

Law School Application Expenses

SUMMARY OF COSTS FOR APPLYING TO LAW SCHOOL

LSAT Prep Course	\$500-\$1300
LSAT / GRE	\$200-\$205
CAS Grade Service	\$195
CAS Report (10 schools)	\$45 each school
Individual School Application Fees (10 schools)	\$30 - \$100 depending upon the school

LSAT PREP COURSE (\$500-\$1300)

Taking an LSAT Prep Course is strongly recommended. LSAC has partnered with Khan Academy to provide some free test resources. Additionally, there are private courses that range in price from \$600 to over \$1300, and each course has its own strengths and weaknesses. Investigate each, observe a class before you sign up for the course, and don't judge them solely on price. Also ask other students about their prep experiences. Additionally LSAC has created Law Hub, a subscription service to study from previously administered LSAT's.

LSAT TEST (\$200) AND GRE TEST (\$205)

All law schools accept the LSAT as an appropriate standardized test necessary for your application; many schools also accept the GRE. The GRE may be appropriate to apply with in specific scenarios but while schools may accept the GRE the vast majority prefer the LSAT. We strongly encourage you to take the LSAT.

CAS GRADE SERVICE/CAS REPORTS (\$45 for each school)

Signing up for CAS costs \$195. You must pay additional fees for each law school you want the service to send your information to (we recommend ten). Each report costs \$45. CAS (Credential Assembly Service) is not optional. All ABA-accredited schools require that you use this service.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL APPLICATION FEES (dependent on the school typically ranges from \$0 - \$85)

Each school requires application fees ranging from \$0 to \$85. Applying to ten schools can cost a total of \$0-\$850, depending on the schools.

FEE WAIVERS FOR THE LSAT AND CAS

The needed criterion for this fee waiver is considerably more stringent than for other financial aid processes. According to CAS, "only those candidates with extreme need should apply." Fee waivers are available for two LSAT examinations (test dates must fall within the two-year waiver period). To apply for a fee waiver, fill out a fee waiver application at www.lsac.org under the "LSDAS" section. Submit the application to LSAC with the relevant tax forms, other documentation, and a completed LSAT and CAS Registration Form. Generally you must submit an application at least four to six weeks prior to the registration deadline for the LSAT administration you wish to take. LSAC makes every effort to notify you if you are denied the waiver before the regular registration deadline.

FEE WAIVERS FOR INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL APPLICATION FEES

Individual School Application fees are waived based on need and based on merit. Merit-based fee waivers are generally sent to you via email after you take the LSAT. For needs-based fee waivers, contact each law school directly. If you received a fee waiver for the LSAT and CAS, law schools will also waive their application fees.