

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

J.D. Admissions

A Guide: Letter of Continued Interest

Thank you for accepting a place on our waitlist. Oftentimes, we are asked how candidates can improve or strengthen their overall application to receive an offer of admission. Ultimately, the best way to demonstrate your continued interest and commitment to Harvard Law School is by submitting a letter telling us just that. Full disclosure: We are unlikely to move forward with waitlisted candidates who do not submit a letter of continued interest. Given its significance, we are providing you with step-by-step instructions below.

Step One:

First things first: write the letter. We highly encourage you to limit these to one page, double- or single-spaced, with a font size that is comfortable to read (no less than 11 point). As for the content, that's up to you. How have your experiences, talents, and skills prepared you to succeed at Harvard Law School? Why is HLS the best place for you to pursue your legal education? When this is complete, convert the document to a PDF. You're ready for step two.

Step Two:

Time to upload. Please sign into your [status checker](#). Then, scroll down toward the bottom of the page to the "Upload Materials" section and select "Letter of Continued Interest Material" from the drop-down menu. Click on the "Browse" button to select your letter and then "Upload" to share it with us. Here's what it will look like:

Upload Materials

If you have new information for your admission file, such as fall semester grades or a promotion at work, you may wish to update your application with additional materials here. These items may include unofficial transcripts, updated resumes, and other addenda. Please use your best judgment in uploading any additional materials, taking into account the frequency and nature of your past updates.

We have received the following documents from you:

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Step Three:

That's it. There's no step three. The bullet point with timestamp above indicates your letter was successfully uploaded and *automatically* added to your file. While you won't be receiving a confirmation email from us, you can be sure we've received it.

A Few Notes:

You should not email your letter of continued interest. Why? First, it will take us much longer to see it, as we receive a high volume of emails each day. Additionally, as a matter of policy, we do not upload application materials for our candidates (with the exception of supplemental letters of recommendation or support). As a result, we ask you to follow the submission guidelines enumerated above.

Be sure you are happy with your letter before submitting it. Once you have officially uploaded your letter, we cannot delete, edit, or substitute it for you. If you feel strongly about uploading a new or amended letter of continued interest, you will need to repeat the process. Each letter you submit will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee.

We hope this helps. Please review our [Waitlist FAQs](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions.