

Application Deadline: January 13, 2017

2017 Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program

A lack of resources to attend costly LSAT preparation classes and to fund expensive admissions applications is a significant factor in hindering the entry of diverse, high-performing college students into law school. The Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program is designed to help address this threshold issue by meeting the specific needs of diverse students seeking to attend law school. Sidley Prelaw Scholars, chosen from college juniors and seniors who demonstrate academic promise and financial need, will receive up to \$2,500 to cover tuition in a commercial LSAT preparation course, as well as application fees for as many as seven accredited law schools.

Other critical components of the program include:

- Sidley Scholars Summer Seminar, a multiple-day introduction to the structure of the American legal system and substantive instruction on the traditional first-year law school courses and how to succeed in law school, as well as an opportunity to meet Sidley lawyers and other leaders in the legal community.

Scholars further may be eligible to receive an additional \$2,500 scholarship award, in two installments. Scholars will receive \$1,250 when they have (1) successfully completed an approved LSAT preparatory course, (2) taken the LSAT, and (3) applied to at least five accredited law schools. Finally, each Scholar will receive a final \$1,250 scholarship distribution once the Scholar has informed Sidley that he or she has been accepted to, and is committed to start law school at, an accredited law school and has attended the Sidley Scholars Summer Seminar in the summer immediately preceding the Scholar's matriculation at that law school.

Application Instructions:

1. Download the application, instructions and recommendation form.
2. Complete the entire application. Please only submit typed application forms.
3. Attach the following FOUR documents:
 - Copy of most recent FAFSA Student Aid Report;
 - Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended (unofficial transcript may be submitted initially; however, official transcript must be provided in order to receive award);
 - Résumé (one page maximum);
 - Signed and completed recommendation form from one academic reference in a sealed envelope. Recommendations may be submitted electronically to: sidleyscholars@sidley.com. If submitting electronically the form must be emailed directly from the recommender (and not the applicant).

*****Applications that are not completed in their entirety will not be considered.*****

Forward all compiled materials in hard copy to:
Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program
c/o: Merisa Lima
One S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, IL 60603

OR
Email the application and supporting documents
to: sidleyscholars@sidley.com
Recommendations must be signed and in a sealed
envelope. Recommendations may be submitted
electronically. If submitting electronically the
form must be emailed directly from the
recommender (and not the applicant).

Family Information

What is the highest level of education attained by each of your parents/guardian? Please check only one box for each parent.

Father:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral (e.g., Ph.D., J.D., M.D.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (more than 2 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> High School (Grad/GED) | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (Grade level: ____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (less than 2 years) | | |

Name of College(s) (If applicable) _____

Mother:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral (e.g., Ph.D., J.D., M.D.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree | <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (more than 2 years) | <input type="checkbox"/> High School (Grad/GED) | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary (Grade level: ____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Some College (less than 2 years) | | |

Name of College(s) (If applicable) _____

What is/was your parents' primary occupation during their working years?

Father: _____

Mother: _____

What was the approximate total income of all the persons living in your parents' household during 2016? If your parents are separated/divorced, provide information for your primary residence prior to college, including any support provided by the absent parent. If your parent(s) is/are deceased, or if you have not lived with a parent for the last ten years, please provide information for the household in which you resided in 2016.

List the persons (including yourself) who were supported in 2016 by the household income provided above.

Please describe any socio-economic, educational, familial, cultural, or physical hardships or challenges you have overcome (attach additional page if necessary):

How many siblings do you have? (Please include the age of each sibling.)

Are you receiving educational financial aid for the 2016-2017 academic year? _____

*****If so, please attach a copy of your financial aid award letter or other equivalent documentation.*****

Academic Information

*****Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript or equivalent documentation.*****

(Unofficial transcripts are accepted. However, once an applicant has been chosen, he/she must submit an official transcript.)

Undergraduate major(s): _____

Undergraduate minor(s) or area(s) of concentration: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

List chronologically (most to least recent) all high schools, colleges, universities and other educational institutions attended. Please include the institution you are currently attending.

Name of high school, college or university	Entered Month/Year	Withdrew Month/Year	Units	Cumulative G.P.A.	Date or expected date of degree

Have you ever been disciplined for misconduct, suspended, expelled or required to withdraw from any college or university? _____

(If "yes", please attach a description of the circumstance(s). One page maximum.)

Your score(s) on the SAT: Writing: _____ Mathematics: _____

Reading: _____

Your score(s) on the ACT: _____

Have you taken the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)? _____

If so, please specify when you took the LSAT and the score(s) you received: _____

If you are currently planning to take the LSAT, please indicate your intended test date: _____

Are you currently enrolled in, or have you taken, an LSAT preparatory course? _____

If so, please specify the course date and name of the course provider: _____

Briefly list any academic prizes, distinctions or honors you have received.

If known, what area(s) of law are you interested in studying or practicing? (Optional; an answer to this question is not required for admission to the program but can help us to get to know you better):

Public/Community Service, Volunteer and/or Extracurricular Activities

Please describe significant public/community service, volunteer and/or extracurricular activities in which you have been involved and any related leadership positions you have held:

Racial/Ethnic Survey (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> White (not of Hispanic origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Asian (please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> African-American or Black
(not of Hispanic origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native
(please specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese/Chinese-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese/Japanese-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Chicano/Mexican-American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean/Korean-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Latin American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Filipino/Filipino-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican |
| <input type="checkbox"/> East Indian/Pakistani | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese/Vietnamese-American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ |

Are you openly Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, or Transgender? Yes No

Personal Statement

Please provide a separate essay not to exceed two (2) double-spaced, typed pages. Describe any other matters relevant to your background, attributes, experiences, interests or perspectives that would enable you to make a distinctive contribution to the Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program, law school and/or the legal profession. Examples include any or all of the following: significant hardships or challenges overcome; unusual life experiences; evidence of and potential for leadership; and demonstrated commitment to serving underserved communities.

I hereby apply for admission to the Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program and understand that any material submitted will not be returned. I certify that all information provided in my application is true and correct. I agree to provide, if requested, any official documentation necessary to verify the information provided. I agree to immediately notify Sidley Austin LLP of any changes in the above information. I understand that any false statement or misrepresentation on this form may result in cancellation of acceptance to the Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program, or if discovered after admission, may be grounds for dismissal from the program.

I authorize Sidley Austin LLP to contact the colleges, universities, employers, and recommenders indicated in my application and accompanying material to verify the accuracy of anything contained in the application and accompanying material. I understand that missing information may jeopardize the timely processing of my application. The Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program maintains the information I provide on my application. I have the right, according to the law, to have access to this information.

If accepted to the Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program, I will participate fully in the program and abide by all requirements of the program, including attending all portions of the Sidley Scholars Summer Seminar in the summer of 2018, and matriculating to law school in the fall of 2018. If I fail to satisfy all these requirements, I understand that I may be dismissed from the program and forfeit any future benefits under the program.

If accepted to the Sidley Prelaw Scholars Program, I grant permission to Sidley Austin LLP to: (i) access and review my transcripts, Degree Progress Report and other academic documentation for selection and statistical reporting purposes; and (ii) use my name, photograph and image in various promotional materials (newsletters, website, brochures, etc.).

Sidley respects your privacy. Please visit www.sidley.com/privacy to view our privacy statement.

Applicant's Signature (type full name if entering electronically)

Date

Printed Name

The following materials constitute a completed application packet:

- Application (typed), including your Personal Statement
- FAFSA (if applicable)
- Official Transcript(s)
- Résumé (1 page maximum)
- Letter of Recommendation

Please retain copies of all materials submitted.