

APPLICATION for the 2020-2021 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 15th Annual LAWbound season. LAWbound's Luis J. DeGraffe Pre-Law Academy will take place in August 2020 and January 2021. 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 student currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at the time of application to the program. Freshman and sophomores are preferred. Upper classmen and graduates will also be considered.¹
- Demonstrate strong academic potential with a minimum overall B average (or better) and permit LJ PRLDEF access to your academic record.
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a legal education.
- Must be able to attend the full program, which takes place daily from 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM, during **either** the summer, August 3-7, 2020 **or** the winter, January 11-15, 2021. **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. (Please contact Sonji Patrick at spatrick@latinojustice.org, if official grades cannot be accessed or sent electronically.)
- **NOMINATION FORM** (attached; to be completed by college professor, teacher or advisor)
- **DEADLINES:**
 - **For the summer, deadline to apply is Friday, June 5, 2020.** You must be able to attend the full summer academy from August 3rd-7th. **All applications must be sent electronically via email or fax.** Complete applications must be received by June 5th to be considered.
 - **For the winter, deadline to apply is Friday, November 13, 2020.** You must be able to attend the full winter academy from January 11-15, 2021. **All applications must be sent electronically via email or fax.** Complete applications must be received by November 13th to be considered.
 - You may send your faxed application to **LatinoJustice LAWbound®** at (212) 739-7497 or via email to education@latinojustice.org. Please submit your application materials as early as possible.

Program Incentives

Students accepted as LAWbound Scholars will receive:

- **METROCARDS** to cover NYC transportation expenses
- **MEALS** -- Breakfast and Lunch Daily
- **Books and materials**

¹ Select high school seniors, college juniors, seniors and recent grads will also be considered on a case-by-case basis, as long as there are seats available in the program.

LAWbound® Application for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

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 (see box below) but not to both.
4. Please make sure you **sign and date** this form.

I. General Information

Full Name (first, middle, last) _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender: M / F

Place of Birth _____ Father's _____ Mother's _____

Ethnic/Racial Background. Check the appropriate ethnic/racial designation(s):

(This information will be used for tracking purposes; you may check more than one.)

Chicano/Mexican American Dominican Native American Puerto Rican

Other Latino (specify) _____ African American Asian/Pacific Islander
Caucasian Other/Mixed (please specify) _____

CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS (if the same as mailing address, you may leave blank)

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone (____) _____

Emergency Contact Name:

Mobile Telephone (____) _____

Emergency Contact's Phone:

Email: _____

(____) _____

(Please provide your most reliable email address)

Please check one (you must apply to **one** of the following):

_____ I am applying for the Summer 2019 Program; I can attend the August 3-7, 2019 Summer Academy.

_____ I am applying for the Winter 2021 Program; I can attend the January 11-15, 2021 Winter Academy.

Name _____

II. 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 Date(s)	Major or Degree Earned (if applicable)

III. 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 interests, hobbies, skills, extracurricular activities, etc.). Please include (if applicable) a description of any challenges you have overcome that have impacted your life thus far.

Name _____

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.

Name _____

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

Signature	Date

You may email your application to education@latinojustice.org. Please place “[Your Name] --LAWbound Application” in the subject of your email.

You may also fax your completed application and supporting documentation to:

Sonji S. Patrick
LatinoJustice PRLDEF
Phone/Fax: (212) 739-7497

Thank you.

LAWbound® 2020-21 Nominating Form

Name of applicant:

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 here to waive any claim to access to this recommendation form and/or attached letter. Please provide this signed form to your evaluator, so he/she may send it in to us with their letter.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Name of Evaluator, Title

Best Phone number

TO THE EVALUATOR: We solicit your candid appraisal of the above-named applicant for participation in LatinoJustice PRLDEF's LAWbound program. In order to expand the Latino presence and diversify the bar, this pilot project will work to provide strong support to promising Latino 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. DeGraffe Summer/Winter Academy, as well as workshops and seminars to provide supplemental academic advisement and pre-law counseling. Second, participating students will be offered an attorney mentor. Third, participating students will be offered comprehensive pre-law services including a discount on the LSAT courses through the LatinoJustice PRLDEF-Nelson Test Prep partnership.

Please provide specific information to support this student's application to our program. For your convenience, we have provided a series of questions (on the back) 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 his or her waiver of any claim to access to your comments.

All completed nominating letters should be sent to Ms. Sonji S. Patrick, **LatinoJustice PRLDEF LAWbound**, via email to education@latinojustice.org. You may also fax your nomination letter to (212) 739-7497. Thank you very much for taking the time to help us learn more about this applicant.

All supporting documentation for summer 2020 is due by Friday, June 5, 2020. All supporting documentation for winter 2021 is due by Friday, November 13, 2020.

Questions for Evaluators to Consider

Please do not write answers (to the questions below) 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 special 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 Summer 2020 Academy takes place from August 3-7, 2020.

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