

# 1. Biographical

\* Indicates a required field.

1. Salutation. When we address correspondence to you throughout the admission season, it is our general practice to use a prefix and your last name. We have provided the two most commonly selected choices, but would welcome your designating any prefix you prefer (e.g., Dr., Mx., Rev., Lieut.).

Select Item ▼

2. If you selected *Other prefix*, please specify which prefix:

\* 3. First name

\* 4. Name you choose or prefer to be called

5. Middle name

\* 6. Last name

7. Suffix

8. Former name, if any

9. Date of birth (optional)

month day yyyy  
Select Month ▼ Select day ▼

\* 10. Place of birth: City

\* 11. Place of birth:

Country  
Select a country ▼  
State/province  
Select a state, province, or country ▼

12. Social Security Number (optional)

\* 13. LSAC Account Number

We love it when you select an honorific, so we can give you a nice, polite, old-school greeting in correspondence; we're devotees of Miss Manners. But if you prefer none at all, please just skip this question; we'll then use your chosen/preferred name from Question 4.

Is your given name Andrew, but everyone calls you Andy? Contrariwise, does Andy make you cringe? Do you have a middle name you prefer to your first name? Do you have a nickname we would never guess from your given name, like Bubba or Seven? Or perhaps you've chosen a name that matches your gender identity. Let us know what to call you; we like to try to get that right.

Has your legal name ever changed? If so, by what name(s) were you known before?

Please be aware that if you chose not to provide your Social Security number on your application and then later apply for federal financial aid, your FAFSA will not reach us! You should reach out to our Financial Aid folks to discuss. But for your own safety, please do not include your SSN in email correspondence with our office, because in the event of a computer virus, that information could be compromised. Instead, please use your LSAC account number for identification, or better yet, the Michigan ID number we'll send you shortly after we receive your application. If your name is as unusual as, say, Zearfoss, you probably don't need any identifying number at all—but still, you'd be amazed at the amount of overlap in names in a group of 5500 or so.

## 2. Additional Biographical

This section does not apply to me.

\* Indicates a required field.

1. Gender (optional):

- Woman
- Man
- Gender non-binary

[Clear answer](#)

If you want to provide some contextual information for your answer, or if you identify using a term we haven't provided, please let us know here. If you would like to provide more detail than is possible in the space available, you should feel free to provide an addendum. And if you prefer, you are of course welcome to skip this optional question entirely.

2. Please feel free to provide any information you wish to convey about your gender self-identification. (maximum characters 250)

250 characters left

### 3. Sex Orientation/Gender ID

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This section does not apply to me.

\* Indicates a required field.

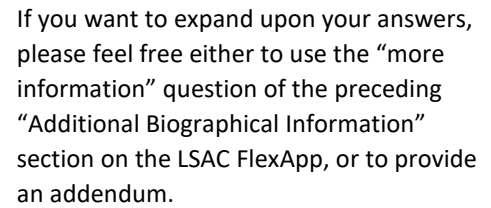
(Optional) The information requested below is optional. Your answer, or decision not to answer, will have no bearing on the Law School's admission decision. We collect this information to connect admitted students with current students for recruiting purposes.

1. Please indicate if you identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer.

Yes

2. Please indicate if you identify as transgender.

Yes



If you want to expand upon your answers, please feel free either to use the “more information” question of the preceding “Additional Biographical Information” section on the LSAC FlexApp, or to provide an addendum.

## 4. Demographics

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\* Indicates a required field.

\* **1. Citizenship**

Non-Resident Alien  
 US Citizen  
 US Permanent Resident

\* Country of citizenship  
Select a country ▼

Visa type  
Select one ▼

Permanent resident number

Visa/SEVIS number

Permanent city

Permanent country  
Select a country ▼

Permanent state/province  
Select a state, province, or country ▼

If you have DACA status, you should select “non-resident alien”; name your country of citizenship; and ignore the optional “Visa type” question. If you wish to discuss your DACA status in your application, we would welcome that.

## 5. Contact Information

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\* Indicates a required field.

### Current Address

\* 1. Street address - Line 1

2. Street address - Line 2

\* 3. City

\* 4. Country

Country

State/province

\* 5. ZIP/postal code

\* 6. Current mailing address valid through

month

day

yyyy

If, after completing your application, your current address will change for two months or more, please let us know by email to [law.jd.admissions@umich.edu](mailto:law.jd.admissions@umich.edu). We regret that we are unable to make address changes for shorter periods.

### Permanent Address

\* 7. Street address - Line 1

8. Street address - Line 2

\* 9. City

\* 10. Country

Country

State/province

\* 11. ZIP/postal code

We often send questions or updates by email. Please provide an email address that will be good throughout the season—or make sure that your email address is kept up-to-date in our records. And at the risk of sounding exactly like every website in the world that wants to sell you something: Consider adding [law.jd.admissions@umich.edu](mailto:law.jd.admissions@umich.edu) to your safe-senders list, so we don't end up in your junk email. (Also, we need your assistance with our bank account... oh, never mind.)

### Other Contact Information

\* 12. E-mail address

\* 13. Mobile phone number

## 6. Metropolitan area

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\* Indicates a required field.

\* 1. Please identify the metropolitan area where you are currently residing:

Select Item ▼

2. If you selected *Other*, please provide additional information (e.g., metro area or city and state):

3. If you selected *International*, please provide additional information (e.g., metro area or city and state/province):

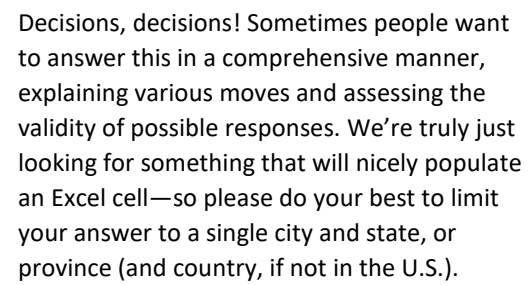
Please note: this isn't a question about your mailing address or your permanent home, but about where you are living *right this minute!* Sometimes we are wandering around the country in the spring, and if we know where you are, we can meet up with you. The LSAC FlexApp provides a drop-down list of the 17 locales where our applicants can most commonly be found (Atlanta, GA; Austin, TX; Boston, MA; Chicago, IL; Dallas/Fort Worth, TX; Denver/Colorado Springs, CO; Detroit/Ann Arbor, MI; Houston, TX; Kalamazoo/Grand Rapids, MI; Los Angeles, CA; Miami/Fort Lauderdale, FL; New York City, NY; Philadelphia, PA; Phoenix/Tucson, AZ; San Francisco, CA; Seattle, WA; Washington, DC), along with the catch-all categories of "other" (for unlisted metro areas in the US) and "international" (for those living abroad). If you choose one of the latter answers, please provide your best guess at the relevant metro area. Wikipedia has a helpful list under the entry "metropolitan statistical areas." (And yeah, that's right—we just referred you to Wikipedia! Still—don't cite it in court.)

## 7. Hometown

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\* Indicates a required field.

\* 1. Please provide the location that you identify as your hometown or with which you feel most closely affiliated:



Decisions, decisions! Sometimes people want to answer this in a comprehensive manner, explaining various moves and assessing the validity of possible responses. We're truly just looking for something that will nicely populate an Excel cell—so please do your best to limit your answer to a single city and state, or province (and country, if not in the U.S.).

## 8. Add'l Contact Information

This section does not apply to me.

\* Indicates a required field.

1. We often put our faculty, alumni, and students in touch with admitted applicants with shared interests or backgrounds so they can communicate about the Law School. Select "No" below only if you do NOT wish to be contacted.

No

While the following may seem like a painfully obvious observation, we've known people to get confused: Please note the "NOT" in this sentence! The default mode is that people will contact you if you are admitted, and this question is meant to let you avoid that if you're so inclined. We assure you that the number of contacts will be minimal. And of course, we're always happy to switch a "yes" to a "no" if you get sick of hearing from us. We promise not to weep. Much, anyway.

If you have previously been affiliated with the University of Michigan, please let us know:

2. Your unickname (...@umich.edu):

3. Your 8-digit UMID (located on your M-Card):

Even if you were just briefly a student or employee, you likely still have a unickname and UMID. The University has a very long memory and a very large database.

**Please note:** If you are a current or previous UM affiliate (whether a student or employee at any campus, or even just a summer camper), you will have personal and contact information in Wolverine Access. That information overrides any information you provide in this application, and we cannot alter it. Please make sure to visit Wolverine Access to update and correct your records as necessary.

At the risk of being tiresome, we want to emphasize this point: If you have a Wolverine Access record and it is inconsistent with the information you provide in your application, there will unfortunately be a processing delay in order for us to contact you and ask that you make the corrections.



## 9. Application Type


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\* Indicates a required field.

\* 1. Please indicate whether you are applying to the regular decision or the Early Decision program.

- Regular decision (deadline February 15)  
 Early Decision (deadline November 15)

**For Early Decision applicants, checking the box above denotes your agreement with the following statement:** I have applied under the binding Early Decision program. I understand that the deadline for applying is November 15. I further understand that I must submit an LSAT score from the October 2019 administration or earlier, and that all my application materials must be received by the Admissions Office by November 15 to ensure that I meet the deadline (with the exception that the LSAC Report and LSAT score may not be available until later if I sat for the October 2019 administration). If the University of Michigan Law School offers me admission under this plan by December 15, I agree to commit to attend the School, as well as to withdraw all applications pending at other law schools and not to initiate any new applications. I have signed the Early Decision certification at the end of the application.

Early decision is a big commitment—we like to think we're worth it,  but we urge you to think carefully and do loads of research. The literal last thing we want is someone who has committed to attend and is unhappy about it.

## 10. Dual Degree

\* Indicates a required field.

\* 1. Please indicate if you have applied or will be applying this year for a dual degree program.

- Yes  
 No

2. Please specify which program:

Select Item

3. If you selected *Other*, please specify which program:

If you think you might want to apply in the future, but you're not sure, you can skip this question.

Please remember that you will need to apply separately to any other program. The admissions processes of individual programs are administered completely independently, so admission to one program does not guarantee admission to another. Also, please bear in mind that different programs operate on different decisional timelines, and you may hear from one program long before you hear from another. Finally, if you are admitted to the Law School and another program, you should contact us ASAP if you wish to begin your JD study in any term other than the one specified in your offer of admission.

## 11. Program Information

This section does not apply to me.

\* Indicates a required field.

1. If you have applied to the University of Michigan Law School before, state for which year:

2. If you have ever registered at a law school, please give the name of the law school, dates of attendance, and your reasons for not completing the degree: (maximum characters 200)

**200 characters left**

We keep applications from the immediately prior year on file. If you request us to do so in an email, we will happily review letters of recommendation and/or essays from your previous application.

## 12. Standardized Testing

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This section does not apply to me.

\* Indicates a required field.

1. List all dates you have taken, or plan to take, the Law School Admission Test.

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Select Month ▼    Select day ▼   

2. .

month      day      yyyy  
Select Month ▼    Select day ▼   

3. .

month      day      yyyy  
Select Month ▼    Select day ▼   

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month      day      yyyy  
Select Month ▼    Select day ▼   

Please note that Michigan does not accept the GRE or other tests in lieu of the LSAT.

## 13. Languages

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This section does not apply to me.

\* Indicates a required field.

1. List all languages other than English that you can speak or write, and state your degree of proficiency in each. (maximum characters 200)

**200** characters left

2. If English is not your native language, when did you begin to learn it? \_\_\_\_\_

- By age 5
- During elementary school
- During high school
- After high school

[Clear answer](#)

We could think of no useful guidance for this set of questions, but nature abhors a vacuum. We therefore offer up this quote from Kurt Vonnegut (in Wampeters, Foma & Granfalloon) for your consideration: “[I]t was obvious to me that I had at least one thing in common with Joseph Conrad: English was my second language. Unlike Conrad, I had no first language, so I went to work . . . with pen and pencil and scissors and paste, to make it appear that speaking my native tongue and thinking about important matters came very easily to me.”

## 14. Family Information

\* Indicates a required field.

\* 1. Please provide information for a parent or guardian. If a parent is deceased, please let us know in the address section.

- Mother
- Father
- Guardian

If a parent is deceased, we still appreciate knowing information about his or her education level and occupation. Also: That sucks, and we're sorry. Seriously.

\* 2. Name:

\* 3. Address: (maximum characters 150)

150 characters left

\* 4. Primary occupation during working years: (maximum characters 100)

100 characters left

\* 5. Highest level of education:

- Elementary or junior high school
- High school
- Some college
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree

6. If applicable, please provide information for a second parent or guardian. If a parent is deceased, please let us know in the address section.

- Mother
- Father
- Guardian

[Clear answer](#)

7. Name:

8. Address: (maximum characters 250)

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9. Primary occupation during working years: (maximum characters 100)

100 characters left

10. Highest level of education:

- Elementary or junior high school
- High school
- Some college
- Bachelor's degree
- Graduate or professional degree

[Clear answer](#)

We're interested in your self-identification. If the idea of "first generation college" speaks to you, check yes—please be assured that we're not interested in quibbling over your mother's estranged brother who might have gone to college. *You* are the best judge of whether this designation makes sense.

\* 11. Are you in the first generation of your family to graduate from college?

- Yes
- No

12. If anyone in your immediate family is a graduate of Michigan Law School, please state relationship, name, year of graduation, and degree type (J.D., LL.M., S.J.D., or M.C.L.). (maximum characters 150)

150 characters left

This question applies only to Law School alumni. If you want us to know that your mom went to medical school at UM or your sister graduated from LSA, we're happy to have that info! Just give it to us in an addendum or supplemental essay instead, please.

## 15. Education

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\* Indicates a required field.

- \* 1. List ALL educational institutions attended.

Add New Institution

## 15. Education

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\* Indicates a required field.

### Add New Institution

\* Institution type

\* Country

State/province

\* Institution

Institution name

\* City

Major category

Major

Other Major

\* Start date (month/year)  /

End date (month/year)  /

Degree

Date degree granted (month/year)  /

GPA

Rank

We do not need your GPA or rank here—or your major either! But this is a question that LSAC doesn't let us edit, so you're welcome to leave those lines blank.

## 16. High School

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\* Indicates a required field.

- \* 1. Please provide the name of the high school where you obtained your diploma, and the city and state where it is located: (maximum characters 150)

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Dean Zearfoss is always looking for applicants who attended her high school's rival. JK! JK!



## 17. Recommenders

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\* Indicates a required field.

List the names of your recommenders. We require only one letter of recommendation, but encourage you to submit three.

\* 1. Recommender 1 - Name/Title: (maximum characters 150)

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\* 2. Recommender 1 - Employer/Institution: (maximum characters 150)

150 characters left

3. Recommender 2 - Name/Title: (maximum characters 150)

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4. Recommender 2 - Employer/Institution: (maximum characters 150)

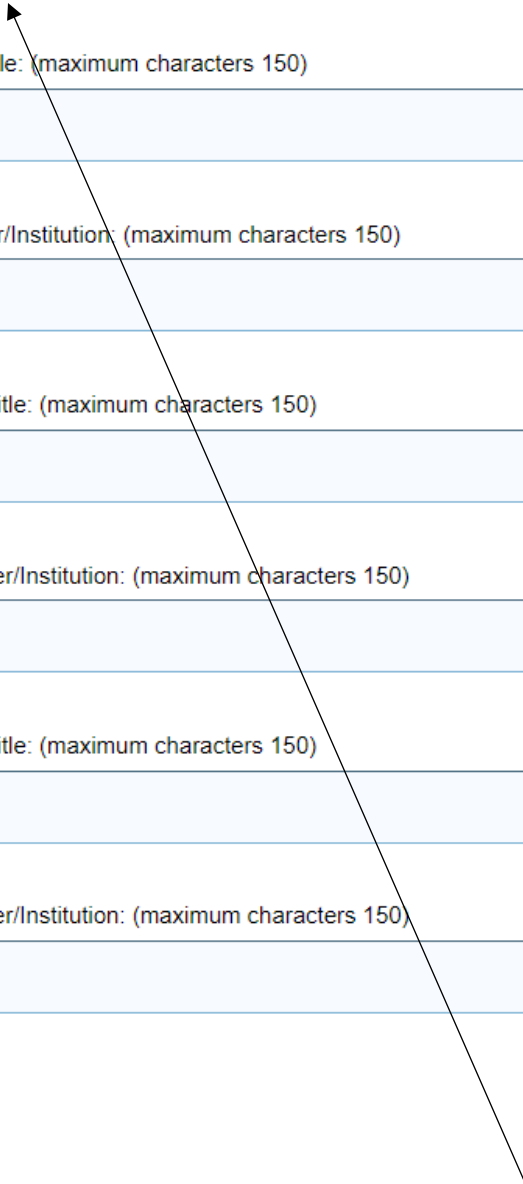
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5. Recommender 3 - Name/Title: (maximum characters 150)

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6. Recommender 3 - Employer/Institution: (maximum characters 150)

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If you enroll at Michigan Law we send thank-you notes to all your recommenders, and this page provides our staff with helpful information for that process.

# 18. In-State Tuition

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\* Indicates a required field.

## Eligibility for In-State Tuition

In-state status for tuition and admissions purposes is determined by criteria set forth in the University's *Guidelines for Qualifying for In-State Tuition*, which can be found, along with the application for in-state tuition, at [www.ro.umich.edu/resreg.php](http://www.ro.umich.edu/resreg.php). Questions pertaining to your in-state status should be addressed to the staff of the Residency Classification Office, University of Michigan Office of the Registrar, 1210 LS&A Building, 500 South State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382, phone number 734-764-1400.

\* 1. Do you meet the eligibility criteria for in-state tuition according to the Guidelines for Qualifying for In-State Tuition?

- Yes  
 No

2. If yes, since:

3. If yes, county of residence:

If you answer yes to this question, but some of the exceptions apply to you, the University will classify you as a nonresident by default. We will send you an explanatory letter and a form that will allow you to apply for in-state tuition. This initial classification is not a final determination, so don't think you're forever labeled a nonresident. In fact, please be assured that because we've seen this issue many times before, we are, even prior to an official University determination, quite likely to recognize that you qualify for in-state tuition if that is in fact the case.

If you answered "yes" and any of the following circumstances applies, please be aware that you must file an application for in-state tuition and be approved in order to be considered in-state for tuition purposes:

- You currently live outside of Michigan (for any purpose, including, but not limited to, education, volunteer activities, travel, or employment.).
- You have attended a high school or college outside of Michigan.
- You have been employed or domiciled outside of Michigan in the last 3 years.
- You are not a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident Alien.
- Your spouse, partner, or parent is in Michigan as a nonresident student, medical resident, fellow, or for military assignment or other temporary employment.
- You are 24 years of age or younger and a parent lives outside of Michigan.
- You previously attended any U-M campus (Ann Arbor, Dearborn, or Flint) as a nonresident.

Other circumstances may also require you to file a residency application.

## 19. Conduct

\* Indicates a required field.

While answering the two questions below, when in doubt, err on the side of full disclosure, as the failure to fully answer any question may result in exclusion from law school or denial of the opportunity to take a state bar examination. (Please note: In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness, and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners- <http://www.ncbex.org/#maincontent>.) If, following your completion of this application but prior to matriculation, matters arise that would require you to answer yes to either question, supplement your application with complete details. Note that an affirmative answer to either question does not necessarily preclude or even prejudice admission. Your answer will be reviewed on an individual basis in relation to all aspects of your experience, academic achievement, and potential. **You must submit a supplementary statement with any affirmative responses; provide complete details, including dates and resolution.**

\* 1. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for academic or other reasons in any of the colleges, universities, graduate or professional schools you have attended, or are such charges pending or expected to be brought against you?

- Yes  
 No

\* 2. Have you ever been convicted of a crime (following a jury or bench trial, a guilty plea, or a *nolo contendere* plea), or charged with a criminal offense that was later dismissed as a result of a plea bargain or alternative sentencing arrangement, or are such criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you? Include misdemeanors and criminal infractions, as well as any interaction with a law enforcement agency that resulted in payment of a fine or order of community service. Do not include minor traffic violations or civil infractions or citations for which jail time was not a potential penalty.

- Yes  
 No

By "details," we mean the facts of what occurred—not just data points like the date and specific charge and so forth, but a narrative. We'd really like to understand the complete story. For an extended discussion of what happens when you check "no" but the answer is actually "yes," please take a look at the A2Z blog on our website and search for "cover-up." If you need a little guidance, please feel free to contact us by phone at 734.764.0537 or by email to [law.jd.admissions@umich.edu](mailto:law.jd.admissions@umich.edu).

## 20. Race & Ethnicity

This section does not apply to me.

\* Indicates a required field.

(Optional) The information requested below is optional and will not be used in the admissions process. It is collected to comply with state and federal reporting requirements, as well as for statistical purposes. Your answer, or decision not to answer, will have no bearing on the Law School's admission decision.

1. **Please indicate whether you consider yourself to be Hispanic or Latino:** a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Yes

No

[Clear answer](#)

The people who will make a decision on your application will not see your answer to this question.

**American Indian or Alaska Native:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

**Asian:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

**Black or African American:** a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

**White:** a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

2. **Using the descriptions listed above, please select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:**

American Indian/Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander

White

## 21. Certification

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\* Indicates a required field.

- \* 1. By submitting this application electronically, I hereby certify that all statements and representations on this application and on all accompanying materials are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that the thoughts and words contained in my personal statement and essays are my own, and that no one assisted in the creation of my personal statement and essays beyond basic proofreading or a general critique of my work. I understand that false statements may result in the revocation of an offer of admission or expulsion or rescinding of my degree.

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2. I have applied under the binding Early Decision program. I understand that the deadline for applying is November 15. I further understand that I must submit an LSAT score from the October 2019 administration or earlier, and that all my application materials must be received by the Admissions Office by November 15 to ensure that I meet the deadline (with the exception that the LSAC Report and LSAT score may not be available until later if I sat for the October 2019 administration). If the University of Michigan Law School offers me admission under this plan by December 15, I agree to commit to attend the School, as well as to withdraw all applications pending at other law schools and not to initiate any new applications, and I have signed the certification at the end of the application.

month      day      yyyy  
Select Month ▼    Select day ▼   

**The Law School will contact you by email when we receive your application. After that, you may track your application through our online status checker. It is your responsibility to make sure that all necessary materials reach us. We cannot review incomplete applications.**

Please read the certifications carefully, and contact us if you have any questions at all.

## Experience

A one-page résumé sometimes lacks detail—about extracurricular activities, outside interests, hours devoted to particular endeavors, etc. We always like to know more, more, MORE. So if you need the elbow room, feel free to expand as needed.

Please provide a résumé showing: (A) full-time or significant part-time employment, paid or unpaid, beginning with your most recent, including the name and location of your employer, your job title, and the dates you held the position, along with any other information you think will be useful; (B) significant extracurricular/non-work-related activities; (C) academic and non-academic honors and awards received, including fellowships, prizes, and memberships in honor societies; and (D) hobbies or special areas of interest or academic pursuits. **If you are not presently enrolled in an educational institution**, we would find it particularly helpful to know what you are doing now; whether you are working, volunteering, traveling, seeking employment, or anything else, **please be sure to tell us your current and planned activities prior to enrolling in law school.**

Supported file formats: DOC, HTM, HTML, TXT, WP, WPD, RTF, WPS, WPT, DOCX, PDF  
NOTE: Documents should have password and security features removed.

Do you build model airplanes? Are you an ace poker player? Can you run a 6-minute mile? We don't/aren't/ can't, so this strikes us as intriguing and impressive. We really are interested in what you do when you're not working as much as what you do when you *are* working.

We really like to know what our applicants are doing, so if you're not currently enrolled in school, please, please be sure to specify how you're spending your days. If you don't tell us, we have two options: either we have to contact you to ask and then wait for you to answer (which impedes our efforts at super-efficient decision making), or we just have to proceed on the assumption that you're doing something slightly sketchy. And we are very imaginative.

## Personal Statement

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As you prepare to write your personal statement, please keep the following in mind. First, we do not have a fixed checklist of particular attributes we seek in our students, and you will have the best insights into what is most important for us to know about you. Second, there is no set convention for communicating the information you choose to share. A successful essay might involve writing directly about expansive themes such as your goals or philosophy or background or identity, or very differently, might be a vignette that reveals something significant about you. In other words, think broadly about what you might wish to convey and how you might best convey it.

There is no formula for a successful personal statement, and different individuals will find different topics to be well-suited to them. Applicants have, for example, elaborated on their significant life experiences; meaningful intellectual interests and extracurricular activities; factors inspiring them to obtain a legal education or to pursue particular career goals; significant obstacles met and overcome; special talents or skills; issues of sexual or gender identity; particular political, philosophical, or religious beliefs; socioeconomic challenges; atypical backgrounds, educational paths, employment histories, or prior careers; or experiences and perspectives relating to disadvantage, disability, or discrimination. Any of these subjects, and many more, could be an appropriate basis for communicating important information about yourself that will aid us in reaching a thoughtful decision. The length of your personal statement is up to you.

While the form and content of your personal statement are up to you, for ease of reading, please use double-spacing and at least an 11-point font.

Supported file formats: DOC, HTM, HTML, TXT, WP, WPD, RTF, WPS, WPT, DOCX, PDF  
NOTE: Documents should have password and security features removed.

We often get asked, “What should I write about in my personal statement?”  
Unfortunately, the truthful answer is, “I don’t know.” After all, we don’t know you yet!  
But we take the personal statement very seriously, so please spend time thinking about  
what you most want us to know about you—more than any other part of our process,  
this is where we glean the answer to, “Why do we want to admit you?”

## Supplemental Essays

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This section is optional.

The University of Michigan Law School has long understood that enrolling students with a broad range of perspectives and experiences generates a vibrant culture of comprehensive debate and discussion, and we view our student body as one of our richest resources. The wide-ranging and challenging conversations of our diverse student body, inside and outside the classroom, enrich the quality of our community's intellectual life and enhance the quality of the legal education here.

Essay submissions are an extremely helpful tool for evaluating your potential contributions to our community. As you prepare to write any optional essays, please keep the following in mind. First, we do not have a fixed checklist of particular attributes we seek in our students, and you will have the best insights into what is most important for us to know about you. Second, there is no set convention for communicating the information you choose to share. A successful essay might involve writing directly about expansive themes such as your goals or philosophy or background or identity, or very differently, might be a vignette that reveals something significant about you. In other words, think broadly about what you might wish to convey and how you might best convey it.

Supplemental essays allow you an opportunity to provide us with relevant information that you were not able to include elsewhere in your application materials. If you wish, write one or two essays (but no more) on the following topics. Each essay should be about one page (and no more than two). For ease of reading, please use double-spacing and at least an 11-point font.

### **Essay One**

Say more about your interest in the University of Michigan Law School. What do you believe Michigan has to offer to you and you to Michigan?

### **Essay Two**

Describe your current hopes for your career after completing law school. How will your education, experience, and development so far support those plans?

### **Essay Three**

If you do not think that your academic record or standardized test scores accurately reflect your ability to succeed in law school, please tell us why.

### **Essay Four**

Describe a failure or setback in your life. How did you overcome it? What, if anything, would you do differently if confronted with this situation again?

### **Essay Five**

Describe an experience that speaks to the problems and possibilities of diversity in an educational or work setting.

### **Essay Six**

What do you think are the skills and values of a good lawyer? Which do you already possess? Which do you hope to develop?

### **Essay Seven**

How might your perspectives and experiences enrich the quality and breadth of the intellectual life of our community or enhance the legal profession?

### **Essay Eight**

Describe your educational experiences so far. What kinds of learning environments, teaching methods, student cultures, and/or evaluation processes lead you to thrive, or contrarily, thwart your success?

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Supplemental essays can be very helpful in our review process. While they are by no means required (certainly, many applicants are admitted without them—hence the “optional” designation!), we often get a completely new and helpful perspective from their more targeted focus. We offer a wide variety of choices in the hope that you will be able to select a topic that “speaks” to you.