
APPLICATION for the 2018-2019 Academic Year LUIS J. DeGRAFFE PRE-LAW ACADEMY

With the support of our Board of Directors, and loyal funders and donors, we are excited to announce our 12th Annual LAWbound® season. LAWbound®: Luis J. DeGraffe Pre-Law Academy will take place in January 2019. The curriculum is an academic empowerment program that introduces legal methods and processes, exposes scholars to various legal careers, and provides comprehensive pre-law counseling.

Eligibility Requirements

- Latinx currently enrolled as a college freshman or sophomore at the time of application. Upper classmen and graduates will also be considered.¹
- Ability to demonstrate strong academic potential with a minimum overall B average and to permit LatinoJustice PRLDEF access to your academic record.
- Must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a legal education.
- Must be able to attend the full prep program, which takes place daily from **9:30AM to 4:30PM**, from **January 7th, 2019 to January 11th, 2019**. *Applicants from outside of the New York City/Tri-State area must secure their own local housing if accepted to the program.*

Submission Requirements

APPLICATION FORM (attached)

TRANSCRIPT(S) official undergraduate transcripts from all colleges attended.

NOMINATION FORM (to be completed by college professor, teacher or advisor)

TERM DEADLINES:

- **Deadline to apply is Friday, November 30th, 2018.**
 - You must be able to attend the full winter academy from **January 7th to January 11th, 2019**.
 - **Mailed** applications must be **postmarked** by **November 30th, 2018** to be eligible for consideration.
 - **Emailed** applications must be **received** by Friday, **November 30th, 2018** to be considered.

Upon completion of this form, please email to education@latinojustice.org;
Subject: LAWbound® Winter 2019 – Last Name, First Name

Program Incentives

Students accepted as LAWbound® Scholars will receive:

METROCARDS to cover transportation expenses

MEALS Breakfast and Lunch daily

BOOKS AND MATERIALS

¹ Select High School seniors, College juniors, seniors and recent graduates will also be considered on a case-by-case basis, as long as there are seats available in the program.

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Read the application carefully and complete **ALL** sections.

1. Print/type carefully so that your form will be easy to read. You may attach pages.
2. If a question does not apply to you, please write "N/A" in the answer space.
3. **You must apply to one** of the academies but not to both.
4. Please make sure you **sign and date** this form.

General Information

Name:			
Date of Birth (Age):			
Gender:	Male	Female	Gender non-conforming
Place of Birth:			
Father's Birth Place:			
Mother's Birth Place:			
Ethnic/Racial Background. Check the appropriate ethnic/racial designation(s): <i>(This information will be used for tracking purposes; you may check more than one)</i>			
	Chicano/Mexican American	Dominican	Native American
	Puerto Rican		
Other Latinx (specify):	African American	Caucasian	
	Asian/Pacific Islander	Other/Mixed (please specify):	

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

Street Address:	
City, State:	
Zip Code:	

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS

(If same as mailing address, please leave blank)

Street Address:	
City, State:	
Zip Code:	

Home Phone:		Emergency Contact:	
Mobile Phone:		Relation:	
Email Address:		Emergency Contact's Phone:	

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Educational Background

In order of attendance, please list all High Schools, Colleges, and Universities that you have attended up to today. Please be sure to provide all dates:

School Name	Dates of Attendance/Graduation	Major or Degree Earned (if applied)

Please answer the following questions in the space provided. You may also attach your responses on a separate sheet to this application.

1. Tell us about yourself. Please share information about your personal background (e.g. special interest, hobbies, skills, extracurricular activities, etc.). Please include (if applicable) a description of any challenges you have overcome that have impacted your life thus far:



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2. Why are you interested in participating in the LatinoJustice PRLDEF LAWbound® program? How do you think it will be helpful to you?

3. Please describe how you became interested in the law and what you hope to accomplish as a lawyer or with a law degree:

I certify that the information reported on this application is complete and accurate:

Signature

Date

Please mail or email application and supporting documentation to:

Attn: LAWbound® (if using FedEx or express mail: address to Sonji Patrick)
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
99 Hudson Street, 14th Floor New York, NY 10013
Email education@latinojustice.org; Subject: LAWbound® (indicate which term) – Last, First Name
Phone (212) 739-7497



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Confidentiality Pledge; Waiver of Claim to Access

TO THE APPLICANT: When completed and returned to us, this nominating form will be used in the review process for LAWbound®, LatinoJustice PRLDEF's pipeline program focused on increasing Latino access to law school. Sign below to waive any claim to access to this recommendation form and/or attached letter. Please provide this signed form to your evaluator, so they may send it into us with their letter.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Name of Evaluator, Title

Phone Number

TO THE EVALUATOR: We solicit your candid appraisal of the above-named applicant for participation in LatinoJustice PRLDEF's LAWbound® program. In an effort to expand the Latinx presence and diversify the bar, this pilot project will work to provide strong support to promising Latinx college students who have articulated a desire to study law in the future. First, LatinoJustice PRLDEF has created a one-week program called the Luis J. DeGrafraffe Summer Academy as well as workshops and seminars to provide supplemental academic advisement and pre-law counseling. Second, participating students will be partnered with both a law school and attorney mentor. Third, participating students will be offered comprehensive pre-law services including a discount on the LSAT courses through the LatinoJustice PRLDEF-Princeton Review partnership.

Please provide specific information to support this student's application to our program. For your convenience, we have provided a series of questions (following) that you may use as a guide. You do not have to answer all of these questions specifically; they are simply a reference tool for your use as needed. Please include any information you believe would be helpful. The applicant has signed this form above to indicate their waiver of any claim to access to your comments.

All completed nominating letters should be sent to education@latinojustice.org or by mail to: LatinoJustice PRLDEF LAWbound®, 99 Hudson Street, 14th floor, New York, NY 10013. Thank you very much for taking the time to help us learn more about this applicant.

All supporting documentation for Winter 2019 is due by **November 30th, 2018.**

Questions for Evaluators to Consider

Please do not write answers on this page. These are offered as a general guideline only; please submit your nomination in the form of a letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?
2. Based on your personal knowledge of the applicant, how well qualified do you feel to appraise the applicant?
3. To what degree do you believe that the applicant has the strong academic potential, ability, personal integrity, personal skills and necessary motivation to successfully complete this initiative? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
4. What do you perceive as the applicant's academic strengths? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
5. What do you perceive as the applicant's weaknesses, academic or otherwise? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
6. Do you know of any social circumstances in the applicant's social or academic background, personality, or experience that should be considered in evaluating the likelihood of the applicant's success in LAWbound®? If possible, please give examples that may reflect the applicant's talents, interests and aspirations.
7. Please add any additional information you think would be relevant to us in making our decision.

Please note:

- The LAWbound® Winter 2019 Academy take place from **January 7th, 2019** to **January 11th, 2019**.
- **All supporting documentation for** (i.e. transcripts, nominating forms and recommendation letters) for Winter 2019 is **due by November 30th, 2018**.

Thank you again for your help in getting to know this candidate!