

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be current college students or recent graduates of an Arkansas college or university, or Arkansas high school graduates currently attending or recently graduated from an out-of-state college. Candidates should have a strong interest in attending law school and intend to take the LSAT this year.

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. Describe a challenge or barrier you've faced in your pursuit of legal education and how you navigated it. What did you learn from the experience?
 - 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 Saturday, April 4, 2026**. 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
(preferred)

or mail: Friday, Eldredge & Clark, LLP
c/o Jasmine Richardson
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 2026 Friday Forward Fellowship will receive notifications by email no later than Thursday, April 30, 2026. It is imperative to provide a functional email address. 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 May 4, 2026 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 promote fairness in access to legal education by supporting students who have experienced barriers to entering the legal profession.

Please list any personal, academic, or economic challenges or lived experiences you would like the selection committee to consider in evaluating your application. These may include—but are not limited to—socioeconomic hardship, first-generation college status, military service, disability, or other life circumstances.

Friday, Eldredge & Clark is committed to fairness and broad access to the legal profession. The following questions are optional and will not be used to disqualify any applicant.

Ethnicity – Please check all that apply:

☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native

☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

☐ Black or African American

☐ Asian

☐ Hispanic or Latino

☐ White or Caucasian

☐ ____ Other (please specify): _____

☐ Prefer not to answer

Gender:

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Not Listed: _____

☐ Prefer Not to Answer

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

Family Background:

Are you a first-generation college student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Did 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 ☐ No

Do 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, 2026 (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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