

Friday Forward Fellowship - Information and Application Requirements

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.

The Friday Forward Fellowship will accept up to 10 students into the program each school year. These “Friday Fellows” will be provided financial aid to attend an LSAT prep course, personal mentorship with a firm attorney, and the opportunity to interview for a clerkship at the firm during law school. Mentor attorneys will work with each Friday Fellow throughout their law school experience by providing advice and guidance to help fellows succeed in school and in their legal career.

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.

About Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP

Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP is a full-service law firm representing businesses, nonprofits, healthcare organizations, government entities and individual clients in Arkansas and across the United States. The firm is the largest in Arkansas with more than 90 attorneys and offices in Little Rock and Rogers.

Recognized as one of the oldest law firms in Arkansas, we have had the privilege of representing clients for 150 years. We attribute our success to a strong foundation of devoted internal leadership and a continuous, sharp focus on our clients’ needs. We believe this foundation, along with offering services in more than 50 areas of the law, has allowed us to become the largest law firm in Arkansas.

More about the firm:

www.FridayFirm.com

More about our practice areas:

www.FridayFirm.com/practice-areas

More on Social Media:

@FridayFirm

Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn

Application Process

Applicants must include the following in their submission:

- Completed application
- Letter to committee (maximum 500 words) addressing why applicant wants to pursue a career in the legal field PLUS answer one of the essay questions below:
 - 1) What struggles have you faced being a part of an underrepresented group?
 - 2) Tell us about a time you reached a goal and what steps you took to achieve it.
 - 3) Describe a facet of your identity, background or story that is essential to who you are.
- Transcript (formal or informal transcripts accepted)
- One letter of recommendation (from an undergraduate faculty member or advisor)

The application, letter, and transcript should be sent together via email or standard mail, and must be **received no later than April 8, 2022 at 5pm**. All completed submissions will be collected and forwarded directly to the selection committee. The letter of recommendation may be included with the applicant's submission or provided separately, but must also be received by due date. Submissions should be addressed to:

Friday Eldredge and Clark, LLP
c/o Jeremiah Wood
400 West Capitol Ave., Suite 2000
Little Rock AR, 72201
marketing@fridayfirm.com

If you have any questions about the Friday Forward Fellowship, the application process, or selection requirements, please call 501-370-1455 or email marketing@fridayfirm.com

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

Friday Forward Fellowship Application

Personal Data

Name (First, Middle, Last): _____

Current Address: (Valid until 4/31/2022)

Street, City, State, Zip: _____

Permanent/Alternate Address: _____

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:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African American
 Hispanic or Latino
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White or Caucasian
 Other (please specify): _____

Gender: Female Male Other

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

Have you served in the military? Yes No

Are you considered disabled? Yes No

Will you be the first person in your immediate family to graduate from college? Yes No

Are you the first person in your family to attend high school in the U.S.? Yes No

Annual household income: _____ Number of people in your family household: _____
(Include parents' income)

Are you eligible for an income-based scholarship or grant? Yes No

If "yes," which one(s): _____

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 determine the requirements for any jurisdiction in which they intend to seek admission by directly contacting the jurisdiction. Addresses for all relevant agencies are available through the National Conference of Bar Examiners. As you provide responses to the questions set forth below, please do so carefully and be mindful that in the future, when you seek admission to law schools, and to one or more state bars, 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. Have you ever been subject to verbal or written discipline (informal or formal, and of any type, such as but not limited to warning, reprimand, suspension, dismissal, and/or detrimental impact to any benefit/privilege) for scholastic or other reasons in any of the colleges, universities, or professional schools you have attended (including organizations you have participated in at these institutions) or by any employer? Yes ___ No ___
2. Have you ever been cited for, charged with, taken into custody for, arrested for, indicted for, tried for, pled guilty to, or convicted of, the violation of any law, excluding minor traffic or parking violations? Note: This question does NOT require you to disclose information concerning any arrest or criminal charge that has been expunged at the time you submit this application. This question does NOT require you to disclose incidents that were the subject of a juvenile delinquency or youthful offender proceeding. Yes ___ No ___
3. Are there any charges pending or expected to be brought against you? Yes ___ No ___
4. Are you aware of any charges, discipline and/or accusations pending or expected to be brought against you of any kind that would satisfy any of the foregoing character and fitness related questions? 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 _____

Certification of Information

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 and Release of Information (Sign below for electronic application submission). 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:

Name: The University of Arkansas School of Law

Address:

1045 W. Maple St.

University of Arkansas

Fayetteville, AR 72701

Telephone: (479) 575-5601

Name: University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law

Address:

1201 McMath Avenue

Little Rock, AR 72202

Telephone: (501) 916-5431

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Electronic Signature: _____ Date: _____

Checklist for Applicants

Prior to submitting your application, please check to make sure the information needed is complete and ready for submission.

- Application
- Transcript
- Letter to committee
- Reference:

Please include the full name of your reference:

Please state relationship with reference:

Please check how the reference will be submitted:

- Included in original submission by applicant
- Will be sent separately by reference

Note about electronic application submissions: To help us further, please use the email subject line “Friday Forward” and the applicant’s first and last name when submitting the application electronically. Files attached should be saved as follows:

- Application file using “Apply” and your first and last name; (Example ApplyJohnSmith) –
- Letter to the committee should be saved as “Letter” and your first and last name
- Transcript with “Transcript” and your first and last name
- Reference as “Reference” with your first and last name AND the reference’s first and last name. (Example: ReferenceJohnSmithJaneDoe). If the reference is sent separately from your submission, please ask the reference to write “Friday Forward Reference” and your name in the subject of the email.

Those who are selected for the 2022 Friday Forward Fellowship will be notified by email on or before Friday, April 15 2022. A letter will also be sent by mail. It is very important you provide at least one working email address and one mailing address *where you will be receiving email and mail during this time*.

Applicants chosen for the program MUST reply by email, phone or letter to officially accept the Fellowship. Contact information will be included in email/letter. Responses must be received no later than April 22 to be included.

Please help us in our future recruiting efforts by letting us know how you found out about the Friday Forward Fellowship. Check all that apply:

Internet Search Social Media School News Email

University Faculty Member (Provide name and department): _____

Other: _____