



*Created to provide LSAT preparation assistance for minority groups*

*who are underrepresented in Texas law schools.*

**Diversity Legal Scholars Program - 2017**

The Texas Appleseed Kaplan Diversity Legal Scholars (DLS) Program is open to ethnically diverse residents of Texas who are applying for admission to law school and will be entering by Fall 2018\*. Scholarship recipients will receive **Kaplan's LSAT preparation** **classroom anywhere course.** The LSAT prep course offers five diagnostic tests administered under test-like conditions, in-depth review using real LSAT questions, a personalized study plan with targeted instruction from an outstanding Kaplan teacher, and extra help when needed. As deemed necessary, Texas Appleseed and Kaplan 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 | February 28, 2017 | June 12, 2017 |
| Round 2 | June 30, 2017 | September 16, 2017 |
| Round 3 | September 29, 2017 | December 02, 2017 |

*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 June 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 transcripts) from school currently enrolled or received degree from.
4. Financial need documentation (proof of financial aid received at college or tax return).
5. A statement of economic or personal social disadvantage, (500 words).
6. One letter of recommendation, preferably one from a professor.
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 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**

**2017 APPLICATION**

*Please type or print*

1. **Personal Information**

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

First Name Last Name Middle I.

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

Gender: \_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female 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? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address Apt. # City State Zip

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

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

Personal or Permanent 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Other College(s) Attended \*

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| College | City/State | GPA | Dates Attended |
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Graduate degrees, if any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Institution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduate GPA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*Please provide information on all colleges 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—and specifically you, as a new lawyer—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 the 2017 June LSAT | February 28, 2017 |
|  | **Round 2** applicants must apply to take the 2017 September LSAT | June 30, 2017 |
|  | **Round 3** applicants must apply to take the 2017 December LSAT | September 29, 2017 |

(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 will be required to:

* Take the LSAT Test on the designated date for the **Application** **Round** for which I have applied.
* Apply to at least one Texas law school for Fall 2018 admission.
* Attend all my scheduled Kaplan LSAT Prep classes and take all five diagnostic (practice) LSAT exams.
* If I am selected, I agree to 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.
* Authorize release of practice scores to Texas Appleseed.
* Join the Diversity Legal Scholars Facebook group page.

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:**

Olga Sauseda

Texas Appleseed, Diversity Legal Scholars Program

1609 Shoal Creek Blvd., Suite 201, Austin, TX 78701

**Please do not fax applications.**

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY THE DEADLINE.**

**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.**