



*Created to provide LSAT preparation assistance for minority groups*

*who are underrepresented in both Texas law schools and
the legal profession.*

**Diversity Legal Scholars Program - 2020**

The Texas Appleseed Kaplan Diversity Legal Scholars (DLS) Program is open to ethnically diverse residents of Texas who are applying to be admitted into law school before or during the Fall 2021 semester.\* Scholarship recipients will receive registration to **Kaplan's LSAT® Prep — Live Online** course (a value of at least $1299). 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 THE DEADLINE.**

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| Application Round | DEADLINE for Applications | LSAT Test Date1 |
| Round 1 | March 23, 2020 | July 13, 2020 or August 29, 2020 |
| Round 2 | June 9, 2020 | October 3, 2020 or November 14, 2020 |
| Round 3 | September 18, 2020 | January 16, 2021 or February 20, 2021 or April 10, 2021 |

*1/Or alternate date for Sabbath observers.*

Scholarship recipients must:

1. Be a Texas resident and apply to take the LSAT on the designated date that corresponds to their **Application** **Round**.
Example: Round 1 scholarship recipients must take the July or August 2020 LSAT test.

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. Resume, including work experience and community service.
3. Copy of college transcript (and any graduate school transcript(s)) from school currently enrolled or received 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 issue that interests you and how the legal community could address the issue (350-750 words).

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of Texas Appleseed board members and staff. 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.*

**Texas Appleseed Kaplan**

**Diversity Legal Scholars Program**

**2020 APPLICATION**

*Please type or print*

1. **Personal Information**

Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 First Name Last Name Middle I.

Date of Birth\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pronoun: \_\_\_ He/Him \_\_\_ She/Her \_\_\_ They Racial/Ethnic Background \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about this program? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **Contact Information**

Permanent Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Street Address Apt. # City State Zip

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

Current Address:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Street Address Apt. # City State Zip

As of what date will you be at this address? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email for future communication: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. **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 (current or final total) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other College(s) Attended \*

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| College | City/State | GPA | Dates Attended |
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Graduate Institution(s)\*, if any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduate degree(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please provide information on all colleges/universities you have attended.  If necessary, you can include a separate page with this information.

1. **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.
2. **Please select the Application Round for which you are applying:**

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| Mark Here | Scholarship Application Round | Deadline for Applications |
|  | **Round 1** applicants must apply to take July or August 2020 LSAT | March 23, 2020 |
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(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 on the designated date for the **Application** **Round** for which I have applied.
* I must apply to at least one Texas law school for, at latest, Fall 2021 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 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 TO:**

Texas Appleseed, Diversity Legal Scholars Program

1609 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 201, Austin, TX 78701
**Please do not fax applications.**

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**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

**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.**