

Smith College Guide to Law School

Application Timeline and Check List

SPRING (before applying)

- Prepare for and register for the June Law [School Admission Test \(LSAT\)](#)
- Review the information at the [Law School Admission Council \(LSAC\)](#)
- Set-up your LSAC secure account
- Conduct research on law school (by GPA & LSAT scores)
- Speak with potential references about writing letters of recommendation

SUMMER (before applying)

- Take the [LSAT](#) administration or prepare for the October [LSAT](#)
- Review the [Law School Admission Council \(LSAC\) Application Process](#)
- Register with [Credential Assembly Service \(CAS\)](#) – which houses your transcripts, letters of recommendation, and LSAT scores, and, so law schools can recruit you
- Arrange for sending official transcripts to [CAS](#)
- Research potential Law Schools through the [LSAC website](#), [Boston College Law School Locator](#), and the [Book of Lists](#) (lists of dual-degree programs, law concentrations, clinical law programs, scholarships, etc.)
- Research, visit, and select law schools (note application deadlines)
- Prepare several versions of a [personal statement](#)
- Talk to those you have chosen to write letters of recommendation

FALL (of application year)

- Take October [LSAT](#) (if necessary)
- Attend the [Law School Forum in Boston](#) - meet representatives from law schools and pick up application forms, brochures, etc.
- Make a short list of law schools
- Complete law school applications electronically through LSAC account by December 1.
- Request a Dean's Certification (if requested by law school – contact Class Dean's Office)
- Take the December [LSAT](#) if necessary

WINTER (after application)

- Check to be sure application file is complete, including letters of recommendation
- File your financial aid applications

SPRING (after application)

- Pay your seat deposit on time