



The University of South Dakota

SCHOOL OF LAW

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Type or print clearly.

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Current mailing address: _____
Street, City, State, Zip Phone

Permanent Address (if different from above): _____
Street, City, State, Zip Phone

Social Security Number: _____ LSAC Account No: L _____ E-mail: _____

Birth Date: _____ Birth Place: _____ Gender: Male Female

State of Legal Residence: _____ How Long? _____ Are you a U.S. citizen? _____ If not, country of citizenship _____

Are you a member of an American Indian tribe? _____ If yes, indicate tribe _____

Applying for: Fall Spring Semester 2010 (First-year students can apply for fall semester only.)

Entering status: First-Year Transfer Visiting Student Flex-Time Program

If you have previously applied to this law school, list date(s): _____

Name	Living?	Address	City	State	Zip	Length of Residence There	Phone
Father _____							
Mother _____							

Did either of your parents graduate from a South Dakota state-supported institution of higher learning? _____

If yes, institution conferring degree _____

List in chronological order all colleges attended, regardless of length of attendance.

Name and location of college	Attended From (mo/yr) Until (mo/yr)	Degree (BA, BS, etc)	Date Awarded or Expected	Major
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				

You must indicate "YES" or "NO" to the following seven questions. Indicate "NO" if not applicable. If "YES," attach a letter of full explanation.

1. Have you ever been summoned, arrested, taken into custody, indicted, convicted OR tried for, OR charged with, OR pleaded guilty to, the violation of any law or ordinance or the commission of any felony or misdemeanor, including moving traffic violations? (Include all such incidents no matter how minor the infraction or whether guilty or not. Although a conviction may have been expunged from the records by order of court, or although the court may have suspended the imposition of sentence, you must answer the question even though you may have been told otherwise. Matters handled by juvenile proceedings must be included if applicable.) _____
2. Has any educational institution, professional licensing organization, governmental or administrative agency (including any branch of the Armed Forces) or employer ever taken disciplinary action (including, but not limited to, suspension, reprimand, revocation, less than honorable discharge, academic probation or suspension) against you? _____
3. Have you ever applied for or held any license that has required proof of good character (i.e., lawyer, certified public accountant, insurance agent, real estate broker, etc.)? _____ If yes, give an explanation of the circumstances including the disposition of the application, and if granted, the present status of the license.
4. Have you ever been a party to any civil lawsuit and/or violated any order of a court, including child support orders? _____
5. Are there any outstanding civil judgments against you? _____
6. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy or been adjudged bankrupt? _____ If yes, as a part of that proceeding did you seek the discharge of student loans? _____
7. Are there any facts not disclosed by your previous answers that may bear on your moral character and fitness for the study of law? _____

Self-Description (**Optional**): Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

Mark one or more: American Indian/Alaska Native Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
 Asian White
 Black/African American

List any employment, including your present position, which you have had since obtaining your baccalaureate degree.

Employer	Location	Nature of position	Dates MM/YY - MM/YY

Have you ever attended any law school? _____ If so,

Give names and dates attended _____

State reason why you did not return there _____

Are you presently eligible to return there? _____

If so, a statement must be sent from the dean of the law school you attended stating that you are eligible to return there.

Have you applied for admission or do you plan to apply for admission to any other law school? _____

If so, list the names of such schools: _____

Do you anticipate being employed while attending law school? _____ If so, how many hours a week? _____

In what capacity? _____

Two Letters of Recommendation:

Letters of recommendation must be submitted by instructors, employers, or supervisors. Applicants who have received their undergraduate or graduate degree within the preceding three years must include an academic letter of reference. List the names of two individuals from whom you are requesting letters of recommendation.

1. _____
2. _____

Law School Admission Test (LSAT):

List date(s) you have taken and/or plan to take the LSAT _____

Note: LSAT score should be no more than three years old when the application is considered.

In order to complete files by the preferred deadline of March 1, applicants are advised to take the LSAT no later than December of the preceding year.

Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS):

All applicants for first-year are required to register with LSDAS.

Where can you be reached between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday?

_____ Phone _____

I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge the information furnished herein is true and complete without evasion or misrepresentation. I understand that if it is found to be otherwise, it is sufficient cause for rejection of this application or, in the event that I have matriculated, dismissal from the School of Law.

I hereby authorize the release of the information furnished herein to the bar examiners of any state where I register either as a law student or as an applicant for examination.

_____ Applicant's Signature

_____ Date

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Before an application for admission can be considered, the Dean's Office must receive this application form and the non-refundable \$35.00 application fee made payable to The University of South Dakota. Please do not forget to enclose your personal statement. All application files should be COMPLETED by March 1st. However, we evaluate applications on a continuing basis; that is, we will consider applications and commit class space as we identify qualified applicants. Early applications will ordinarily have a better chance of acceptance and consideration for scholarship awards. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure completion of the application. If you have any questions, call the Office of the Dean: 605-677-5443.

First-year students do not need to apply for academic scholarships. Scholarships for first-year students are awarded on the basis of academic promise. The information necessary for determining eligibility is contained in the completed application. **Preference for scholarships will be given to individuals who complete their applications by January 1.**

Financial aid is not administered through the Law School. All loan applications are processed through the University Financial Aid Office. The current needs analysis being used is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The form is online at fafsa.ed.gov. If you are unable to apply online, call the Financial Aid Office at 1-877-COYOTES to receive a form.

All correspondence should be directed to: **Admissions/Office of the Dean
School of Law
The University of South Dakota
414 East Clark Street
Vermillion, SD 57069-2390**

Application Checklist:

- () Completed application
- () Personal statement enclosed
- () Requested 2 letters of recommendation
- () Requested all transcripts be sent to LSDAS
- () Application fee enclosed

Please retain a copy of this application for your records.

If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389; Fax: 605-677-3172; E-mail: dservice@usd.edu.

University of South Dakota School of Law Application Instructions

Admission applications are considered only upon receipt of all of the following materials:

1. The completed application form.

When completing the questions at the top of p. 2, please read each question carefully.

For the first question, note that moving violations must be included, however, when reporting speeding tickets, only the total number received is required. Full explanations for speeding violations are not required for this application.

Note: There are seven (7) questions including one two-part question.

2. An LSDAS Law School Report.

3. Two letters of recommendation.

Applicants who have received their undergraduate or graduate degree within the preceding three years must include an academic letter of reference as one of the two letters. Otherwise, letters should be from instructors, employers, or supervisors. In evaluating the applicant's aptitude, character, and promise, the Admission Committee will discount and perfunctory letters from persons only casually acquainted with the applicant. Letters may be submitted directly OR through the LSAC letter of recommendation service. Please do not have them sent to both places.

4. A personal statement.

The statement must be typewritten, single-spaced, and not more than 350 words in length. The statement should detail evidence of qualities beyond academic abilities, such as leadership ability, service to others, maturity, organizational skills, familiarity with other languages and cultures, a history of overcoming disadvantage, extraordinary accomplishment, or success in a previous career. The statement should also explain what contributions you may bring to the University of South Dakota School of Law and the legal profession.

5. Application fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35).

The South Dakota Board of Regents charges the fee for all applications to any programs offered through a South Dakota state-supported college or university. The Law School cannot waive this fee, but does not charge any additional fees. Checks should be payable to USD, not the law school.