Application Instructions

Instructions: George Mason University School of Law

STANDARD FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants for regular admission should submit their application as soon as possible after September 1, 2015. Applications are not evaluated until all required documents have been received. Please provide your name, LSAC account number, and question number on each additional sheet or electronic attachment. To be considered for admission to George Mason Law, applicants must provide the following six items on or before April 1, 2016:

1. Application

All applicants must apply electronically via LSAC and transmit a completed application form that will be sent to the law school electronically and on paper. Please do not send us a paper copy of your electronically submitted application. George Mason University School of Law has waived the application fee.

The standard first-year application deadline is April 1, 2016. For guaranteed consideration, all application materials (items 1 through 6) should be received by George Mason Law on or before April 1. Admissions decisions are made on a rolling basis.

2. LSAT/LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) Law School Report

Applicants must register with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service so that George Mason Law will receive a current law school report furnished by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Most colleges, universities, and law schools make LSAT/Credential Assembly Service information and registration booklets available for pickup. Applicants also may contact LSAC directly at 215.968.1001 or through LSAC.org.

The George Mason University School of Law Credential Assembly Service Recipient Code is 5827.

The law school report must reflect (a) all work done at any postsecondary institutions, at least one of which signifies that a baccalaureate degree has been or will be awarded before the start of the academic year for which admission is being sought and (b) the results of at least one LSAT taken within the period of June 2011 through February 2016.

The applicant has sole responsibility for meeting all of LSAC’s requirements. Failure to register properly, maintain registration throughout the admissions process, or provide transcripts and other related materials to LSAC can delay or prevent release of a report to a law school. George Mason Law is not responsible for incomplete or missing reports and will not contact applicants about incomplete or missing reports.

3. Personal Statement

The application requires submission of a personal statement not to exceed 500 words, double-spaced. The thoughts and words of the personal statement must be uniquely those of the applicant. With the exception of basic proofreading, no others may assist in the creation of the personal statement.

4. "Mason" Statement

The application requires submission of an additional statement not to exceed 250 words, double-spaced that discusses the applicant’s particular interest in Mason Law.

5. Résumé

The applicant must submit a résumé. There is no page limit.

6. Two Letters of Recommendation

Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. George Mason strongly prefers that applicants use the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service, following LSAC procedures. Any applicant who does not use the LSAC Letter of Recommendation Service must (a) have their recommendations sent directly to George Mason Law and (b) use George Mason Law’s recommendation form, which can be found at: www.law.gmu.edu/admission/onlineapp.html.
Recommendations submitted directly to George Mason Law must be in a sealed envelope and bear the author's signature across the sealed envelope flap.

7. Application for In-State Tuition Rates (if applicable)

Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates (required only for applicants who believe they qualify for in-state tuition rates)

Applicants who believe they qualify for in-state tuition rates must complete the Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates. To print, go to www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf. This form must be printed and mailed or emailed separately; it does not transmit electronically. See Section 23-7.4, Code of Virginia, and registrar.gmu.edu/domicile regarding eligibility.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

1. George Mason Law requires that international transcripts be submitted through the LSAC Credential Assembly Service. If an applicant has completed any postsecondary work outside the US (including its territories) or Canada, the applicant must use the Credential Assembly Service for the evaluation of international transcripts. This service is included in the Credential Assembly Service registration fee. An International Credential Evaluation will be completed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), which will be incorporated into your Credential Assembly Service report.

To use the Credential Assembly Service, log on to your online account and follow the instructions for registering for the service. Be sure to print out a Transcript Request Form for each institution and send it promptly to them. More time is usually required to receive international transcripts. Questions about the Credential Assembly Service can be directed to LSAC at 215.968.1001 or LSACinfo@LSAC.org.

Note to all applicants: The one exception to required use of the Credential Assembly Service is completion of international work through a study-abroad, consortium, or exchange program sponsored by a US or Canadian institution, where the work is clearly indicated as such on the home campus transcript.

2. If seeking F-1 immigration status, the international applicant must submit an International Student Certificate of Financial Responsibility (www.law.gmu.edu/admissions/financialresponsibility.pdf). Immigration documents I-20 required for international students studying full time in the US will not be issued until the student has completed the form and returned it along with a copy of the identification page of the passport and supporting documents to:

George Mason University School of Law
Office of Admissions
3301 Fairfax Drive, MSN 1G3
Arlington, VA 22201

It is strongly recommended that international applicants submit an application no later than March 1, 2016, in order to ensure the timely processing of immigration documentation.

IMPORTANT NOTES ON RACE/ETHNICITY

The U.S. Department of Education is requiring educational institutions to begin reporting data utilizing a two-part race and ethnicity question in response to increased diversity within the United States.

1. Ethnicity is based on the following categorization:

Hispanic or Latino: A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race. The term "Spanish origin" can be used in addition to "Hispanic or Latino."

2. Race is based on the following five categorizations:
American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. Terms such as “Haitian” or “Negro” can be used in addition to “Black” or “African American.”

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origin in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

This data will be used only for informational purposes and will not be used to discriminate against or penalize any applicant, or determine immigration status.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON CHARACTER AND FITNESS

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

DEADLINES

October 2015 Last LSAT accepted for Mason Law Scholars

December 2015 Last LSAT accepted for Early Decision

January 15, 2016 Early Decision (binding application) must be received—see Early Decision Agreement (supplemental form)

February 2016 Last LSAT accepted

March 1, 2016 Mason Law Scholars (binding application) must be received—see Mason Law Scholars Agreement (supplemental form)

March 1, 2016 Application from international students seeking F-1 visa status must be received

April 1, 2016 Standard First-Year Application must be received

Admission and Financial Aid Deadlines

1. Applications for regular admission must be postmarked or submitted electronically by April 1, 2016.

2. For 2016 admission, we will accept LSAT scores earned between June 2011 and February 2016, inclusive.

3. If you are seeking in-state residency classification, please complete, print, and mail a completed Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates to the address below. The form does not submit electronically. To print the Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates, go to http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf

4. If you intend to apply for financial aid, you must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year as soon as possible after January 1. To receive priority consideration for available, applicable funds, the FAFSA must be received by the federal processor on or before March 1. You are strongly advised to apply as soon as possible to allow ample time for loan processing. Loan consideration cannot begin until information for the FAFSA is made available to George Mason University School of Law.
Mason's Office of Student Financial Aid by the US Department of Education and all of your financial aid transcripts have been received by the Office of Student Financial Aid at George Mason University, South Chesapeake Module, MSN 3B5, Fairfax, VA 22030.

5. We encourage all applicants to visit our website, [www.law.gmu.edu](http://www.law.gmu.edu), for additional information.

Office of Admissions  
George Mason University School of Law  
3301 Fairfax Drive, MS 1G3  
Arlington, VA 22201  
E-mail: [lawadmit@gmu.edu](mailto:lawadmit@gmu.edu)

**Equal Opportunity Policy**

George Mason University is an equal opportunity institution committed to the principle that access to employment opportunities afforded by the university, including all benefits and privileges, be accorded to each student on the basis of merit, without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, sex, or age (except where sex or age is a bona fide occupational qualification).
Biographical

Prefix ________________________________  Date of birth ________________________________
First name ________________________________  Place of birth: City ________________________________
Middle name ________________________________  Place of birth: Country ________________________________
Last name ________________________________  Place of birth: State/Province ________________________________
Suffix ________________________________  Gender ________________________________
Previous (other) name ________________________________
Preferred first name ________________________________  LSAC account number ________________________________

Contact Information

Current Address
Country __________________________________________________________
Street address--line 1 ________________________________________________
Street address--line 2 ________________________________________________
Street address--line 3 ________________________________________________
City __________________________________________________________
State/province ______________________________________________________
Zip/postal code _____________________________________________________

Current mailing address good until date __________
Day phone ________________________________
Evening phone ________________________________

Permanent Address
Country __________________________________________________________
Street address--line 1 ________________________________________________
Street address--line 2 ________________________________________________
Street address--line 3 ________________________________________________
City __________________________________________________________
State/province ______________________________________________________
Zip/postal code _____________________________________________________

Permanent mailing address good until date __________
Day phone ________________________________
Evening phone ________________________________
Contact Information continued

Other Contact Information

Primary e-mail address ________________________________
Secondary e-mail address ________________________________
Mobile phone ________________________________

George Mason University School of Law can send text messages to my mobile phone
  ____ Yes
  ____ No

Domicile

Do you consider yourself to be domiciled in Virginia? If you answer yes to this question, and you have a Virginia driver's license, please submit the completed Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates. (To obtain the in-state tuition form, go to [www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf](http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf).)

  ____ Yes
  ____ No

Are you either (1) an active duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces or the dependent of a military parent, spouse, or legal guardian with military orders to Virginia who also resides in Virginia, or (2) a veteran of the U.S. armed forces who resides in Virginia? If you answer yes to either question, please submit the completed Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rates. (To obtain the in-state tuition form, go to [www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf](http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/instate_form.pdf).)

  ____ Yes
  ____ No

Demographics

Citizenship

Citizenship
  ____ Non-Resident Alien
  ____ US Citizen
  ____ US Permanent Resident

Country of citizenship ________________________________

Visa type ________________________________

Visa/SEVIS number ________________________________

Permanent resident number ________________________________

Permanent city ________________________________

Permanent state/province ________________________________
Demographics continued

Permanent country __________________________

Native language __________________________

Ethnicity

Are you Hispanic or Latino

____ Yes

____ No

What is your race? Select one or more races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian

____ Aboriginal/Torres Strait Isl. Australian

American Indian or Alaska Native

____ American Indian/Alaskan Native

Asian

____ Asian

Black or African American

____ Black/African American

Canadian Aboriginal

____ Canadian Aboriginal

Caucasian/White

____ Caucasian/White

Hispanic/Latino

____ Hispanic/Latino

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

____ Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

Puerto Rican

____ Puerto Rican

Consent

____ Decline to respond

Tribal Affiliation

Tribal affiliation or village name _______________________

Enrollment number (enrolled members only) _______
Program Choice

Application Status: I am applying as (select one)
a first-year DAY (full-time) student
a first-year EVENING (part-time) student
a first-year student to (Either) program

____ Either
____ full-time
____ part-time

Are you applying under the Early Decision Program?
The Early Decision Program is binding. Early Decision Program applicants must submit an Early Decision Agreement, which can be found here: [http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/early_decision_form.pdf](http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/early_decision_form.pdf).

The deadline for the Early Decision Program is January 15, 2016. The last LSAT accepted is December 2015.

Students may apply under both the Early Decision Program and the Mason Law Scholars Program.

____ Yes
____ No

Are you applying under the Mason Law Scholars Program?
The Mason Law Scholars Program is a binding early decision program. Unlike the regular Early Decision Program, students admitted through the Mason Law Scholars Program will receive a full tuition scholarship. The deadline for the Mason Law Scholars Program is March 1, 2015. The last LSAT accepted is February 2016.

Mason Law Scholars Program applicants must also (1) attach an essay of not more than 250 words describing their interest in the Mason Law Scholars Program and (2) submit a Mason Law Scholars Program Agreement, which can be found here: [http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/Mason_Law_Scholars_form.pdf](http://www.law.gmu.edu/assets/files/admissions/Mason_Law_Scholars_form.pdf).

Students may apply to both the Mason Law Scholars Program and the Early Decision Program.

____ Yes
____ No

Are you applying to one of our joint degree programs?
If so, please indicate the joint degree you will be seeking.

Mason Law offers two joint degrees: a JD/Masters of Business Administration (JD/MBA) and a JD/Masters of Public Policy (JD/MPP).

____ JD/MBA
____ JD/MPP

Are you applying as part of the George Mason University 3+3 program?

____ Yes
____ No
Program Choice continued

Please list other law schools to which you plan to apply.

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Standardized Testing

LSAT

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Education

List ALL educational institutions attended.

Institution type  _____ High School  _____ Undergraduate  _____ Graduate  _____ Law  _____ Other Post Graduate

Institution name _______________________________________________________

Major __________________________________________________________________

Country ___________________________ Start date ___________________________

State/Province ___________________ End date _____________________________

City _____________________________ Degree ______________________________

GPA _____________________________ Date degree granted __________________

Rank ______________________________
Education continued

Institution type ____ High School ____ Undergraduate ____ Graduate ____ Law ____ Other Post Graduate

Institution name __________________________________________

Major _____________________________________________________

Country ________________________________ Start date ________________________________

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Major _____________________________________________________

Country ________________________________ Start date ________________________________

State/Province ___________________________ End date ________________________________

City __________________________ Degree __________________________

GPA __________________________ Date degree granted ________________________________

Rank __________________________

Have you ever attended any law school?

____ Yes

____ No
Education continued

Did you leave the law school under less than good standing?
____ Yes
____ No

List the academic honors, awards, or other recognitions you have received and explain the reason(s) upon which awards were made.


Character and Fitness

Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty or no contest to a felony, misdemeanor charge, and/or traffic violation?
____ Yes
____ No

Are there currently any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you?
____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been dismissed from; placed on academic warning, academic probation, or conduct probation at; or subjected to any academic or conduct disciplinary action in any of the colleges, universities, or graduate or professional schools you have attended? (Please review copies of your transcripts to confirm the accuracy of your response to this question.)
____ Yes
____ No

Have you ever been known by any other name or names?
____ Yes
____ No

If you answer yes to any of the Character and Fitness questions, you must fully explain here or on an additional sheet or electronic attachment to the application. Failure to provide responses and/or required explanations to the Character and Fitness questions will result in delay in the completion and review of your application for admission.
Interests

INTERESTS

If you have a strong interest in one or more areas of law, please indicate below.

____ General Law
____ Antitrust Law
____ Communications Law
____ Constitutional Law
____ Corporate/Securities Law
____ Criminal Law
____ Homeland/National Sec Law
____ Immigration Law
____ Intellectual Property Law
____ International Business Law
____ Law and Econ Theory
____ Litigation Law
____ Personal Law
____ Regulatory Law
____ Tax Law
____ Technology Law
____ Other

Student Organizations

If you have a strong interest in one or more of our student organizations, please indicate below. (See http://www.law.gmu.edu/students/orgs.php):

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Family

Next of Kin/Emergency Contact

Salutation ____________________________ Country ____________________________
First (given) name ____________________________ Street address--line 1 ____________________________
Middle name/initial ____________________________ Street address--line 2 ____________________________
Last (family) name ____________________________ Street address--line 3 ____________________________
Relationship to applicant ____________________________ City ____________________________
Telephone (include area code) ____________________________ State/province ____________________________
Zip/postal code ____________________________
**Family continued**

If you have any close relatives who have been students at this university, please provide the following information.

Relative 1

- Law school
- University
- First (given) name
- Middle name/initial
- Last (family) name
- Relationship to applicant
- School attended
- Start date (month/year)
- End date (month/year)
- Degree awarded

Relative 2

- Law school
- University
- First (given) name
- Middle name/initial
- Last (family) name
- Relationship to applicant
- School attended
- Start date (month/year)
- End date (month/year)
- Degree awarded

**Parent/Guardian - 1**

- Country
- Street address--line 1
- Street address--line 2
- Street address--line 3
- City
- State/province
- Zip/postal code

**Parent/Guardian - 2**

- Country
- Street address--line 1
- Street address--line 2
- Street address--line 3
- City
- State/province
- Zip/postal code
Certification

By submitting this application to George Mason Law and checking the box below, I certify the information submitted in the application and in any supporting document is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any material misstatement on the application form or in any supporting document, or any form of dishonesty, including fraudulent practices relating to the LSAT, GMAT, GRE, or TOEFL, will result in my disqualification for admission, and if discovered after admission, may be grounds for withdrawal or dismissal (during the period between matriculation and graduation).

I further acknowledge that the thoughts and words contained in my 500-word statement are uniquely my own and that no other(s) assisted in the creation of my statement beyond basic proofreading or a general critique of my work.

I understand that this application and other documents supplied in connection here with become the property of George Mason University School of Law and will not be returned.

I understand that I have a continuing duty to inform the Admissions Office (during the period between the date of application submission and either my withdrawal of my candidacy, a final and adverse decision on my application, or matriculation) or the Assistant Dean for Academic Administration (during the period between matriculation and graduation) of any fact, event, or circumstance that would make any information provided no longer accurate or complete.

I acknowledge the above statement