

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW – JD APPLICATION

Check one: First Year (1L)
 Transfer Student
 Visiting Student

Social Security Number: ___/___/___/ - ___/___/ - ___/___/

LSAC Account Number: _____ Application Year 20 _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

1 Applicant Name: _____
Last First Middle Suffix

Male Female

Birth date: ___/___/ - ___/___/ - ___/___/___/___/
Month Date Year

2 Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes No
 If not a citizen, provide country of citizenship: _____

Date permanent resident card issued: _____
 Permanent resident card number: _____
 Submit a copy of resident card.

Are you a resident of Texas? Yes No
 If so, which county? _____

3 Ethnic Survey
** Used for reporting ethnic information to the Department of Education and data collection*

Check one only:
 American Indian/Alaskan Native Black/African American White/Caucasian
 Asian/Pacific Islander Chicano/Mexican American Other _____
 Hispanic/Latino

4 Current mailing address
 Valid until ___/___/ - ___/___/ - ___/___/___/___/
Month Date Year

5 Permanent Address:

STREET _____
 CITY STATE ZIP _____
 DAYTIME PHONE _____
 EVENING PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____

STREET _____
 CITY STATE ZIP _____
 DAYTIME PHONE _____
 EVENING PHONE _____

6 Educational History
 Beginning with the most recent, list every college or university in which you have enrolled, regardless of length of attendance:

COLLEGE/INSTITUTION (CITY, STATE)	DATE OF ATTENDANCE	TYPE OF DEGREE	HOURS EARNED	GPA	MAJOR

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CHARACTER AND FITNESS

Because of the high ethical standards to which lawyers are held, the failure to disclose an act or event such as the ones described below is often more significant, and leads to more serious consequences, than the act or event itself. Failure to provide truthful answers, or failure to inform the Office of Admission of any change to your answers, may result in denial or revocation of admission, expulsion after matriculation, revocation of law degree after graduation, or other disciplinary action by the Law School, referral to the appropriate state bar examiners, or denial of permission to practice by the state in which you seek admission. If you are unsure as to whether to make a disclosure, we strongly urge that you err on the side of full disclosure.

7 Are you currently or have you ever been given?

- a. Scholastic suspension: Yes No
b. Scholastic probation: Yes No

9 Have you ever, either as an adult or juvenile, been ticketed for, arrested for, charged with, or convicted of any violation of the law?

Yes No

8 Have you ever been expelled, dismissed, or advised to resign from any post-secondary institution, college, professional school, or law school in order to avoid academic or disciplinary action? If yes, please attach a statement indicating the dates, precise facts and the disposition of the case.

Yes No

10 Have you ever been convicted of an offense, placed on probation, or granted deferred adjudication, or deferred disposition in any jurisdiction?

Yes No

You may exclude minor traffic violations and parking tickets. However, if the traffic violation resulted in a Failure to Appear charge or warrant you must report that. You must also report any traffic or other offenses involving alcohol, drugs, or a controlled substance, or any offenses in which there was an attempt, whether successful or not, to suspend or revoke your driver's license. **Full disclosure is required even though you may have been advised by any source that you are not required to do so.**

If you have answered "yes" to question 8 or 9, you must submit official court records as well as a detailed explanation of each instance, including its ultimate disposition. If a court or arresting/ticketing agency is unable to provide copies of pertinent records, you must obtain a written statement so stating from the court or agency. You must disclose each instance even if no charges were filed, even if you were granted any type of pretrial diversion such as deferred disposition or deferred adjudication, even if charges were dismissed, even if you were acquitted of such charges, and even if such charges resulted in a conviction that was reversed, set aside, vacated or expunged.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

A. You are required to submit a personal statement of no more than three pages. This statement is extremely important in the selection process.

Due to the fact that personal interviews are not granted, your personal statement is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the Admissions Committee and should include your personal experiences, career ambitions, and why you want to attend law school.

B. Applicants must provide a current résumé.

C. Academic References

Two letters of recommendation are required. Each letter that you submit should be written by someone who knows your academic activity or is in a position to assess your potential for success in law school. We strongly discourage obtaining letters of recommendation from friends, acquaintances, and/or family members. You may include letters of recommendations with your application in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature on the lip of the envelope. However, we encourage you to utilize the LSAC recommender service that is included with your LSDAS registration.

OPTIONAL ESSAY

You may write an optional statement regarding your diversity, disadvantaged background, socio-economic status, grade trends, substantial discrepancy between your performance on standardized tests and your actual level of academic achievement, or any other information you believe is relevant to the Admissions Committee.

CHECKING THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION

The Office of Admissions will notify applicants by e-mail when their applications have been received and processed. Therefore, it is important that you provide a current e-mail addresses and that you check your e-mail regularly. While the Office of Admissions seeks to keep applicants informed of their status, it is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the application and all supplemental materials are received by the deadline. Applicants can check the status of their LSDAS file online at www.lsdas.org.

Because we use a rolling admissions process, there is likely to be more availability earlier in the process. Decisions are made on a rolling basis beginning in December. Regular decisions will be mailed no later than mid-June, although you may hear sooner. All decisions will be communicated to the applicant in writing. To protect the applicant's confidentiality, the admissions staff will not give decisions over the telephone.

I, the undersigned, certify that the above application is correct in all aspects according to my best knowledge and belief, and I understand that if admitted to Texas Southern University – Thurgood Marshall School of Law, I must abide by the rules and regulations of the University and the School of Law. I understand that knowingly providing false or inaccurate information in admission application material is grounds for denial of admission or, if discovered after matriculation, for immediate dismissal from the Law School. In addition, I understand that a copy of this application will be forwarded to the appropriate Committee on Character and Fitness at the time I apply for admission to the Bar. Any omission or misstatement on this application may result in denial of admission to the Bar.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Please retain a copy of your completed application and supporting documentation for your records.

The Texas State Board of Examiners will require you to submit a copy of this application.

A non-refundable \$55 application fee, paid by cashier's check or money order to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, must accompany this application.

MAIL THE APPLICATION, FEES, AND ACCOMPANYING MATERIALS TO:

Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Office of Admissions, Texas Southern University, 3100 Cleburne Street, Houston, Texas 77004