



8 Insider Tips for Applying to Law School



1. Get Organized.

Put together a spreadsheet with each school's name, unique requirements, application and scholarship deadlines, and essay topics. Keep track of when each school's application opens and when they start making decisions. Give yourself time to study for the LSAT and take the test.

2. Get help from admissions counselors.

At Stetson, our admissions team is a reflection of the campus culture. We want to meet you and welcome you. If you have questions, we want you to ask so that you give our Admissions Committee what they need to make a well-informed decision on your candidacy.

3. Write multiple essays.

Once you discover each school's essay topic, start writing drafts. Give yourself time to write three or four different essays if you apply to schools with different requirements. Take your time. Schools look at whether you addressed their particular topic.

4. Give yourself time.

Give yourself plenty of time to finish personal essays before the application deadline. You'll need time to write; only you know how long that takes. But you'll also need time to proofread thoroughly, and time to have your writing reviewed by a fresh set of eyes.

5. Proofread carefully.

Proofread as much as it takes, but not so long that you never apply! Be sure to have others review your statement. Double check that you adhere to page limits or spacing/margin requirements, and any other specifics that your application requires.

6. Read instructions closely.

Every school has unique requirements and instructions. Carefully read everything, especially instructions on what to disclose for employment, character, and fitness. You want to show that you possess attention to detail!

7. Use optional opportunities.

Some schools allow you to submit an optional essay – Diversity Statement, Addendum for Grades, or LSAT, for example. It is a great way to explain anything in your file that you could not due to essay page constraints.

8. Ask for a recommendation early.

Provide those writing a letter of recommendation with your resume, personal statement, due date (with plenty of lead time), and give them details on how to mail in or upload the letter on your behalf to LSAC. Thank them profusely!