

# Office of Admissions 2023 Wait List FAQ

#### 1) What is the waitlist?

The "waitlist" is comprised of candidates who are competitive for admission and may be admitted if there is a vacancy in the entering class anytime between now and the beginning of Orientation. A waitlist offer is not a rejection.

# 2) How many people are on the waitlist?

The number of applicants invited to be on the waitlist varies from year to year. Candidates who agree to be placed on the waitlist may remove themselves at any time, so the size of the waitlist fluctuates.

# 3) Is the waitlist ranked?

The waitlist is unranked. Files are re-reviewed by our office if there is a vacancy in the entering class or if the waitlist gets too large and some applicants must be denied. This process continues until the beginning of Orientation.

# 4) How many people do you admit from the waitlist?

The number of students who are admitted from the waitlist varies from year to year. We monitor the number of seat deposits and withdrawals throughout the admissions cycle and make decisions accordingly.

# 5) What factors does the Office of Admissions consider when reviewing the waitlist?

The waitlist review process is comparative and holistic and values the same factors considered in making all admissions decisions.

# 6) How do I increase my chances of being admitted from the waitlist?

You should, of course, first submit your Waitlist Confirmation form as soon as possible and <u>by</u> the deadline assigned in your waitlist offer, so that we may add you to the active waitlist.

Candidates who were completing a bachelor's degree at the time of application are strongly encouraged to submit updated transcripts with final grades to LSAC. Candidates may also retake the LSAT or GRE. Our office will consider updates to transcripts and any new standardized test score. Additionally, candidates should email *significant* resume changes to our office as an attachment.

We seek to admit students who have a strong desire to be at UF Law. Therefore, letters of continued interest are helpful. Since you can withdraw your place on the waitlist at any time, including how long you are willing to stay on the waitlist is also helpful. These letters should be submitted as email attachments (admissions@law.ufl.edu), or via postal mail. Additional letters of recommendation, updated personal statements, etc., are not required.

#### 7) When will I be notified about an offer from the waitlist?

There is no set date for when we start to admit students off the waitlist. We typically begin making these offers after the April 15 seat deposit deadline when vacancies occur; however, shifts in the applicant pool can trigger earlier offers. Applicants could be admitted from the waitlist anytime from now until the beginning of Orientation in mid-August. We will periodically update you about waitlist activity.

# 8) If I am offered a seat in the entering class, how will I be notified?

The Office of Admissions will contact you via telephone and/or email regarding any activity on the waitlist that may affect you directly. <u>Therefore, please let us know of any changes to your telephone number or email address, check your voicemail and email regularly, and ensure that your computer's filters accept UF Law emails (both @law.ufl.edu and @ufl.edu).</u>

# 9) If I am admitted how long will I have to accept an offer?

The waitlist process moves quickly if space becomes available in the entering class. Candidates admitted from the waitlist generally have 24 - 48 hours to decide if they will accept the offer of admission. If an offer of admission from the waitlist should occur *prior* to our regular April 15 deposit deadline, the candidate will have the April 15 deadline. Acceptance of an offer requires a \$200 deposit and submission of the enrollment form that certifies you have withdrawn from all other law schools to which you have been admitted.

# 10) If I am admitted from the waitlist, will I be eligible for merit-based scholarships and financial aid?

Subject to the availability of funds, candidates admitted from the waitlist will be evaluated for merit-based scholarships. Candidates should complete the <u>FAFSA</u> if they wish to be considered for federal loans (UF's FAFSA code is 001535). We also encourage you to review the cost of attendance posted on our website (<a href="https://www.law.ufl.edu/admissions/costs-and-financial-aid">https://www.law.ufl.edu/admissions/costs-and-financial-aid</a>) so that you can plan for financing your legal education.

#### 11) Should I deposit at another school while I wait to hear from UF Law?

Candidates on the waitlist should move forward with plans to attend another institution. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee a seat in the class or a date by which you may receive a final decision. Therefore, you are encouraged to make alternate plans. If we offer you a seat in the class late in the admissions cycle, you may forfeit any deposit made at another institution.

#### 12) What if my plans change and I do not want to remain on your waitlist?

If your plans change and you would like to withdraw from the waitlist, please notify the Office of Admissions immediately via email (admissions@law.ufl.edu).

# 13) I applied through the Binding Decision option. How does a waitlist offer affect my Binding Decision agreement?

Our waitlist offer places you in the regular applicant pool and releases you from the obligations of the Binding Decision option.

If you have any additional questions regarding the Waitlist, please do not hesitate to contact us at <u>admissions@law.ufl.edu</u> or 352-273-0890.