

Drake Law School

Law Opportunity Scholarship - Disadvantage

Law Opportunity Scholarships may be awarded to those students whose enrollment will significantly contribute to the diversity of the Drake Law School student body, or to those who have overcome economic, educational or other significant disadvantage(s). Applicants must demonstrate financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA form must be completed between January 1 and March 1 of the year you will be enrolling in law school. The FAFSA may be submitted electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Opportunity Scholarships range from one-quarter tuition to full-tuition awards. Opportunity Scholarships are renewable provided the student is in good academic standing and continues to demonstrate financial need.

Definition of "Disadvantage": According to federal guidelines, a disadvantaged student is "one who, despite facing significant obstacles, has prepared himself or herself for a college education." The types of disadvantage which qualify a student for the Opportunity Scholarship are economic, educational and social. The following are a few examples of circumstances which may qualify as evidence of disadvantage:

- Coming from a low-income, single-parent or rurally-isolated family environment.
- Coming from a family which was partially or wholly dependent upon public assistance.
- Coming from a family in which few or no members have attended college.
- Attending a school district which was subject to a desegregation order or which had a high dropout rate.
- Attending a primary or secondary school whose student body was comprised of 50 percent or greater minority students.
- Being raised in a family environment in which English was a second language.

Scholarship Award Procedure: In order to be considered for an Opportunity Scholarship, the candidate must have been admitted to the Law School, submitted a completed scholarship application and arranged for his or her needs analysis to be sent to Drake. The applicant must indicate whether the award is sought based on diversity, disadvantage or both factors.

Applicants whose candidacy is based on contribution to diversity must complete the Law Opportunity – Diversity scholarship application. Applicants whose scholarship candidacy is based on overcoming disadvantage must complete the Law Opportunity – Disadvantage scholarship application. Applicants whose scholarship candidacy is based on diversity and disadvantage must complete both.

In determining the award recipients, the Scholarship Committee considers the following factors:

1. The applicant's showing of diversity or disadvantage, or both.
2. The applicant's academic record.
3. The applicant's personal achievements and leadership.
4. The applicant's financial need.

In its allocation of limited funds, the Committee will give priority to those applicants who demonstrate that they will contribute to diversity and that they have overcome disadvantage.

1. GENERAL BACKGROUND *(All applicants must complete this section.)*

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Are you a United States citizen? Yes No

My scholarship application is based on:

Having overcome disadvantage(s) Contribution to diversity Both

My explanation of how I experienced or overcame disadvantage is:

- Enclosed with this application (Please attach explanation of no more than two typewritten pages, signed and dated.)
- Included with my application for admission

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

Spouse (or spouse-to-be): _____

Date of Marriage: _____ Spouse's Occupation: _____

Spouse's Employer: _____

Names of children/dependents	Age	Relation to Applicant	Amount of Annual Support You Provide Child	Anticipated Changes (explain)

2. FINANCIAL CONDITION OF APPLICANT & SPOUSE

In addition to the information on this application, all applicants must have a financial aid need analysis form, such as the FAFSA, sent to Drake University.

	Current Calendar Year		Next Year (estimated)	
	Applicant	Spouse	Applicant	Spouse
Income (before taxes) <i>(include all work study, summer jobs, tutorial, fellowships)</i>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Federal/state income tax paid	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Real estate owned (dollar value)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Stocks & bonds owned	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Indebtedness* (school loans, charges, etc.)	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Cars owned (list make and year)	_____			

**Please list on separate sheet.*

3. RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO APPLICANT FOR LAW SCHOOL EXPENSES

Please estimate the resources you will have available during your three years of law school.

	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
From personal savings	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
From earnings	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Scholarships, grants-in-aid*	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

* List and explain on a separate sheet.

4. DISADVANTAGE INFORMATION

If your scholarship application is based on having overcome disadvantage(s), this statement is required, regardless of age or independence (self-support).

Was the school district you attended ever under a school desegregation decree? Yes No

Father or Male Guardian

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Is Father/Guardian: Deceased Divorced Separated Date: _____

Employer: _____ Job Title/Profession: _____ Years with firm: _____

Highest Educational Level Attained: _____
(If college or graduate school, list school and degrees obtained.)

Mother or Female Guardian

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Is Mother/Guardian: Deceased Divorced Separated Date: _____

Employer: _____ Job Title/Profession: _____ Years with firm: _____

Highest Educational Level Attained: _____
(If college or graduate school, list school and degrees obtained.)

Brothers/Sisters

Name	Age	Name of present school, college or occupation	Current grade or highest educational level achieved

Information as to parental income, assets, and liabilities can also be helpful in assessing an applicant's showing of disadvantage. We recognize that this information may, for a variety of reasons, be difficult to obtain, and thus it is not required. However, an applicant is encouraged to provide such information if he or she can do so and believes it provides additional supporting evidence.

5. CERTIFICATION

All the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by Drake, I agree to give proof of the information I have provided on this form. I understand that this may include a copy of my federal or state income tax returns.

Date: _____ Applicant's signature: _____

If you have questions while filling out this form, call the Office of Admission and Financial Aid at 1-800-44-DRAKE, ext. 2782. Locally and outside the United States, dial 515-271-2782.

Mail your completed application and any relevant supporting information to:

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Office of Admission and Financial Aid
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Des Moines, IA 50311-4505

