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Diversity Legal Scholars Program - 2024

The Texas Appleseed Kaplan Diversity Legal Scholars (DLS) Program is open to low-income people of color who are residents of Texas and are applying to be admitted into law school before or during the Fall 2025 semester.* Scholarship recipients will receive registration to Kaplan's LSAT® Prep — Live Online course. Please visit <https://www.kaptest.com/lsat/courses/lsat-prep-live-online> to view course details. As deemed necessary, Texas Appleseed and Kaplan, individually or jointly, reserve the right to alter the program at their discretion.

REQUIREMENTS: Please read carefully.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DEADLINE or EMAILED BY 11:59 PM CENTRAL ON THE DEADLINE DATE.

<u>Application Round</u>	<u>DEADLINE for Applications</u>	<u>LSAT Test Date^{1,2}</u>
Round 1	February 23, 2024	May through August 2024
Round 2	May 16, 2024	September through December 2024
Round 3	September 13, 2024	January through April 2025

¹/Or alternate dates for Sabbath observers.

²/Please note that all dates are approximate because the LSAC website has not listed all precise test dates, as of February 13, 2024.

Scholarship recipients must:

- a) Be a Texas resident of color and apply to take the LSAT on the designated date that corresponds to their **Application Round**. Example: Round 1 scholarship recipients must take the LSAT between May 2024 and August 2024.

To apply, applicants must submit all of the following: Please include your full name on each item submitted.

- 1) Completed two-page application, including applicant signature.
- 2) Résumé, including work experience and community service.
- 3) Copy of college transcript (and any graduate school transcript(s)) from school currently enrolled or received a degree from (official preferred, unofficial accepted).
- 4) Financial need documentation (proof of financial aid received at college or most recent tax return).
- 5) A statement of economic or personal social disadvantage (max 500 words).
- 6) One letter of recommendation, preferably one from a professor or employer/supervisor.
- 7) An essay that addresses a current societal issue that interests you and how the legal community could address the issue (350-750 words).

A panel of Texas Appleseed board members and staff will review applications. The decisions of the panel will be final. Applications will be evaluated on criteria such as the following: academic achievements, academic or professional recommendation, economic need, work experience, community service, and strength of essay. Students will be selected for the DLS Program within approximately four weeks after the deadline date.

Texas Appleseed and Kaplan reserve the right to use the names of scholarship recipients in any advertising or promotional materials relating to this program without further notification, permission, or compensation to the recipients.

*Employees of The Washington Post companies, affiliates, and subsidiaries are ineligible.

2024 Texas Appleseed Kaplan Diversity Legal Scholars Program Application

Please type or print

I. Personal Information

Name: _____ Date of Birth _____
First Name Last Name Middle I.

Pronoun: ___ He/Him ___ She/Her ___ They/Them Racial/Ethnic Background _____

How did you hear about this program? _____

II. Contact Information

Permanent Address: _____
Street Address Apt. # City State Zip

Where do you prefer to receive your mail? (circle one) Permanent Address OR Current Address

Current Address: _____
Street Address Apt. # City State Zip

As of what date will you be at this address? _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email for future communication: _____

III. Education

Are you currently enrolled in college? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, what year of school are you in? _____

Name of College Currently Attending or Last Attended: _____

Undergraduate GPA: (circle one) current OR final total: _____

Other College(s) Attended (*Please provide information on all colleges/universities you have attended. If necessary, you can include a separate page with this information.):

College*	City/State	GPA	Dates Attended

Graduate Institution(s)*, if any _____

Graduate degree(s) _____ Graduate GPA _____

IV. **Essay Question.** Describe a contemporary societal issue that interests you and explain if and how the legal community could address that challenge. (350-750 words). Please attach separately and include your full name.

V. Please mark the **Application Round** for which you are applying:

Mark Here	Scholarship Application Round	Deadline for Applications
	Round 1 applicants must apply to take the LSAT between May and August 2024	February 23, 2024
	Round 2 applicants must apply to take the LSAT between September and December 2024	May 16, 2024
	Round 3 applicants must apply to take the LSAT between January and April 2025	September 13, 2024

(The program may be extended to include preparation for other test dates on a case-by-case basis.)

Please read the following and sign below:

I understand that if I am selected for the Texas Appleseed Kaplan Diversity Legal Scholars Program:

- I must take the LSAT Test within the designated timeline for the **Application Round** for which I have applied.
- I must apply to at least one Texas law school for, at the latest, Fall 2025 admission.
- I must attend all my scheduled Kaplan LSAT Prep classes and take all diagnostic (practice) LSAT exams.
- If I am selected, I must keep Texas Appleseed informed of my LSAT score and whether I am admitted to and attend law school. Failure to do so could result in the forfeiture of all or some of the scholarship.
- I authorize the release of practice scores to Texas Appleseed.
- I must join the Diversity Legal Scholars Facebook group page if I am on Facebook at the time I apply for this scholarship.
- I will not sign up for any Kaplan LSAT Prep classes, in anticipation of acceptance of the scholarship, prior to notification of my Texas Appleseed Kaplan Diversity Legal Scholars Program scholarship status.

I acknowledge that by signing below, I represent that all statements and information provided by me in connection with my application to the Texas Appleseed Kaplan Diversity Legal Scholars Program are accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. Further, I acknowledge that if I receive a scholarship, it is non-transferable, and Texas Appleseed and Kaplan reserve the right to use my name and information from my application in any advertising or promotional materials relating to the Diversity Legal Scholars Program without further notification, permission, or compensation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS IN ONE ENVELOPE or ONE PDF DOCUMENT TO:

Texas Appleseed, Diversity Legal Scholars Program
1609 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 201, Austin, TX 78701
dls@texasappleseed.org

Please do not fax applications.

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Texas Appleseed and Kaplan are not responsible for lost, misdirected, mutilated, postage due, and ineligible applications; and they will not be considered. All materials submitted will become the exclusive property of Texas Appleseed and Kaplan and will not be returned.