



Considering Applying to Law School?

Regardless of your year of study, if you are considering law school, here are some important considerations.

Know the Industry

- Cultivate your curiosity about the world of law and start exploring professional resources to learn about industry culture, challenges, as well as developments. Here are some resources to get you started: [Canadian Lawyer Magazine](#), [Slaw](#), [Canadian Lawyer](#), [Canadian Bar Association](#), [Law Society of Ontario](#)

Know the Application Process

- For Ontario law schools, check important dates and submit applications through the [Ontario Law School Application Service \(OLSAS\)](#)
 - Applications are available mid-August, and due at the beginning of November
- For [other law schools](#), follow the application instructions on each school's website. Look for yearly changes, updates, and any specific considerations.
- Minimum accepted GPA is 3.25 but a competitive GPA is typically 3.7+.
- You will need to write the LSAT, this is a standardized test administered by the **Law School Admission Council (LSAC)**. There are a number of independent companies that can help you practice, but [LSAC](#) also has a number of resources as well.
- You will typically need 3 strong references for your application. Requirements vary based on the school; some require a non-academic reference. Select a range of people who can speak at length about your academic and non-academic experience. Ask if they can provide a strong, positive reference and meet the required deadline.
- Breadth and/or depth of experience will help to make a strong application. Experience can include both paid work and unpaid work: volunteering, job shadowing, experiential learning opportunities and extra-curricular activities.
- For information on choosing a law school for BIPOC communities, see [these LSAC resources](#).
- **Application Tip:** Have a system to organize and keep track of important information such as deadlines, application instructions, and requirements, eg. a spreadsheet, binder/notebook, or whiteboard.

Know How to Develop Personal Statements:

- These letters ask you to offer insights about who you are and WHY you wish to practice law. How much thought you have given this will be showcased in your submission. We suggest you take some time to reflect on the following questions:
 - Why do I want to be a lawyer? What is my cause, my belief? (your Why)
 - How have I developed because of my learning and experiences?
 - What are my strengths in both skills and character, that will support me as a law student, as a Lawyer?
 - How have I demonstrated a growth mindset? Ability to be resilient? Engage in curiosity? Empathy development?

Know the School

- For each school that you are considering, scour their website and read all FAQs
- Attend [Ontario Law School Information Events](#) for in depth exploration and knowledge about what schools offer, their application process and their admission details.
- Conduct informational interviews with current or previous law students, faculty, and practicing professionals to gain deeper insight into specific programs and subject matter expertise.
- Contact each law school directly with any additional questions not answered on their website.
- Thoroughly research the school, faculty, etc. for each program you are interested in.
- **Exploration Tip:** Create a spreadsheet to collect comparative data and information about the schools your researching to help with your decision making.

Virtual Volunteer Resources

- Practicing law is about engaging in leadership, adaptability, communication as well as belief in your community and fighting for a cause. What better way to demonstrate your skills, and show commitment than community involvement? Here are some resources to explore: [Cuso International](#), [UN Volunteers](#), [VolunteerMatch](#), [Volunteer Canada](#), [SPARK Ontario](#).

Finally, get additional support! This could include speaking with an advisor at the [Experiential Learning Hub](#), or the [U of G Pre-Law Society](#)