



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

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I. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Last Name *First Name* *Middle Name* *LSAC Account #:* *Social Security Number*

Present Address: *Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Permanent Address: *Street* *City* *State* *Zip*

Telephone: *Cell* *Home* *Work*

Present Address Good Until MM/DD/YY *Primary E-mail* *Secondary E-mail*

Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY

Ethnicity / Race :

1. Are you Hispanic / Latino? Yes No
2. Select all that apply, or select "No Answer"
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian
 - American Indian / Alaskan Native
 - Asian
 - Black / African American
 - Canadian Aboriginal
 - Caucasian / White
 - Chicano / Mexican
 - Other Hispanic
 - Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander
 - Puerto Rican
 - No Answer

Citizenship: (Select only one)

- United States
- Permanent U.S. Resident (Citizen of _____)
- Non-U.S. Country _____

If non-U.S., indicate visa you will apply for:

- Student (F-1)
- Exchange (J-1)
- Other (specify _____)

List any languages (**other than** English) in which you are **fluent**.

Male Female

Have you previously applied for admission to Valparaiso University School of Law? Yes No

If yes, year(s) _____

III. CHARACTER AND FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW

Because of the high ethical standards to which lawyers are held, the failure to disclose an act or event such as ones described below is often more significant, and leads to more serious consequences, than the act or event itself. Failure to provide truthful answers, or failure to inform the School of Law of any changes to your answers, may result in revocation of admission from, dismissal from, or disciplinary action by, the School of Law, or denial of permission to practice law by the state in which you seek admission.

You are advised to check your transcripts, or consult with registrars, deans, or other school officials before answering question A. Errors, omissions, incorrect or incomplete responses may result in referral of the matter to the LSAC Subcommittee on Misconduct and Irregularities in the Admission Process or to legal counsel.

Please be advised that a condition for admission to the Bar is proof of good moral character. You are advised to check with the Board of Law Examiners or Supreme Court in the state(s) in which you intend to practice law to determine whether any incident you may have had will preclude your admission to the Bar.

A: Have you ever been dropped, suspended, warned, expelled, placed on academic or disciplinary probation, disciplined, or requested or advised to resign from any post-secondary school, college, university, professional school, or law school?

Yes No If yes, please explain **fully** on a separate sheet or electronic attachment.

B: Have you ever been or are you currently a plaintiff, defendant, or other party in any civil or criminal proceeding; any administrative or alternative dispute resolution forum; any mediation or arbitration proceedings; any traffic-related proceeding (**except for parking tickets**)?

Yes No If yes, please explain **fully**, including information regarding final disposition, or current status of the matter (including probation, deferred adjudication or any other type of pretrial diversion) on a separate sheet or electronic attachment. **You must report incidents even if the record has been or will be expunged or sealed.**

C: In addition to B above, have you **ever** been accused of, or arrested (includes receipt of a citation or traffic ticket) for, any violations of law (**please list ALL except parking tickets**)?

Yes No If yes, give specific details of the arrest or accusation, a full description of the incident, the date, city, state, and law enforcement agency involved, and current status and disposition of the matter. Attach additional sheets or use electronic attachment, if necessary.

IV. RESUME, ESSAY, LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

In addition to submission of this application from, a complete application also requires submission of A, B, and C below. The Resume and Essay may be electronically attached to this application form. The Letters of Recommendation should be submitted directly to the Credential Assembly Service for transmission to Valparaiso Law.

A. RESUME: Include a resume with this application that begins with your undergraduate years. In addition to your employment history, your resume should contain a list of extra-curricular, community and service activities, indicating leadership roles. Also include all academic awards and honors achieved.

B. ESSAY: Write a personal statement of about 500 words that includes: significant personal, academic, and professional accomplishments; a description of the influences that motivated you to apply to law school; and, how Valparaiso Law's stated traits will help prepare you to become a lawyer.

OPTIONAL DIVERSITY STATEMENT: Valparaiso University School of Law is committed to fostering a culture of respect, integrity, and inclusiveness. We actively recruit students, faculty and staff of all races, ethnicities, ages, socio-economic statuses, abilities, national origins, sexual identities, religions, and veteran statuses. If you have a diverse background, please submit a statement that speaks to your experiences and commitment to equality.

C. LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Obtain 2 recommendation letters that are written by persons who can attest to your academic preparation and accomplishments, your character, and your motivation to succeed in law school. Letters are to be written by faculty who have recently taught you or, if you have been out of school from more than 2 years, full-time employers who have supervised you recently or now supervise your day-to-day work. We do not consider letters from friends, family members, or personal acquaintances and prefer that they not be sent.

V. APPLICATION CERTIFICATION

- By submitting this application electronically, I certify that the information that I have supplied in this application, including the resume, essay and letters of recommendation, is complete and accurate.
- I understand that any false, incomplete, inaccurate, or misleading information, or any omission, may result in the denial of admission, revocation of admission, or dismissal from the School of Law. Such action may also result in a disciplinary action investigation by LSAC. I also understand that I am under continual duty from this point on to immediately inform the School of Law should there be any change of status or detail in any response I have made or failed to make to this application or any other matter included in or requested by this application.

Signature

Date: MM/DD/YYYY

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