

# Law School Application Expenses

## Summary of Costs for Applying to Law School

LSAT Prep Course	\$500–\$1300
LSAT Test	\$180
CAS Grade Service	\$185
CAS Reports (10 schools)	\$300
Individual School Application Fees (10 schools)	\$300–\$850
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1465–\$2805</b>

## LSAT Prep Course (\$500–\$1300)

- Taking an LSAT Prep Course is strongly recommended. Classes range in price from \$500 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.

## LSAT Test (\$180)

- The LSAT is *not* optional—you must take it to apply to any ABA-accredited school.

## CAS Grade Service/CAS Reports (\$485)

- Signing up for CAS costs \$185.
- You must pay additional fees for each law school you want the service to send your information to (we recommend ten). Each report costs \$30.
- CAS (Credential Assembly Service) is *not* optional. All ABA-accredited schools require that you use this service.

## Individual School Application Fees (\$300–\$850)

- Each school requires application fees ranging from \$30–\$85. Applying to ten schools can cost a total of \$300–\$850, depending on the schools.

## Fee Waivers for the LSAT and CAS

- The need 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 per testing year (June–February), the CAS service, and a total of four CAS school reports.
- To apply for a fee waiver, fill out a fee waiver application at [www.lsac.org](http://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 fee waivers three months before the LSAT is administered.
- 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.