan - may borrow up to \$20,500 each year
- Graduate PLUS Loan - may borrow up to the Cost of Attendance minus all other financial aid (must be approved)

### Helpful websites:

- ABA-Student Loan Repayment and Forgiveness: [www.americanbar.org/groups/legal\\_education/resources/student\\_loan\\_repayment\\_and\\_forgiveness.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/legal_education/resources/student_loan_repayment_and_forgiveness.html)
- Association of American Law Schools: [www.aals.org](http://www.aals.org)
- Association for Legal Career Professionals: [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org)
- Equal Justice Works: [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org)
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)
- U.S. Department of Education - Federal Student Aid: [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)

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# UF Law Admissions

The study of law should enrich the rest of your life as well as the lives of those you touch. The educational opportunities offered at the Fredric G. Levin College of Law will prepare you for legal excellence in nearly any setting and in any part of the world. As a student, you will be among accomplished peers, professors and practitioners. As a graduate, you will add to the strength of an alumni network of more than 20,000, including American Bar Association presidents, judges — both state and federal — lawmakers, governors, nationally prominent lawyers, business executives, entrepreneurs and academics.

We have assembled an exceptional faculty, staff, and student body who are committed to legal teaching, learning and scholarship.

**We hope you will become a part of UF Law.**

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# UF LAW

KEY POINTS FOR APPLYING  
TO LAW SCHOOL

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# Moving Forward: Applying to Law School

Once you have decided to pursue law school, you will need to begin the steps that comprise the law school application process.

## STEP 1: LAW SCHOOL ADMISSIONS TEST (LSAT)

The LSAT is designed to measure skills that are considered essential for success in law school: comprehension of complex texts with accuracy and insight; organizing, managing and drawing reasonable inferences from information; the ability to think critically; and evaluating the reasoning and arguments of others.

The LSAT is offered four times a year:

- October
- December
- February
- June



### Registering with LSAC (lsac.org)

- Register for the LSAT (Register early to avoid a late registration fee)
- Register for the Credential Assembly Service (CAS)

### Preparing for the LSAT

- Take a sample test under simulated conditions
- Use the test preparation resources and materials available on LSAC's website
- Sign up for a commercial test prep course or visit your local book store for test prep materials
- Take as many practice tests under timed conditions as possible

### Selecting Law Schools

You should have a threefold plan: dream a little, be realistic and be safe.

## STEP 2: APPLICATION PROCESS

- Learn what each school you plan on applying to requires for its application
- Compile all required documents for each application before starting (most applications can be found on LSAC's website and submitted electronically)
- Proofread all documents before submitting them
- Attach addendums for anything in your application that needs explanation. The best policy is full disclosure.
- Most schools make their applications available in September or October



- You can submit an application even if you have not taken the LSAT yet, but will take it on or before the last acceptable LSAT administration for each school
- Once you have a reportable LSAT score, LSAC will transmit your CAS Report (undergraduate transcripts, LSAT score and letters of recommendation, if required) to the schools you have requested
- Be aware of each school's application deadline

## STEP 3: ADMISSIONS PROCESS

- Many schools operate on a rolling admissions basis, which means decisions are made continuously over several months (UF Law operates on a modified rolling admissions basis — refer to our digital viewbook for more details)
- Check what review process is used by each school (UF Law uses a holistic and comparative review process)
- Most schools make one of three decisions: Admit, Waitlist or Deny
- If waitlisted, check how each school handles its Waitlist