

# NEXT STEPS

2025 Student Guide  
and Enrollment Checklist  
for Residential Students



**Congratulations and welcome to Vermont Law and Graduate School (VLGS). We're excited for you to join our community. This brochure contains information to help prepare you to start your education at VLGS.**

## **ENROLLMENT CHECKLIST**

### **TODAY**

- Call your loved ones to let them know the good news
- Join our incoming VLGS Class of 2025 Facebook group ([facebook.com/groups/vlgs2025](https://facebook.com/groups/vlgs2025)) to connect with your future classmates

### **SPRING**

- Begin the financial aid process
- Pay the tuition deposit by the deadline in your offer letter
- Submit your Intent to Enroll form
- Attend 2025 Admitted Student Day on April 7
- Start making housing plans

### **SUMMER**

- Move to Vermont
- Accept federal loans before the August 15 deadline
- Promissory Notes and Entrance Counseling must be received before the August 20 deadline
- Attend Orientation (August 18-21)
- Buy your books
- First Day of Classes (August 25)

### **VISIT US**

There are many options to visit VLGS. You can come for an individual visit or join one of our spring semester open houses for prospective and admitted students. We also host an annual Admitted Students Day in April. Learn more at [vermontlaw.edu/admissions/visit-us](https://vermontlaw.edu/admissions/visit-us).

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Visit [vermontlaw.edu/admit](https://vermontlaw.edu/admit) for more information on Admitted Student Day, deposits, housing, and more. For exact deposit deadlines, please see your offer letter.





## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

Paying for a graduate education doesn't have to be daunting. At VLGS, we are here to help you navigate the process so you can achieve your educational goals.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit awards are given annually to entering students who demonstrate excellent academic achievement and promise. Merit-based awards are awarded at the time of admission and are included in your offer letter. All scholarships are awarded based on the program into which a student matriculates. Should a student change program or status, scholarship awards will be reconsidered and re-awarded (if applicable). More details on your scholarship can be found in your scholarship letter. Visit [vermontlaw.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships-grants](http://vermontlaw.edu/admissions/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships-grants) for more information or reach out to the Admissions Office at [admiss@vermontlaw.edu](mailto:admiss@vermontlaw.edu).

### FINANCIAL AID

If you plan to request federal aid, please complete your FAFSA as soon as you receive your acceptance (VLGS school code: G11934). The FAFSA can be completed at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov). FAFSAs should be submitted no later than August 1. We recommend that students starting in the fall complete the FAFSA by April 1.

All federal loans must be accepted by August 15. Promissory Notes and Entrance Counseling must be received no later than August 20.

If you have concerns about your credit for the GradPLUS loan, please contact the Financial Aid Office at [finaid@vermontlaw.edu](mailto:finaid@vermontlaw.edu) before you submit your seat deposit. If you have VA, Coast Guard, National Guard, or AmeriCorps benefits, please contact Deb Becker at [dbecker@vermontlaw.edu](mailto:dbecker@vermontlaw.edu) as soon as you receive your acceptance.

The Financial Aid Office is available to answer your questions about funding your education outside of VLGS scholarships and to assist you throughout the process of applying for aid.

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## STUDENT LIFE

A wide variety of student groups encompass the academic, cultural, philosophical, recreational, and social aspects of life at VLGS.

### STUDENT GROUPS

- Alliance
- Animal Law Society
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association
- Basketball
- Black Law Students Association
- Business Law Society
- Christian Law Fellowship
- Conservation Law Society
- Energy Law Society
- Environmental Justice Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- Federalist Society
- First Generation Law Student Association
- Food and Agriculture Law Society
- Ice Hockey
- International and Comparative Law Society
- International Law Students Association
- Jewish Law Student Association
- Justice Advocacy Initiative
- Latinx American Law Student Association
- Mental Health Committee
- Muslim Law Student Association
- National Lawyers' Guild
- Native American Law Students Association
- Outdoors Club
- Student Bar Association
- Swan Society
- Tabletop Society
- *Vermont Law Review & Vermont Journal of Environmental Law*
- Veteran Law Students Association
- Women's Law Society

### HOUSING

Many of our students live within walking distance to campus or have a short commute from surrounding towns. To help students get situated with housing and roommates, our housing website is here to help: [vermontlaw.edu/housing](https://vermontlaw.edu/housing).

Here, you'll find helpful information and get access to our housing database. The database is updated regularly and can be searched by many criteria, including how many bedrooms, location, pets allowed and cost.

We strongly recommend setting up appointments with prospective landlords prior to visiting campus and securing housing well in advance of orientation. Students are responsible for finding their housing, but please reach out if you need assistance.

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## MEALS

We eat well at VLGS. Our campus Café offers breakfast and lunch inspired by a variety of cuisines with options to satisfy a range of dietary needs. Even better, 85% of the food served at the Café is locally sourced and organic. We also offer grab-and-go coolers with 24-hour access to make sure you are never without food options. VLGS also has a student pantry with free food.

Off-campus, local eateries embrace Vermont's whole-foods culture. Think craft beer and burgers made with grass-fed beef. Vegetarian and vegan options are aplenty, too. In the warmer months, take advantage of the local farmstands and CSAs (community supported agriculture) for farm-fresh veggies, dairy products, meats, bread, and more.



## FITNESS AND RECREATION

Vermont is our playground. Students hike, bike, run, ski, snowboard, kayak, canoe, and sail. Stop by our Gear Shed to find what you need for your next outdoor adventure.

Indoors, the on-campus fitness center is equipped with weight-training equipment, rowing machines, stair-steppers, and free weights. Student- and staff-led classes in yoga, dance, and martial arts are held weekly. VLGS students also have access to the athletic facilities at Vermont State University's Randolph campus for a fee.

Intercollegiate programs in rugby, basketball, and ultimate frisbee are also available, as are intramural ice hockey, volleyball, and soccer.

## BARRISTER'S BOOK SHOP

Barrister's Book Shop is a student-run nonprofit organization and is one of the few independent college bookstores. Barrister's has every book you will need including the best selection of new and used books. All proceeds go towards scholarships for VLGS students pursuing public interest work in the summer. Students receiving federal student aid may be eligible for a textbook voucher to purchase books. More information regarding this program will be sent to students via the Business Office.

[barristers.vermontlaw.edu](http://barristers.vermontlaw.edu)  
802-763-7170



**Vermont Law and Graduate School's Office of Admissions is excited for you to join us in the beautiful Green Mountain State. Here are a few of our favorite things to do in Vermont:**

### **OUTDOORS**

- Take a sunset paddle on Silver Lake in Barnard
- Take a trip to Smugglers' Notch State Park and Mount Mansfield for hiking with a view
- Swim at Warren Falls
- Hike Camel's Hump in Huntington/Duxbury for an epic view
- Fly fish or go tubing on the White River
- Cross-country ski to class

### **DINING**

- Enjoy a craft beer and farm burger at Worthy Burger in South Royalton
- Eat award-winning Thai food at Saap: Kimball House in Randolph
- Enjoy Turkish food at Tuckerbox in White River Junction
- Grab a taco at Carlita's in South Royalton
- Taste a maple creemee

### **LOCAL FUN**

- Pick apples at Liberty Orchard or Vermont Technical College's Orchard in the fall
- Visit a maple sugar house in the spring (Silloway Maple in Randolph is A+!)
- Explore the many local farmers markets
- Browse the endless booths of vintage goods at the Vermont Antique Mall in Quechee
- Experience the magic of the Quechee Hot Air Balloon Festival in June
- Visit one of Vermont's 185 quaint libraries—the most per capita of any state in the U.S.



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