

LEGAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

LEO Program at Seton Hall Law

Completed applications must be submitted through LSAC by **April 1**



Seton Hall Law School is proud to offer the Legal Education Opportunities (LEO) program. The LEO program is focused on providing an inclusive platform for law students from diverse backgrounds to excel beyond their academic journey – and throughout their career in law. This guide will walk interested applicants through eligibility requirements and application submission.

Eligibility Requirement

Students must identify at least one area of early education disadvantage

ECONOMIC

Economic disadvantage

EDUCATION

Substandard pre-college schooling

FAMILY

Family hardship

LANGUAGE

English as a non-primary language

DISABILITY

Physical, learning, or other disability

Early educational disadvantage applies to circumstances before enrolling in college. If the disadvantage is discovered or diagnosed after enrolling in college, an applicant may make a claim documenting how the newly discovered or diagnosed disadvantage had an impact prior to college.

Educational disadvantage outside the U.S. does not qualify for purposes of the LEO program unless applicants can demonstrate both disadvantage in their home country and that the disadvantage had an effect on their early educational development after arriving in the U.S.

Get Started

Students identifying themselves as educationally disadvantaged may request alternative consideration for admission by submitting the **Application for First Year Admission with LEO Summer Institute Consideration**, accessible through your LSAC account. LEO applicants must specifically identify and explain their educational disadvantage(s) and provide ample support for their claim. We encourage applicants to be as specific as possible, providing documentation and examples where appropriate. Supportive documentation such as tax returns, medical records, or school records may be submitted to support a claim.

Application Checklist

All LEO applications must be submitted no later than April 1 of each year.

A completed application includes:

- An identified early education disadvantage[s]
- Specific and completed documentation to support case for disadvantage[s]
- All academic transcript[s]
- A current letter of recommendation (written within the last two years). An additional one or two letters and/or LSAC Evaluations are strongly encouraged.
- A completed and signed Application for Admission, which includes a required personal statement, activity/extracurricular list and resume.
- A nonrefundable application fee of \$65.
- Completed application For First Year Admission with LEO Summer Institute Consideration.

Admissions Decisions

Once we receive your application materials, you can be admitted one of two ways:

- Admitted directly into the law school, with no LEO status
- Admitted to the law school via the LEO process with mandatory participation in the summer LEO Institute and a reduced credit load the first year

