

LAW SCHOOL APPLICATION CHECKLIST



RESEARCH AND PLAN

- Research each school's mission and culture.
- Track application deadlines and requirements using a tool such as a spreadsheet.
- Set aside enough time for test preparation (LSAT/GRE).
- Create a timeline with all application steps.

ORGANIZE AND COLLABORATE

- Seek feedback from family, mentors, or advisors to strengthen your application.
- Gather key application materials: personal statement, optional essays, letters of recommendation, and resume.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

- Find your authentic voice—share your passion and personal experiences.
- Align your story with the school's mission.
- Proofread and have someone outside your circle review it.

OPTIONAL ESSAYS

- Tailor your response to demonstrate alignment with the school's values and mission.

LAW SCHOOL RESUME

- Include relevant work, volunteer, and leadership experiences.
- Use your resume to highlight one key experience that influenced your decision to pursue law.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Choose recommenders who can speak to your academic and professional potential.
- Be strategic—consider how each letter will support your application.

FINAL TIPS

- Review all application materials to ensure they reflect your best self.
- Submit your application early, but prioritize quality over speed.
- Keep focused on the bigger picture—how you'll contribute to the law school community.