

Law School Prep & Mentor Program

The Friday Forward Fellowship was established by the attorneys at Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP to increase the number of law school candidates and law clerks from diverse backgrounds.

Recognizing that diversity includes many human differences such as race, ethnicity, sexual and gender identity, military service, socioeconomic status, faith and beliefs, disability status, immigrant upbringing, and other conditions, we are committed to seeking out these populations in Arkansas colleges and universities to provide financial support and mentorship with the goal of inspiring a more diverse representation in the Arkansas legal profession.

APRIL 15
2024

APPLICATION
DEADLINE

Overview

The Friday Forward Fellowship will accept up to 10 students into the program each school year.

Friday Fellows will be selected by a committee comprised of attorneys and Arkansas law school administrators and/or faculty members.

Applicants must be a current student or recent graduate of an Arkansas 4-year college or university, interested in the legal profession, and have an intent to take the LSAT upcoming summer or fall semester.



Fellowship Benefits

SELECTED FRIDAY FELLOWS WILL RECEIVE

- 1 Financial aid to attend an LSAT Prep Course through Kaplan. Fellows can choose from On Demand, Live Online, or In Person options.
- 2 A one-on-one mentorship with a Friday Firm attorney. Mentor attorneys will work with and guide Friday Fellows through law school, offering advice and guidance for academic and career success.
- 3 An opportunity to interview for a clerkship at the firm during law school.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be a current student or recent graduate of an Arkansas 4-year college or university, interested in the legal profession, and have an intent to take the LSAT upcoming summer or fall semester.

Items Required for Application Consideration

1. Completed application.
2. Write a letter to the selection committee, maximum 500 words, detailing the applicant's motivation for pursuing a career in the legal field. Additionally, choose one of the following essay questions to address:
 - a. What challenges or obstacles have you overcome and what have you learned from those experiences.
 - b. Share the challenges you've encountered as a member of an underrepresented group and how you've navigated through them.
 - c. Tell us about a time you successfully achieved a goal, outline the specific steps you took to reach it.
 - d. Describe a facet of your identity, background or personal story that shapes who you are.
3. Transcript (formal or informal transcripts accepted)
4. One letter of recommendation (from an undergraduate faculty member or advisor)

Application Submission Instructions

All required components of this application must be completed and sent in one email electronically or mailed as one packet and **received no later than Monday, April 15, 2024, at 5:00 PM.** Letter of recommendations may be included with the applicant's submission or provided separately by the recommender but must also be received to the address by due date.

Email: marketing@fridayfirm.com

or mail: Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP
c/o Jeremiah Wood
400 West Capitol Ave., Suite 2000
Little Rock AR, 72201

Selection Process

The Friday Forward Fellowship will accept up to 10 students into the program each school year. Friday Fellows will be selected by a committee comprised of attorneys and Arkansas law school administrators and/or faculty members.

Candidates chosen for the 2024 Friday Forward Fellowship will receive notifications by email no later than Monday, April 22, 2024. Additionally, an official letter will be dispatched by mail. It is imperative to provide a functional email address and a mailing address where both email and mail can be received during this period. Those selected for the program are required to formally accept the Fellowship by responding through email, phone, or letter. Contact details will be provided in the email/letter. Responses must be received by April 26th, 2024 to be considered valid.

Questions regarding the program can be directed to Jasmine Richardson at marketing@fridayfirm.com

More information can also be found at www.fridayfirm.com/fridayforward.

ABOUT YOU

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

First

Middle

Last

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Current Address: Valid until (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Permanent/Alternate Address: Check if same as above

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Primary E-mail Address: _____

Secondary E-mail Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Please read the Friday Forward Fellowship Information and Application Requirements. The purpose of the fellowship is to increase the number of law school candidates and law clerks from diverse backgrounds. Please list all factors you wish to be considered. If you prefer not to answer, you may leave that section blank, but blank information will not be considered.

Ethnicity – Please check all that apply:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino | <input type="checkbox"/> White or Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ___ Other (please specify): _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |

Gender:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Female | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Listed: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer Not to Answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Male | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary | |

Preferred Pronouns:

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> She/Her/Hers | <input type="checkbox"/> They/Them/Theirs | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> He/Him/His | <input type="checkbox"/> Not Listed: _____ | |

Do you consider yourself a part of the LGBTQIA+ community? Yes No

Family Background:Are you a first-generation college student? Yes NoDid anyone in your immediate family graduate from college? Yes No

If "Yes" please specify the relationship and the highest degree attained: _____

Annual Household income _____ Number of people in your family household: _____

(Include parents' income):

Are you eligible for a Federal Pell Grant? Yes NoDo your parents file you as a dependent? Yes No**Veteran:** Have you served in the military? Yes No**Disability:** Are you considered disabled? Yes No

CHARACTER INFORMATION

In addition to a bar examination, there are character, fitness and other qualifications for admission to the bar in every U.S. jurisdiction. Applicants are encouraged to research such requirements through the National Conference of Bar Examiners. As you respond to the questions below, do so carefully and be mindful that in the future, when you seek admission to law schools and state bar(s), you will be required to respond to similar conduct questions. Failure to provide complete, accurate and consistent responses, or to omit information that is requested on law school applications can cause serious problems for you when you are seeking bar admission but checking "yes or no" to any of these items will not necessarily exclude an applicant from participation in this program. If the answer to any of the following questions is yes, please attach a statement concerning each item, including the charge and final resolution.

1. Are you currently, or have you ever been, on academic suspension or academic probation? Yes No
2. Have disciplinary charges ever been filed against you at any institution of learning or have you ever been dismissed from any institution of learning? Yes No
3. Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or pled guilty to a crime other than minor traffic violations? Yes No
4. Are you aware of any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you?
 Yes No

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

List all undergraduate institutions you have attended beginning with the most recent. Add additional pages if needed.

ACT Score: (total) _____ (English Section) _____ (Reading Section) _____

OR SAT Score: (total) _____ (Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Section) _____

Current College/University:

Institution Name: _____ City, State: _____

Major(s): _____ Minor(s): _____

Cumulative GPA: _____ Current Grade: _____ Expected Graduation: _____

Number of credit hours you will have completed as of June 1, 2021 (include transfer credits): _____

List any other college/universities you have attended:

Institution Name: _____ City, State: _____

Dates Attended: From _____ to _____

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Dates Attended: From _____ to _____

LSAT Information | Law School Acceptance Test

Have you ever taken the LSAT? Yes No Score: _____ Date: _____

If you have not taken the LSAT, what date do you plan to take it? Date: _____ Not Sure Yet

Have you ever taken an LSAT preparation course? Yes No

If yes, please provide the date and service provider: _____

If accepted into the Friday Fellowship which Kaplan LSAT prep course, are you most interested in?

- On Demand LSAT Course - Study at your own speed, on your own time
- Live Online – Flexible scheduling options that fit into your life
- In Person – Engaging, in-person structure to minimize distraction

To help our recruitment efforts, tell us how you learned about the Friday Forward Fellowship.

Check all that apply:

- Social Media
- Professor/Advisor
- www.fridayfirm.com/fridayforward
- Email
- Friday Firm Attorney
- Other _____

CERTIFICATION OF INFORMATION

Certification of Information – *If printing this application, sign below.*

By signing this application, I certify that all the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that omission or misrepresentations of any facts in this application packet made by me will be considered adequate grounds for cancellation of acceptance.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Electronic Certification of Information – *If submitting electronically, e-sign below.*

By typing/electronically entering my name for this application, I certify that all the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that omission or misrepresentations of any facts in this application packet made by me will be considered adequate grounds for cancellation of acceptance.

Printed Name: _____

Electronic Signature: _____ Date: _____

REQUEST TO RELEASE ACADEMIC INFORMATION

I, _____, hereby provide written authorization, as required by 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), to release my academic records. Indicated below are the entities who may have information from my educational records for application to the Friday Forward Fellowship program:

The University of Arkansas School of Law
1045 W. Maple St.
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR 72701
Telephone: (479) 575-5601

University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law
1201 McMath Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72202
Telephone: (501) 916-5431

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Electronic Signature: _____ Date: _____

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Applicant must Initial each line indicating each item is completed and attached within this submission.

_____ Completed Application

_____ Transcript

_____ Letter to Committee

_____ Letter of Recommendation:

How will the letter of recommendation be submitted:

- Included in this packet submitted by the applicant.
- Sent separate, directly to the program contact, by the reference.

Please include the full name of your reference: _____

Please state the relationship with the reference: _____

Questions regarding the Friday Forward Fellowship and the application process can be directed to:

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Little Rock, AR 72201
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