Ready to apply?

Here’s your application guide.

To apply to Vanderbilt University Law School’s J.D. program, you must hold (or expect to hold) a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.
We are pleased that you are considering Vanderbilt Law School and look forward to working with you during the application process. You are welcome to contact the Admissions Office at 615-322-6452 or admissions@law.vanderbilt.edu with questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 1 – MARCH 15
Applications submitted

JANUARY 10
Deadline for submitting Law Scholars Merit Award applications

FEBRUARY 15
Priority deadline for need-based scholarships
The Admission Process

J.D. PROGRAM
You may submit a J.D. application between October 1 and March 15. We make admission decisions on a rolling basis. You are welcome to apply using the paper forms in this section of this viewbook, or you may apply electronically through LSAC.

We can consider your application when we have received all of the following:
• Your completed application form
• Your LSDAS report
• Two letters of recommendation
• Your personal statement
• The J.D. Financial Aid Statement form (required of all applicants)
• A $50 non-refundable application fee.

Please refer to pages 34 and 35 for detailed application instructions.

ELECTRONIC APPLICATIONS
Candidates who apply electronically must pay the application fee online using a credit card and must certify their applications electronically.

SELECTION PROCESS
We make decisions on individual applications as quickly as possible, although the time required may vary from case to case. We evaluate each application thoroughly, reflecting our belief that the quality of the educational environment at Vanderbilt Law School benefits from considering a range of information far broader than your GPA and LSAT score. A rolling selection process allows for extending the time frame of consideration where appropriate, ensuring that each application receives the individual attention it deserves and allowing us to make careful comparisons of applications completed at different times. The rolling process also means that applicants who take the December or February LSAT are not disadvantaged.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
If you completed a bachelor’s degree at an institution outside the United States (including its territories) and/or Canada, in addition to providing the materials listed above, you must also:

1) Register with the LSAC J.D. Credential Assembly Service, and
2) Take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if the language of instruction at the foreign institution conferring your bachelor’s degree is not English. Please request that ETS send your TOEFL score directly to LSAC for inclusion with your CAS report, using code 0058.

J.D. TRANSFER ADMISSION
Law students who have completed one year of study in a J.D. program at an ABA-approved law school may apply for transfer admission to Vanderbilt. Transfer applicants may submit applications from May 1 through July 1. Transfer students are not eligible for joint degree programs.

To apply as a transfer student, you must:

☐ Complete the J.D. application form, indicating you are applying for transfer. You may use the paper forms in this section of the viewbook, or use Vanderbilt’s electronic transfer application available through LSAC.
☐ Provide a personal statement, which addresses the reasons you would like to complete your J.D. at Vanderbilt or indicates a need to be located in Nashville.
☐ Provide two letters of recommendation, one of which should be from a faculty member who taught you at your current law school.
☐ Provide an official transcript showing grades for all first-year courses, your rank-in-class at the end of the first year, and a letter of good standing from your current law school.
☐ Register with LSDAS and have your report sent to Vanderbilt.
☐ Enclose a $50 non-refundable application fee.

VISITING STUDENTS
J.D. students at other ABA-approved law schools may apply for visiting student status by submitting the same materials required for transfer applicants (except an LSDAS report). Please provide a transcript from your law school showing grades for all academic work you have completed.

EARLY DECISION DISCONTINUED
Please note that Vanderbilt Law School has discontinued its Early Decision program. Candidates who are certain they will attend Vanderbilt if admitted are encouraged to apply by early November. Although we cannot guarantee a decision by mid-December, we will make decisions on all applications as quickly as possible.
Financial Assistance

Approximately 80 percent of Vanderbilt Law students receive some form of financial assistance through the school. About 60 percent receive merit- or need-based scholarships in varying amounts, with a median award of $14,000 in 2005-06. We make financial aid decisions on an ongoing basis beginning in February, and we notify recipients as decisions are made. Financial aid packages may include merit scholarships, need-based scholarships, scholarships based on combined merit and need, or educational loans. All financial assistance is offered for the three years of attendance at Vanderbilt with no specific academic standing attached for renewal each year.

**LAW SCHOOL MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**
All admitted J.D. applicants are automatically considered for merit scholarships provided by the law school. These scholarships are awarded in varying amounts.

**LAW SCHOLARS MERIT AWARDS**
Each year, Vanderbilt provides several merit awards valued at more than full tuition to admitted applicants through a competitive selection process. To be considered, applicants must complete the Application for Law Scholars Merit Awards. We recommend that you submit this form with your application for admission, but you may submit it separately after you have applied for admission. In either case, the deadline for submitting Law Scholars applications is January 10. You’ll find more information about Law Scholars Awards on page 33 of this viewbook.

**NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS**
Some scholarships are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need. For consideration, you must complete both the Need Access Form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). International students who are not eligible to submit the FAFSA may still complete the Need Access form to be considered for need-based scholarship assistance. February 15 is the priority deadline for consideration for a need-based scholarship, and we recommend all forms be submitted by this date. Submitting the FAFSA and Need Access forms by the priority deadline increases the possibility of receiving a need-based scholarship. Forms submitted after the priority deadline will be considered to the extent that funds remain available.

When you complete the FAFSA, list Vanderbilt University’s Title IV Code, 003535. You may submit an electronic FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov or obtain a paper FAFSA form through a financial aid office at a college or university. The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after January 1.

In completing the Need Access form, list Vanderbilt University Law School code 0035301. The Need Access form can be completed at www.needaccess.org. Parental information is required for applicants ages 25 and under.

**EDUCATIONAL LOANS**
Most students take out educational loans to finance some of the costs of attending law school, typically relying on federal and private loans provided through Vanderbilt. Admitted applicants who submit a FAFSA documenting their eligibility for these loans will receive loan packages.

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**Considering Public Interest Law? Vanderbilt Offers Loan Repayment Assistance.**

Public interest law is challenging, rewarding and—unfortunately—low-paying. Because most law graduates face the need to repay student loans, if you choose to practice law in a public interest organization, Vanderbilt Law School offers a Loan Repayment Assistance Program that pays from 25 to 50 percent of your annual loan debt for up to 10 years after graduation. The amount of loan assistance for which you are eligible is based on your salary.

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**VANDERBILT LAW SCHOOL**
**ESTIMATED FIRST-YEAR COSTS**
**2006-07**

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Vanderbilt University Law School’s Need Access code: 0035301
Law Scholars Merit Awards

While all admitted applicants are automatically considered for Law School Merit Scholarships as described on page 32, consideration for the following merit awards requires submission of the Application for Law Scholars Merit Awards by January 10. The selection committee reviews candidates’ Law Scholar applications along with their applications for admission. All admitted applicants who have submitted timely Law Scholar applications will be considered for all available Law Scholar Awards. Recipients are normally notified in February.

The following Law Scholar Merit Awards include full-tuition scholarships plus a $5,000 annual stipend, making each currently valued at approximately $130,000 over three years. Scholarships and stipends are renewed annually for recipients in good standing at the law school.

THE JOHN W. WADE SCHOLARSHIP
The John W. Wade Scholarship, considered the highest honor provided to incoming students, is awarded to selected candidates who possess superior academic records and personal qualities that reflect potential for outstanding contributions to the legal profession. The selection committee seeks well-balanced individuals whose intellectual capacity, relationships with others and endeavors reflect former Dean John Wade’s commitment to scholarship, service and the legal profession. The scholarship includes full tuition plus a $5,000 annual stipend for each of the three years of law study.

THE PATRICK WILSON SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP
This full-tuition scholarship, sponsored by the law school’s Patrick Wilson Scholars, is awarded to selected incoming law students who demonstrate superior academic performance and strong potential for professional and personal leadership. The award includes a $5,000 annual stipend for each of the three years of law study in addition to full tuition.

THE JOHN S. BEASLEY II HONOR SCHOLARSHIP
The John S. Beasley II Honor Scholarship is awarded to selected incoming law students with the personal qualities, promise and potential to be a leader at the law school and in the legal profession. The scholarship includes full tuition plus a $5,000 annual stipend for each of the three years of law study.

THE HAROLD STIRLING VANDERBILT SCHOLARSHIP
The Harold S. Vanderbilt (HSV) Scholarship is awarded to selected incoming law students who demonstrate intellectual tenacity, a commitment to service, strong leadership and sound scholarship. The scholarship includes full tuition plus a $5,000 annual stipend for each of the three years of law study.

In addition to these awards, Law Scholar applicants are also considered for:

THE ELLIOTT CHEATHAM SCHOLARSHIP
The Elliott Cheatham Scholarship is awarded each year to a member of the incoming law class who demonstrates the combined qualities of scholarship and leadership that Professor Cheatham possessed. The Cheatham stipend of $5,000 is added to all amounts of merit- or need-based scholarship assistance awarded by the law school. Cheatham scholars are selected by the law school’s selection committee and the Cheatham Scholarship Trustees.

Questions? You’ll find more information about our scholarship programs on our Web site at http://law.vanderbilt.edu. You may also contact the Admissions Office at 615-322-6452 or admissions@law.vanderbilt.edu.
All applicants to the J.D. program must hold (or expect to hold) a bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university.

We encourage you to use the LSAC online electronic application form. You may also complete and submit the paper application form in this viewbook. Please type or print the information requested on the form.

In addition, you must provide a copy of official college transcripts from all colleges and universities you have attended and an official report of your score on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT) through the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS), for which you should register when you register for the LSAT. You can register for the LSAT and LSDAS on-line at www.lsac.org.

Please submit a minimum of two letters of recommendation. We recommend that your letters be submitted through the LSDAS service, which is described in the LSAT/ LSDAS registration information. However, if your recommenders prefer to send their letters directly to us, we have enclosed recommendation forms for their use. If your school maintains a permanent file of recommendation letters or forms, please have copies of these sent to us directly by the school.

Letters should be from members of the faculty of your undergraduate or graduate school, preferably faculty members who served as your advisers on research projects or who taught you in more than one course. If you have been recently employed full-time or have been in military service, you may submit letters from the persons best able to comment on your performance. If you have been out of school for several years, you may submit letters from employers if academic recommendations are not available.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY**

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Questions? Please contact the Office of Admissions at 615-322-6452 or email us at: admissions@law.vanderbilt.edu if you have questions. We look forward to working with you during the admission process.
J.D. Application Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure you don’t miss an important deadline.

Prior to submitting your application:

☐ Register for the LSAT/LSDAS online at www.lsac.org. International students must register with the J.D. Credential Assembly Service and have their TOEFL results reported to LSAC using code 0058.

☐ Send official copies of all college and university transcripts to the Law School Data Assembly Service (LSDAS).

☐ Have two letters of recommendation sent to LSDAS or give the J.D. Applicant Recommendation Forms to recommenders.

☐ By January 10: Complete and submit the Application for Law Scholars Merit Awards (optional). All admitted applicants will be automatically considered for Merit Scholarships, but only those who submit this application are considered for Law Scholar Merit Awards.

☐ By February 15: Complete the Need Access and FAFSA forms to be considered for need-based scholarships (optional).

☐ By March 15: Complete and submit the J.D. Application with your personal statement.

YOUR J.D. APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

☐ $50 (U.S.) application fee in the form of a check or money order payable to Vanderbilt University.

☐ A completed J.D. Financial Aid Statement (required of all applicants).
For more information

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Hours: Monday through Friday
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(except VU holidays)
Location: Beasley Admissions Suite

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www.law.vanderbilt.edu

WEB LINKS:
law.vanderbilt.edu/admissions
law.vanderbilt.edu/faculty

NONDISCRIMINATION STATEMENT
In compliance with federal law, including the provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Vanderbilt University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, age, disability, or military service in its administration of educational policies, programs, or activities; its admissions policies; scholarship and loan programs; athletic or other University-administered programs; or employment. In addition, the University does not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation consistent with University nondiscrimination policy. Inquiries or complaints should be directed to the Opportunity Development Officer, Baker Building, Box 1809 Station B, Nashville, Tennessee 37235. Telephone (615) 322-4705 (V/TTY); Fax (615) 343-4969.

SECURITY STATEMENT
In compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and the Tennessee College and University Security Information Act, Vanderbilt University will provide you, upon request, an annual Security Report on University-wide security and safety, including related policies, procedures, and crime statistics. A copy of this report may be obtained by writing or calling the Vanderbilt University Police and Security Office, 2800 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, Tennessee 37212 or by telephone at (615) 343-9750. You may also obtain this report on our Website at http://police.vanderbilt.edu/secatvu.htm.

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Application for J.D. Admission PAGE ONE

Full legal name: □ Mr. □ Ms. □ Miss □ Mrs.

Social Security Number: - - LSAC Account Number: L

Date of Birth: / / Place of Birth:

CURRENT ADDRESS INFORMATION

Address: Telephone: ( )

E-mail: Cell Phone: ( )

Your current address will be used until May 15th unless you indicate a different date here: / /

PERMANENT ADDRESS INFORMATION

Address: Telephone: ( )

E-mail: (if different from current)

Next of Kin: Relationship:

Address: Telephone: ( )

Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident? □ Yes □ No If no, provide country of citizenship

Applicants for a joint degree please check one:

Have you ever been registered at another law school? □ Yes □ No If yes, please have a letter of good standing from all law schools attended mailed to the Vanderbilt Law School Admissions Office.

Please list all law schools attended and dates enrolled.

Please list any diversity characteristics that you would like to provide:

Year you wish to enter Vanderbilt University Law School: Fall, Applicants for transfer from another law school check box: 

List names, relationships of relatives, and dates they attended the Vanderbilt University Law School:

Date(s) you have taken or will take the LSAT: (MM/DD/YYYY)
Even if you provide a resume which contains some of the requested information, please complete the following two pages of this form.

List in chronological order all colleges, universities, graduate schools, or professional schools you have attended:

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List any scholastic honors you have received and indicate the year awarded.

Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for scholastic or other reasons in any of the colleges or universities you have attended?

The following questions MUST be answered:

- Have you ever been charged or convicted of a crime other than a traffic violation (other than a traffic violation)?
- Are any charges pending which would require you to answer “Yes” to either question above if you were to be convicted?

List in reverse chronological order all full-time employment experience:

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List full-time employment during the academic year while in undergraduate/graduate school:

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Are any charges pending which would require you to answer “Yes” to either question above if you were to be convicted?

Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for scholastic or other reasons in any of the colleges or universities you have attended?

The following questions MUST be answered:

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- Are any charges pending which would require you to answer “Yes” to either question above if you were to be convicted?

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Vanderbilt University Law School
131 21st Avenue South
Nashville, Tennessee 37203
Please list extracurricular activities or civic activities while in college or graduate school:

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please present yourself to the Admissions Committee by writing a personal statement. You may write about your background, experiences, interest in law, aspirations, or any topic that you feel will help readers of your application get a sense of you as a person and prospective law student. If you are applying electronically, please attach your statement to the electronic application form. Please limit your statement to two pages and provide your name and LSAC number (if available) on each page.

I hereby certify that the information provided by this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I agree to report to the Assistant Dean for Admissions any change in the response to all questions which may occur after the filing of this application. I understand that any false or incomplete statements may disqualify my application, cause a revocation of an offer of admission, or result in suspension or expulsion after enrollment. In submitting this application, I indicate my willingness to accept and adhere to the Honor Code, and recognize that I will be subject to the procedures and regulations of Vanderbilt University.

Signature:                                    Date:
PERSONAL STATEMENT (continued)

Application for J.D. Admission
J.D. Financial Aid Statement

All Applicants MUST complete and return this form, regardless of financial aid status.

Full legal name: □ Mr. □ Ms.

Social Security Number:    -    -    LSAC Account Number: L

Vanderbilt offers substantial merit- and need-based financial assistance to admitted applicants. All admitted applicants are automatically considered for some Vanderbilt Law School merit scholarships. Recipients are notified on a continuing basis beginning in February.

To be considered for other merit- or need-based financial assistance through Vanderbilt, you must submit application forms as described below.

Please indicate whether you intend to submit each of the applications below:

☐ Yes  □ No: Application for Law Scholars Merit Awards
To be considered for a Law Scholars Merit Award (full-tuition scholarship plus $5000 stipend), you must submit this application by January 10 (this application is a supplemental form in the application materials).

☐ Yes  □ No: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for educational loans
Most law students borrow from government and private sources to finance their legal education. Admitted applicants who file a FAFSA will be offered a loan package through Vanderbilt. Vanderbilt Law’s FAFSA code is 003535.

☐ Yes  □ No: Need Access Form for need-based scholarship assistance
Some scholarships are awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need. For consideration, you must complete both the Need Access form and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Parental information is required for applicants ages 25 and under. Vanderbilt’s Need Access code is 0035301. International students who are not eligible to submit the FAFSA may still complete the Need Access form and be considered for Vanderbilt need-based scholarship assistance.

STUDENT'S INDEBTEDNESS

Please list all of your outstanding educational loans:

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Have you ever defaulted on any educational loan? □ Yes  □ No
PRIOR SCHOOLS

Please list below all colleges and universities you have attended and the dates of attendance:

NAME | CITY/STATE | DATES ATTENDED (FROM-TO)

RESOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION

Parental Contribution to first-year law school expenses: $ Source of assistance:

Are you a United States citizen or permanent resident? Yes No

OTHER INFORMATION

Are you a veteran of active military service or a dependent child of a veteran? Yes No

Total Contribution: $ Student Contribution: $ Need: $ Award: $ Approval: Date:

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

SIGNATURE

Date:

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

LSAC ACCOUNT NUMBER

PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED (FROM-TO)

CITY/TOWN

STATE

DATE ATTENDED

PRERIAL SCHOOLS

Vanderbilt University

Internal Revenue Service
Office of Admissions
Application for Law Scholars Merit Awards

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Social Security Number: - -

Current Address:

College(s): Degree(s) Awarded:

College Major:

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Grade Point Average:

LSAT Score:

Applicants for the John W. Wade, Elliott Cheatham, John S. Beasley II Honor, Patrick Wilson Scholars, and Harold Stirling Vanderbilt scholarships MUST complete this form and return it by January 10th along with all application materials. Please respond to all SIX questions. If you wish to generate your responses by computer, please attach them to this form.

1. What are your strongest qualifications for these awards?

2. Describe your interest in law as a profession.
3. Describe your two most significant extracurricular activities or honors received in college.

4. Describe your most significant employment experience.

5. What do you expect to be involved in both professionally and extracurricularly 10 years after you have graduated from law school?

6. If you were to choose an occupation other than the practice of law, what would you choose?
J.D. Applicant Recommendation

To the J.D. Applicant: If you are a J.D. applicant submitting letters through the LSDAS Service, please use the waiver form provided by LSAC instead of this form. If you are sending letters directly to Vanderbilt, please complete this side of the form, and ask the recommender to mail this form and the letter to the Admissions Office at Vanderbilt Law School. If your school maintains permanent files of letters of recommendation, complete this waiver form and deliver it to the office sending your letters so that the waiver can be attached.

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________

(PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME)

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Please check ONLY one box below and sign:

☐ I waive my right of access to this recommendation.

☐ I DO NOT waive my right of access to this recommendation.

Recommender’s Name: ____________________________

(PLEASE PRINT)

Mailing Instructions: Please use the reverse side of this sheet for your recommendation or attach your letter to this form, and mail it directly to the Admissions Office at:

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131 21st Avenue South
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To the Recommender: This student is applying for admission to the Vanderbilt University Law School. We must select our students from applicants qualified to meet the demanding standards of the law school. Therefore, we must make judgments based both on objective criteria and on abilities and characteristics that cannot appear exclusively in objective indicators.

Your opinion will help us evaluate this applicant. It is important that the letters be detailed and frank. Please state the extent of your acquaintance with the applicant and, as fully as possible, your opinion of the applicant’s aptitude for the study of law. The Admissions Committee finds it particularly useful if special attributes can be identified that would set apart this candidate from others whose objective indicators might be similar. Please discuss specifically the applicant’s intellectual ability (particularly analytical and verbal skills), creativity, commitment to academic pursuits and writing skills. Also of interest to the committee are such matters as character, reliability and maturity.

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