The sample application below is for informational purposes ONLY.

ALL applicants to the LL.M. Program must apply online. The Harvard Law School Online LL.M. Application is available at: https://apply.embark.com/law/Harvard/05/.

Do not submit your application on paper. Paper applications will automatically be discarded and application fees will not be returned.

For further information on the LL.M. Program, visit http://hls.harvard.edu/dept/graduate-program/llm-admissions.
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M.) PROGRAM

The information and instructions below are for applications to the Harvard Law School LL.M. program only. If you wish to apply to the S.J.D. or the Visitor Scholar/Visiting Researcher Program, please return to the Preliminary Questions page and select the appropriate program.

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1. APPLICATION DEADLINE

Your application and all supporting documents must be received by the Harvard Law School Graduate Program office no later than December 1 (and preferably by November 15).

Please note that the application deadline of December 1 will be strictly observed. It is your responsibility to make certain that all supporting materials (e.g., official transcript, recommendations, TOEFL report) reach the Graduate Program office by the deadline.

Please do not call or email us about the possibility of submitting materials after the deadline. If you have completed and submitted your online application by the deadline, we will not disqualify your application if some of your supporting documents (e.g., official transcript, recommendations, TOEFL report) have not been received by the deadline. However, we will begin our review process once the deadline has passed, even if some of your supporting documents are missing. Therefore, you will be at a competitive disadvantage when compared to other applicants whose files are complete.

We strongly encourage applicants to submit their applications before December 1 so that any technical problems that may arise can be resolved before the application deadline.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for the Harvard Law School LL.M. program, an applicant must have a J.D. (Juris Doctor) degree from an accredited U.S. law school or a first law degree (J.D., LL.B., abogado, or the equivalent) from a law school in other countries. Harvard Law School is rarely able to accept into its LL.M. Program anyone who already holds (or is pursuing) an LL.M. from another law school in the United States.
3. ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Admission to the LL.M. program is highly competitive. Each year a substantial number of applicants compete for a limited number of places in the LL.M. program. Most applicants are fully qualified for the program, and the Harvard Law School Committee on Graduate Studies must select from among a vast pool of candidates who have excellent credentials. In evaluating applications, the Committee takes into consideration applicants’ grades and rank in their university and law studies, their ability to write a cogent legal essay, their English language proficiency, the quality of their letters of recommendation, their professional and personal accomplishments, and other factors, including the following:

For LL.M. Applicants from Abroad

The Harvard Law School LL.M. program is designed for intellectually curious and thoughtful candidates who come from a variety of legal systems and backgrounds and who have demonstrated intent to return to their country to contribute to the academy or legal profession. We are equally interested in applicants pursuing careers in law teaching and research, government service, the judiciary, international organizations, nongovernmental organizations and private practice.

For LL.M. Applicants from the United States

For applicants (regardless of citizenship) who hold a J.D. from a law school in the U.S. (including Puerto Rico), the LL.M. degree is intended as preparation for a career in law teaching. The strongest candidates will have had at least two or three years of experience beyond law school and will have demonstrated a commitment to law teaching. In the admissions process, the Committee on Graduate Studies looks for applicants who have excelled in their basic law school studies, who elicit strong letters of recommendation from law school teachers and others familiar with their work, and who have spent at least two years working as a law school teacher, judicial clerk, or practitioner in a public agency or private practice. A strong publication record and graduate education in a field other than law would also be significant. Weight will be given to materials demonstrating the applicant’s interest in, commitment to, and aptitude for a career in law teaching. On rare occasions, the Committee may consider an applicant who is not primarily interested in a teaching career but who makes a strong case for study at Harvard as contrasted with other schools, based on the applicant’s area of specialization or other factors.

4. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

You must carefully complete and submit the online Application for Admission. You will be responsible for assembling and submitting all of the credentials necessary for evaluating your application, and for making sure that all materials are received by the deadline. Your full name exactly as it appears on your passport should appear on all documents. Do not use nicknames. Please notify us of any legal name variations that may appear on requested documents. Failure to submit your name exactly the way it appears on your passport will cause delays in reviewing your LL.M. application and may compromise the issuance of your visa documents should you be admitted to the program.

We cannot accept application materials sent by fax or e-mail. No exceptions will be made.

Checklist of application materials:

- Online application form
- Personal statement
- CV/Résumé
5. TOEFL REQUIREMENTS

A high level of English language proficiency is a requirement for admission. All applicants who are from non-English-speaking countries who did not do their basic legal education entirely in the English language must take the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) within two years prior to submitting their applications. The Harvard Law School Graduate Program requires a score of at least 100 on the Internet-based test (IBT), with at least 25 in each of the four subsections; for the paper-based test (PBT), we require a score of at least 600, with at least 60 in each of the three subsections and at least 5.0 on the Test of Written English (TWE). If your TOEFL score does not meet our minimum required score, your application will still be reviewed; however, you will be at a competitive disadvantage when compared to other applicants.

Applicants with at least two consecutive years of full-time university education conducted entirely in English may request a waiver of the TOEFL; however, such waivers are not automatic, and are granted at the sole discretion of the Committee on Graduate Studies, whose decision is final. To submit a TOEFL waiver request, go to the “Supplemental Forms” page and follow the instructions. NOTE: If you have not completed at least two consecutive years of full-time university education conducted entirely in English, your request for a TOEFL waiver will be automatically denied.

If you are requesting a TOEFL waiver, please submit your application by November 15.

The Committee on Graduate Studies will not make a decision on your TOEFL waiver request until all transcripts have been received.

TOEFL is offered by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) at locations around the world. For more information, visit the ETS website at www.toefl.org or contact ETS at TOEFL Services, Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, NJ 08541, USA.

Please arrange to have an official TOEFL score report sent directly to the Graduate Program as soon as possible (but no later than December 1). Faxes or photocopies of score reports are not acceptable as official reports, nor are scores that are more than two years old.

Harvard Law School’s TOEFL institution code is 3457.

6. PERSONAL STATEMENT

The Personal Statement is an essential component of your application. It provides an opportunity for you to present your ideas and demonstrate your writing ability to the Committee on Graduate Studies. Please limit your statement to no more than 1,500 words —anything exceeding this limit will be disregarded.
Please note that footnotes do not count towards the overall word limit as long as they are limited to providing sources and citations.

The Personal Statement must be solely the product of your own efforts. We reserve the right to disqualify the application of a candidate who has submitted a Personal Statement written by, or with the help of, someone other than the candidate.

Your Personal Statement should address both of the following questions specifically, with Part (A) constituting at least half of the total length:

(A) Briefly describe either an important issue in your field of interest or a current legal problem facing a particular country, region, or the world, and then propose a theoretical framework or a legal analysis or strategy to address this issue.

(B) Please tell us something about yourself — in particular, why you wish to pursue an LL.M. degree at Harvard and how doing so connects with what you have done in the past and what you plan to do in the future.

Please follow the instructions on Page 6 of the Application Form (Step 3: Essays/Uploads) to upload your Personal Statement. Note that your Personal Statement must be uploaded and submitted with the rest of your application. We will not accept any Personal Statement sent to us separately from the online application.

7. TRANSCRIPTS

A Transcript Request Form is provided in Step 4 (Supplemental Forms) of the online application. Please complete the top half of the Transcript Request Form and save it to your computer. You should then print out and provide this form to the registrar or administrative officer in charge of student records at each university or law school you have attended. Ask the registrar or the administrative officer to fill out the bottom half of the Transcript Request Form and also provide an official transcript for your academic record (and a diploma for degrees that you have been granted).

Ask the registrar to place the completed Transcript Request Form, your official transcript (and your diploma for degrees that have been granted) in an envelope, seal the envelope, then sign across the seal (back flap) before giving this envelope to you. Do not open the envelope or break the seal when it is returned to you. You should then submit the transcript and diploma for degrees that have been granted in the sealed envelope to the Graduate Program before December 1. If the school prefers to send the Transcript Request Form, your transcript, and your diploma directly to the Harvard Law School Graduate Program, please ask them to send it to the address set forth in Section 18 below (“Where to send materials not submitted electronically”).

IMPORTANT:

• If your transcript and diploma are not provided in English, please follow the instructions in Section 10 below (“Certified translations.”)

• If original documents are not available, please supply certified copies of the original documents.

Degrees in Progress
If you are enrolled in a degree program that is still in progress for which your school is unable to provide a transcript, you must provide an enrollment letter from your school’s registrar. In such cases, your application will not be complete without an enrollment letter.
Law Exchange Programs
You must provide an official transcript for any exchange program for which you received credit for your law degree, unless all credits earned and individual class grades from the program are reported on your official law school transcript.

Summer Programs/Certificate Programs
Please do not submit transcripts for summer programs, or for certificate programs shorter than 6 months.

Multiple Degrees from the Same School
If you have received more than one degree from the same university or law school, you may submit a single transcript (as long as the transcript provides detailed information, including credits earned and individual class grades, for each degree).

8. LSAC LL.M. CREDENTIAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE

The LL.M. Credential Assembly Service is a service for international applicants provided by the Law School Admission Council (LSAC). Details about this service may be found at LLM.LSAC.org. Applicants with foreign educational credentials (those who earned their first law degree outside the U.S.) must sign up for both the Document Assembly Service and the International Transcript Authentication and Evaluation Service. If you have previously submitted your transcripts to LSAC, please note that LSAC does not keep transcripts for more than three (3) years. You must resubmit your original transcripts to LSAC if you have submitted them more than three (3) years ago. For a fee, the LSAC will collect your transcripts and TOEFL scores and send them to the participating schools. Please note: We do not accept recommendations through this service.

If you are applying to several schools at the same time, you may find this service an efficient and convenient way to submit your official transcripts and TOEFL scores, since you will have to supply those records only once, to LSAC, even if you apply to multiple schools. Please note: You should submit only official transcripts to LSAC. If you submit an unofficial transcript(s) to LSAC, you will subsequently be required to provide your official transcript(s) directly to the Graduate Program if you are admitted. The service is recommended but not required for applicants to the LL.M. program at Harvard Law School. If you register with this service, please be sure to provide your registration account number (which begins with the letter L, followed by 8 digits) on our online Application Form where indicated. If you provide your 8-digit registration number, we will automatically request your materials from LSAC after you have submitted your online Application Form. Without your complete 8-digit registration number, we will not be able to access your credentials from LSAC. (Note to reapplicants: If you are reapplying to the LL.M. program within two years of a prior application, please do not enter your LSAC number again unless you have completed additional coursework since your prior application.

If you intend to use the LL.M. Credential Assembly Service, you need to have your transcripts and TOEFL score reports mailed to LSAC at least six weeks in advance of the December 1 deadline to be sure that the LSAC Report will be delivered to Harvard Law School by December 1.

If you use this service, you will not need to submit your transcripts or your TOEFL scores directly to the Graduate Program, but you are still required to submit the rest of the Harvard Law School application to us by the December 1 deadline.
9. RECOMMENDATIONS

You must provide at least two letters of recommendation (most applicants provide three). The letters that are most helpful are those written by law school faculty members who know you well or by persons for whom you have worked in a professional capacity. The content of the recommendations is much more important than the total number of recommendations you submit. Letters from personal or family friends, no matter how eminent, are generally not helpful.

Applicants who hold a J.D. degree from a law school in the U.S. are strongly encouraged to submit at least three recommendations, at least two of which should be from law school faculty members.

Letters of recommendation may be addressed to the Committee on Graduate Studies.

Important: Recommendations must be written solely by the recommender. If your recommender cannot provide a letter in English, please ask him/her to provide a letter in his/her own language. In such cases, the applicant should obtain a certified translation into English done by someone other than the applicant (please follow instructions for “Certified translations” in Section 10 below). We reserve the right to disqualify the application of a candidate who has played any role in writing or translating a letter of recommendation.

Regardless of whether your recommendations will be submitted online or on paper, you must provide the names and professional positions of your recommenders by completing Question 11 (“References”) on Page 3 of the Application Form.

Online recommendations (Recommended)

Recommendations may be submitted online (the preferred method, since it allows you to track the status of each recommendation and to send a reminder to the recommenders if necessary) or on paper. The online recommendation form asks the same questions as the paper form. Online recommenders will be asked to upload or manually enter their recommendation; they may also upload a scanned recommendation letter (PDF), preferably on official letterhead.

You should consult with each recommender to determine which submission process he or she prefers. You are not required to use the same process for all recommendations, but please do not have the same recommender submit both an online and a paper recommendation.

To use the online recommendation process, please be sure to register your recommenders by going to Step 5 (“Recommendations”) and following the instructions there. An email containing instructions, a user name, and a password will be sent from "Embark Online Recommendations" to each recommender that you register. The recommender must open that email and follow the instructions to submit an online recommendation.

Important: Recommendations submitted online are tracked differently than recommendations submitted on paper. After registering your recommenders for the online process, you may check the status of the respective online recommendations by clicking on the "Recommendations" link located on the menu options in the top left corner of your online application. This will take you to a page titled "Step 5: Recommendations" where you will be able to see the status of your respective online recommendation(s). Recommendations already submitted will be indicated by the status "Submitted" or "Received."

Note that your recommenders may upload their letters of recommendation at any time before the December 1 deadline, even after you have submitted your application.
**Paper recommendations**

If a recommender would prefer to submit a recommendation on paper, provide the recommender with a completed **Recommendation Request Form** (available on the Supplemental Forms page in Step 4).

Please complete the top half of the **Recommendation Request Form** and save it to your computer. You should then print out and provide the form to your recommender together with an envelope addressed to you. Ask your recommender to place both the Recommendation Request Form and the letter of recommendation in the envelope, seal the envelope, and sign across the seal (back flap) by the recommender before returning it to you. Do not open the envelope or break the seal when it is returned to you. You should then submit the sealed letter of recommendation to the Graduate Program so that it is received by **December 1**. Alternatively, your recommender may send the letter directly to the Graduate Program by using the address set forth in **Section 18** below ("Where to send materials not submitted electronically").

For information on how to track the status of paper recommendations, please see **Section 16** below ("Checking the status of your application").

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**10. CERTIFIED TRANSLATIONS**

**For official transcripts**

If your transcript is not provided in English, please take the transcript in the sealed envelope to a qualified translator and ask him or her to: (a) open the sealed envelope; (b) translate the contents into English — the translation must be a literal and complete version of the original document; (c) certify that the original is a true and official copy of your transcript as the translator received it from you; and (d) place the original transcript, the translation, and the certification in a new envelope, seal the envelope, and sign across the envelope seal. You should then pick up the sealed envelope from the translator and send it to us **unopened** (for address see **Section 18**, “Where to send materials not submitted electronically”).

**For letters of recommendation**

If a recommendation is not written in English, please take the recommendation in the sealed envelope to a qualified translator and ask him or her to: (a) open the sealed envelope; (b) translate the contents into English — the translation must be a literal and complete version of the original document; (c) certify that the original is a true copy of the letter of recommendation as the translator received it from you; and (d) place the original recommendation, the translation, and the certification in a new envelope, seal the envelope, and sign across the envelope seal. You should then pick up the sealed envelope from the translator and send it to us **unopened** (for address see **Section 18**, “Where to send materials not submitted electronically”).

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**11. APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID**

If you wish to apply for financial aid from Harvard Law School, you must also complete the **Financial Aid Application** (including the Parental Form and, if applicable, the Spouse’s Form). You should submit these forms even if you are also seeking funding through the Fulbright Commission or other programs (e.g., Boas Scholarships) that send your application separately to Harvard Law School.
Please note that Harvard’s financial aid is need-based only, and that Harvard generally does not provide full-tuition grant awards. To increase the likelihood of substantial grant funding, we encourage you to apply for outside scholarships in addition to HLS financial aid. For information on scholarships administered by Harvard University, please visit: www.scholarship.harvard.edu.

To complete the Harvard Law School Graduate Program Financial Aid Application, please proceed to Part II of the online Application Form, where you will find further instructions. You can work on Parts I and II simultaneously, but you must submit Part I (the application for admission) before you can submit Part II (the financial aid application). Your application for financial aid will have no bearing on your application for admission, since the two decision processes are completely separate. Financial aid applications are not reviewed until after admission decisions have been reached.

Because our goal is to make financial aid decisions available as soon as possible after admission offers have been communicated, we cannot wait to receive financial aid applications from admitted students. We will make grant awards first to the students who timely submitted their financial aid applications. If you do not submit your financial aid application until after you receive an admission offer, we likely will not have any grant funds available to award to you, and will only be able to offer you loan assistance.

12. APPLICATION FEE

The application fee is US$85 and can be paid by credit card (using the credit card payment option provided in the online application), check or money order, or electronic check (available only if you have a U.S. account). Checks and money orders must be in U.S. dollars, made payable to Harvard Law School, and drawn on a bank with a U.S. branch indicated on the face of the check to ensure proper credit. Do not send cash. Checks and money orders must be sent to the Graduate Program by the application deadline (for address see Section 18, “Where to send materials not submitted electronically”).

The application fee is nonrefundable and will not be credited to tuition if you are admitted.

**Application fee waiver request:** If payment of the application fee would present an extreme financial hardship, you may request a waiver of the fee by submitting an Application Fee Waiver Request Form (available at Step 4: Supplemental Forms). You must also provide information on your personal and family financial resources (including those of your parents and, where applicable, your spouse) by completing and submitting the Financial Aid Application before your request for a fee waiver will be considered. In order for your fee waiver request to be reviewed, you must submit both your application for admission and your financial aid application at the same time. If you do not submit a financial aid application, your fee waiver request will be automatically denied.

Please contact the Graduate Program (GPQuery@law.harvard.edu) well before the application deadline for further instructions on how to submit your online application when requesting a fee waiver.

**Application fee paid by sponsor:** If your application fee will be paid by a sponsoring organization (e.g., IIE, government agency, etc.), please submit a note to that effect by uploading it on page 10 of the online application. Please contact the Graduate Program (GPQuery@law.harvard.edu) well before the application deadline for further instructions on how to submit your online application when your application fee will be paid by a sponsoring organization.
13. REAPPLYING TO THE LL.M. PROGRAM

The Graduate Program retains application records for two academic years after the original year of application. If you reapply within two academic years of your original application, you do not need to re-submit transcripts and recommendations already provided with your original application. However, you must complete and submit the online application again, indicating on page 1 of the Application Form that you have previously applied to the LL.M. program as well as the academic year for which you originally applied.

Reapplicants must also provide:

- **New** personal statement
- **New** letters of recommendation (at least two)
- Transcript(s) for additional academic credentials or coursework you have completed since your last application
- **New** financial aid application (if applicable)
- Application fee of US$85

Reapplicants using the LL.M. Credential Assembly Service should also refer to Section 8: “LSAC LL.M. Credential Assembly Service” for instructions about whether to include your 8-digit LSAC registration number on your Application Form.

The deadline for reapplications is December 1.

14. CONFIDENTIALITY POLICY

The application for admission, together with all supporting materials, becomes the property of the Harvard Law School Graduate Program upon submission. No materials will be returned to the applicant or forwarded to other schools or agencies. All information submitted by the applicant will be treated as confidential and, subject to relevant laws, will not be shared with persons outside of Harvard University without the applicant’s permission.

15. INTERVIEWS

Evaluative interviews are not part of the admissions process because we believe that an adequate comparison of personal qualities and professional accomplishments is not possible on the basis of brief personal interviews.

Therefore, a visit to Harvard Law School will not improve your chances of admission. However, if you do visit Harvard Law School, we will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

16. CHECKING THE STATUS OF YOUR APPLICATION

You will not be able to check to see if your materials have been received until after you have submitted your online application.
Once you submit your online application, you will be able to track the status of your application as it is
processed by our office. Your Applicant Status Page will indicate whether your application and various
supporting documents have been received. The status of materials sent to the Graduate Program will be
updated only AFTER your application is submitted online.

Given the number of applications we receive and the limited time we have available to process,
authenticate, and review each of them, it is not possible for us to reply to telephone, fax, in-person, or e-
mail inquiries asking us to verify receipt of application materials or confirm application status. Instead, we
ask that you take advantage of the “Track Your Status” feature of the online application and return to it
periodically to see if specific items have been received. NOTE: There may be a lag of two or more weeks
before the status of a particular item is updated.

To track the status of online recommendations (provided you have registered one or more of your
recommenders to submit their letters through the online recommendation process), click on the
"Recommendations" link located on the menu options in the top left corner of your online application. This
will take you to a page titled "Step 5: Recommendations" where you will be able to see the status of your
online recommendation(s). Recommendations already submitted will be indicated by the status
"Submitted" or "Received." This status information will not be visible in the "Track your Status" feature.

To track the status of paper recommendations, please use the “Track your Status” feature. Note: There
may be a lag of two weeks before the status of a particular item is updated.

17. ADMISSION DECISIONS

Most admission decisions for LL.M. applicants will be communicated electronically by late March. Please
do not call or email the Graduate Program office to inquire about the status of your admission decision.
This will only disrupt our workflow and prevent us from completing our decision-making process as quickly
as possible.

However, if you are facing a deadline for acceptance from another school that cannot be extended, you may contact the Graduate Program office and we will do our best to give you an indication of your status where available.

Once the decisions have been reached, you will be notified promptly and will be able to log in to a
password-protected site to check whether you have been admitted, denied, or placed on a waiting list.
Applicants on the waiting list likely will not know the final result of their applications until May or later. To
protect the confidentiality of applications, we do not release any information on an application decision to
anyone other than the applicant.

18. WHERE TO SEND MATERIALS NOT SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

Materials not submitted electronically through the online application should be sent to:

        Graduate Program Admissions
        Harvard Law School
        1585 Massachusetts Avenue, Room 5005
        Cambridge, MA 02138
        USA
Important: Please note that all materials related to your application will be filed by your family name (also known as surname or last name). Please include your full name (exactly as it appears on your passport) and underline your family name on all correspondence with the Graduate Program.

Other than materials submitted through the online application (including online recommendations), all supporting documentation must be in printed form; no videos or digital media storage devices (e.g. USB flash drives, DVDs) will be reviewed.

Please do not submit books, articles, dissertations, or other publications.
Application for Admission to Graduate Study

Harvard Law School Graduate Program - 1585 Massachusetts Avenue - Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138 - USA

Program you are applying for: ____________________________

For the LLM. applications, the deadline is:

December 1 (we strongly encourage all applications to be submitted by November 15)

Have you previously applied to the Graduate Program? _______ If yes, which academic year? _______

(If you have previously applied to the Graduate Program, please review the special instructions for reapplicants in the instructions section of the application.)

Which program? ____________________________

For LLM. and SJD. applicants only: Date you plan to begin studies: August __________ Year

For LLM. applicants only: LLM. Credential Assembly Service (see Instructions)

☐ I have registered with the LLM. Credential Assembly Service. My registration account number is: ____________________________

☐ I will not be using the LLM. Credential Assembly Service.

Visiting Scholars/Visiting Researchers only:

Select the date you plan to begin your research: ____________________________ Proposed length of stay: ____________________________

Full name (exactly as it appears in your passport):

Surname (family name(s)) Given name(s) Date of birth: / / 

Sex: ____________________________ Place of birth:

Citizenship 1: ____________________________ Country not found

Citizenship 2: ____________________________ Country not found

If you are not a U.S. citizen, do you have U.S. Permanent Resident status? ____________________________

Are you Hispanic/Latino? ____________________________

Select all that apply: ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Black or African American ☐ Asian

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White

Mailing address for all correspondence

(Please notify us immediately if this address changes.)

Complete address, including country and postal code:

Permanent address (only if different from mailing address)

(For our records only. No mail will be sent to this address.)

Complete address, including country and postal code:

Primary telephone: ____________________________ Alternate telephone: ____________________________

E-mail: ____________________________

E-mail 2: ____________________________

English language proficiency - (For all applicants from abroad, including Canadians)

What language do you use at home? At School? At Work? ____________________________

If you are a native English speaker, or if you have completed your basic legal education entirely in English, you do not need to take the TOEFL exam or request a TOEFL waiver. Note that you are only required to take the test once, but if you took it more than once, you may report your two (2) most recent scores below.

Test date: / / Test Type: Total score:

Subsection Scores (IBT): Reading Listening Speaking Writing

Subsection Scores (PBT): Section 1 Section 2 Section 3 TWE

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Will you be requesting a TOEFL waiver? ____________________________

If you believe you qualify for a TOEFL waiver, please go to "Supplemental Forms," complete the TOEFL Waiver Request Form, and submit the waiver request form with your application.
**Higher Education:** List all universities and law schools you have attended, beginning with the institution from which you received your first law degree (if you are applying to the LL.M. Program) or your highest completed law degree (if you are applying to the S.J.D. or Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher Programs), followed by the rest in chronological order.

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Please submit a brief description of how you estimated your law school class rank:

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Academic honors: If you received any of your university or post-secondary degrees "with honors" or with some other distinction, please indicate the type of honors or distinction you received (e.g., magna cum laude, First Class Honors, très bien) and the dates on which you received them. Please include any memberships in scholastic honor societies.

Publications: List any books, articles, or theses you have published (give title, date of publication, and name of publisher). Note: Do not submit books, articles, or other publications with your application.

Bar membership: Are you a member of the bar? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, in which jurisdiction(s)?
Occational experience: List below your experience in law or law-related fields; include any full-time employment in any other field only if it lasted a year or more. In each case provide dates (from/to), name and location of employer, and a brief description of the position, starting with your current occupation. If teaching, indicate whether the position is/was in a law faculty and whether full- or part-time. If you are not currently employed or in school, what are you now doing?

Character and Fitness: If your answer is "Yes" to any of the following questions, please provide full details and dates in the applicable space below.

(a) Has your college, university, graduate or professional school course been interrupted for one or more terms for any reason? 

(b) Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by any bar association or in any of the colleges, universities, graduate or professional schools you have attended? 

(c) Have you been convicted (without the conviction later having been vacated) of any felony or misdemeanor within the past five years? Is there any criminal charge pending against you?

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**References:** Please give the names and professional positions of at least two persons whom you have asked to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. *(Note: The letters that are most helpful are those written by law school faculty member who know you well or by persons for whom you have worked in a professional capacity. Letters from personal or family friends are generally not helpful.)*

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**Recommendation Waiver:**

**IMPORTANT:** Recommendations must be written solely by the recommender. If your recommender cannot provide a letter in English, please ask him/her to provide a letter in his/her own language; if possible, you should then include a certified translation into English done by a qualified translator (other than yourself). *(See instructions on certified translations.)* *Under NO circumstances should an applicant prepare or review a letter of recommendation.* We reserve the right to disqualify the application of a candidate who has played any role in writing (or translating) a recommendation letter.

I authorize the persons named above to provide a candid evaluation and all relevant information to Harvard Law School.

I understand that U.S. legislation may provide me with a right of access to this recommendation, that I may waive such access, and that no school or person can require me to waive this right.

☐ I waive my right to see these recommendations.
☐ I do not waive my right to see these recommendations.

Signature of applicant: ____________________________________________

Date: __/__/______________________________________
**Academic interests:** Please indicate at least two areas of your academic interests by selecting from the options below (a) a general category and (b) within that category, a specific topic.

Interest 1: ____________________________  
Interest 2: ____________________________  
Interest 3: ____________________________  

Please tell us why you are interested in these areas and how they relate to your career goals. *(Note: Please limit your response to no more than 1500 characters. Please do not simply refer to your personal statement.)*

**Career plans:** What are your career plans (both short-term and long-term) after you complete your graduate law studies?

Year 1-3  
Year 4-6  
Year 7 and beyond  

Please elaborate on your plans. In which country (or countries) do you intend to pursue your career? *(Note: Please limit your response to no more than 1500 characters. Please do not simply refer to your personal statement.)*
ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
(The following questions are for Graduate Program staff to use in completing administrative tasks and do not have bearing on your admission decision.)

Have you ever been affiliated with a Harvard program (summer school, degree program, employment status) for which you received a Harvard University ID number ("HUID")? ______________

Visa: (for international applicants)
Do you intend to apply for a student visa? ______________
Do you intend to apply for U.S. permanent residence? ______________
Do you intend to seek permanent employment in the U.S. or elsewhere outside of your home country? ______________
If yes, please specify where:________________________

Finances:
Do you have sufficient funds to cover your travel, tuition, and living expenses at the Harvard Law School? ______________
If yes, please indicate your source of funds below:________________________

Do you intend to apply for financial aid from Harvard Law School? ______________

Please note that we have a very limited time for making financial aid determinations once our admission decisions have been made. If you do not submit your financial aid application until after you receive an admission offer, we likely will not have any grant funds available to award to you, and will only be able to offer you loan assistance.

To apply for financial aid from Harvard Law School, please complete and submit the Financial Aid Application by proceeding to Part II of this application. If you do not wish to apply for financial aid, you do not need to proceed to Part II.

Are you applying for an application fee waiver? ______________

If you believe you qualify for an application fee waiver, please go to "Supplemental Forms," complete the Application Fee Waiver Request Form, and submit the completed form with your application. You are also required to complete and submit a financial aid application if you are requesting an application fee waiver. **If you do not submit a financial aid application, your application fee waiver request will be automatically denied.** (Note: Applicants for the Visiting Scholar/Visiting Researcher Program are not eligible for application fee waivers.)

☐ Yes, I would like my name and address released.
    If you are admitted to the LL.M. program, your name, address, and e-mail may be released to your fellow classmates and current students (for correspondence purposes) prior to your arrival at Harvard Law School.

☐ No, I would not like my name and address released.
    If you are admitted to the LL.M. program, your name, address, and e-mail will not be released to your fellow classmates or current students prior to your arrival at Harvard Law School. In this case, your information will be released to faculty and staff of Harvard University only.

I certify that the information I have provided on this application and in any attached materials is accurate and complete. I understand that it is my obligation to notify the Graduate Program immediately if there are any changes in the information I have provided in this application. I understand that any misrepresentation or omission may be the basis for denial of admission or dismissal from Harvard Law School.

Signature of Applicant:________________________

Date: __________/________/________