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“Texas Tech University School of Law is a very special place. We always put our students first, and we focus on the real-world practical skills that every lawyer needs for a fantastic career in the profession.

I invite you to come see firsthand what makes Texas Tech Law so special and why so many students choose to call it home.”

- Dean Jack Wade Nowlin,  
J.D., Ph.D.





## Value

*The National Jurist* Magazine consistently recognizes Texas Tech Law as one of the best value schools in the nation. We are committed to providing a premier legal education to the brightest lawyers of tomorrow. Graduates leave our program with the knowledge, experience, and qualifications necessary to compete for the most sought-after employment opportunities. With one of the best bar passage rates among law schools nationally, competitive tuition, and affordable West Texas living, Texas Tech Law defines what it means to be a best value law school.

## Best Value Law School

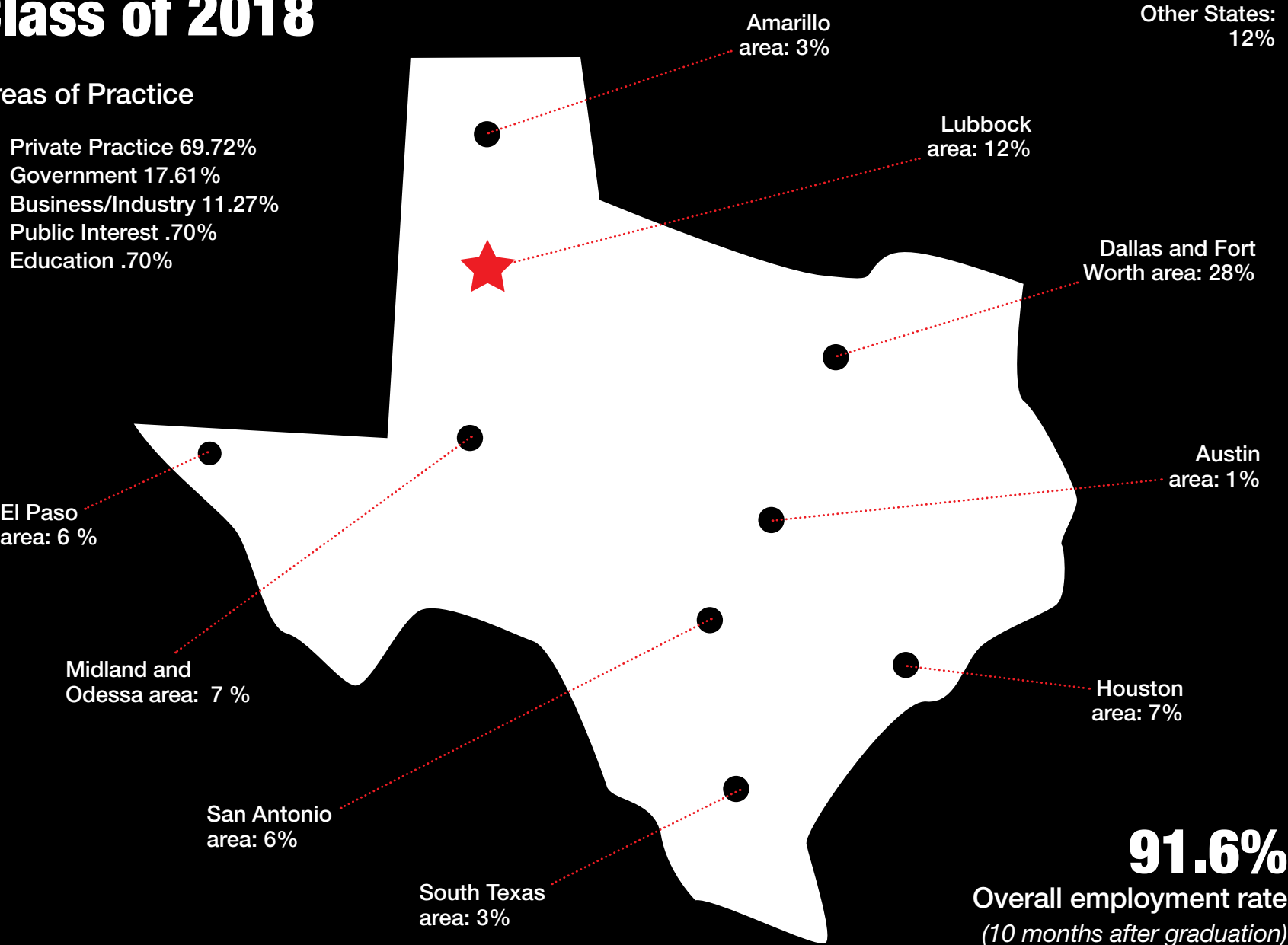
*National Jurist PreLaw Magazine 2018*



# Class of 2018

## Areas of Practice

- Private Practice 69.72%
- Government 17.61%
- Business/Industry 11.27%
- Public Interest .70%
- Education .70%



**91.6%**  
Overall employment rate  
(10 months after graduation)

**Top 15%**  
in the nation “Gold Standard  
Employment” for new lawyers  
by *law.com*

## The Career and Professional Development Center

The Career and Professional Development Center gives individualized attention to every student and develops a personalized plan for their success. The Center’s staff provides networking opportunities to keep students, alumni, and employers connected. Workshops on topics ranging from career

acquisition skills to employment readiness ensure that our graduates are prepared for the job market. Services are free of charge for all alumni throughout their careers, extending the personal, accessible nature of Texas Tech Law beyond a student’s years on campus.





# Dual Degrees

Texas Tech Law’s curriculum prepares students for life after law school with courses proven to provide a strong foundation in law. Texas Tech Law’s 10 dual-degree programs, three academic centers, and three concentration programs, give students the added advantage of developing expertise in a particular area of legal practice.

Texas Tech is the only campus in Texas with a major research university, a law school, and a medical school. This presents students with unmatched opportunities to pursue more than a J.D. in one of 10 dual-degree programs.

- J.D./Doctor of Medicine
- J.D./Master of Business Administration
- J.D./Master of Engineering
- J.D./Master of Public Administration
- J.D./Master of Science in Agricultural and Applied Economics
- J.D./Master of Science in Accounting (Taxation)
- J.D./Master of Science in Biotechnology
- J.D./Master of Science in Environmental Toxicology
- J.D./Master of Science in Personal Financial Planning
- J.D./Master of Science in Sport Management



# Concentrations and Certificate Program

Texas Tech Law offers three concentrations and a certificate program in several areas for students who want to focus on a specific field.

- Business Law Concentration
- Criminal Law and Innocence Concentration
- Law and Science Concentration
  - Biodefense Law and Public Policy
  - Cybersecurity Law and Policy
  - Energy Law
  - Environmental Law
  - Intellectual Property Law
  - Science, Engineering, Technology and Law
- Emerging Technologies Law Certificate

Stand Out With A  
**Specialized Degree**





Develop Practical Skills for

# PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

### Intro. to the Study of Law

Texas Tech Law’s curriculum is designed to help students acquire the practical skills they will need on their journey to a successful law practice. Intro. to the Study of Law teaches students to organize vast amounts of law so they can apply it when called upon—during law school exams, on the bar exam, and in practice.

### Legal Practice Program

The Legal Practice (LP) Program bridges the gap between a law student’s theoretical education and the practice of law. LP introduces students to a variety of skills, including research, objective and persuasive writing, client interviewing and counseling, alternative dispute resolution, and appellate advocacy.

### Bar Preparation Support

The Bar Prep program prepares students for all aspects of studying for the bar through free, additional programming for upper-level students on bar test-taking strategies, topical reviews, and one-on-one counseling sessions. More Texas Tech Law graduates pass the bar within two years of graduation than any other public Texas law school.

## Top 20

Legal writing specialty program -  
*U.S. News & World Report 2019*

## 94.4%

Ultimate Bar Passage Rate -  
*American Bar Association 2019*





# Advocacy

Part of successful legal practice is knowing how to excel in the legal environment. Students receive this experience through Texas Tech Law’s extensive, nationally recognized negotiation, arbitration, client counseling, moot court, and mock trial programs.

The Advocacy Program offers opportunities for students to compete at both an intraschool and interschool level. The law school’s Board of Barristers – a student group consisting of the most accomplished third-year advocates – administers eight in-school competitions a year in negotiation, mock trial, and moot court. Three of those eight competitions are specifically for first-year students.

In addition to competitions, Texas Tech Law students put advocacy to practice in clinical and externship programs. Students gain experience by taking on real cases with real clients, under the supervision of experienced practitioners.





# #1

American Bar Association  
Competition Championship

# #13

2019 Blakely Advocacy  
Institutes moot court ranking

# 45

National  
Championships

# 105

State/Regional  
Championships

# 110

Individual Best Brief/Best  
Advocate Awards



## Continue the **Legacy**

### Advocacy Teams

Texas Tech Law boasts a championship-caliber environment for outstanding performance in regional and national competitions. Participation in interscholastic competitions gives students the opportunity to develop a wide range of lawyering skills—courtroom advocacy, brief writing, client counseling, arbitration, and negotiation. Students also work closely with faculty, staff, and alumni mentors who set the example for competent, professional practice.

In April of each year, rising second- and third-year students may try out for interschool teams that travel throughout the country and the world to compete against other law schools. Many of the competitions are in particular subject matter areas, like entertainment law, international law, bankruptcy law, space law, and others. Some are sponsored by minority bar associations, such as the Black Law Student Association or the National Latina/o Law Student Association.



# Clinics

Students have the opportunity to give back to the Lubbock community by taking on cases of indigent clients in one of Texas Tech Law’s eight clinics. The clinics are led by full-time faculty members who have extensive trial experience at both the state and federal levels. Students handle a variety of cases during the semester and learn practical skills by conducting factual investigations, negotiating, preparing for trial, and trying cases. Upon graduation, students can say they have spent an entire year practicing law!

- Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic
- Capital Punishment Clinic
- Caprock Regional Public Defender Office
- Civil Practice Clinic
- Criminal Defense Clinic
- Family Law and Housing Clinic
- Innocence Clinic
- Low-Income Tax Clinic

# IMPACT

## The Lives of Others

**Innocence Clinic Spotlight:** In February 1986, a man in a faded red truck pulled up, walked into a family’s front yard, and kidnapped a 5-year-old child. The child’s mother reached the front yard in time to see a white man, in his early- to mid-twenties driving away with the child. The man had no distinctive features apart from a mop of long, shaggy blonde hair. Within hours, the child was left on the side of the road and returned to her family.

Four months later, Ray Hightower would be accused and convicted of kidnapping and indecent exposure – a crime the Innocence Clinic believes he did not commit. He is currently serving a 99-year sentence.

Though Ray’s orange truck did not match the description and was inoperable at the time, during trial, the officer concluded that Ray’s truck, “matched close enough.” The State turned to hair comparison as the pillar of their case. Since Ray’s hair was dark brown and thinning, the State’s “hair comparison expert” concluded that he must have used a wig. While a wig was never recovered, the expert went to a wig shop, pulled hairs from wigs, and determined hair from the truck was from a wig.

The 2017-2018 students of the Innocence Clinic located and retained modern-day scientists to analyze the trial expert’s conclusions. Building on the work of their predecessors, the 2018-2019 clinic students, alongside professor and Innocence Clinic director Allison Clayton (’07), filed litigation seeking the reversal of Ray’s conviction. A large part of the Clinic’s litigation centers on the hair comparison testimony. In 2009, “hair comparison science” was disavowed by the scientific community as lacking any basis in science. In 2015, the FBI and other law enforcement communities followed suit.

The Clinic’s litigation is pending at the Court of Criminal Appeals.







**Colleen Galleghar**

*Class of 2019*

“My experience in the Regional Externship Program, and more specifically, working for the TTU Office of General Counsel, has been the most valuable component of my curriculum at Tech Law. The program provided me with excellent professional mentorship and allowed me to hone my analytical skills by challenging me with a wide variety of complex legal issues. I am much more well-rounded, confident, and better prepared as I transition into my new career working as in-house counsel for a small energy partnership.”



**Washington, DC**



**Dallas/Fort Worth**



**Austin**



**San Antonio**

## Regional Externship Program

Students looking for a transformative experience have the opportunity to participate in a full-time externship in Austin, Dallas/Fort Worth, San Antonio, Lubbock, or Washington, D.C. This program allows students to live in one of these cities for a full semester, taking classes and working with practicing attorneys or judges. The externship exposes students to sophisticated legal work and creates an unparalleled educational experience.

## Examples of Recent Placements

- 7-Eleven Corporation General Counsel's Office
- Children's Medical Center General Counsel's Office
- Disability Rights Texas
- Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
- Human Rights Initiative
- Lambda Legal
- Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas
- San Antonio Spurs General Counsel's Office
- Supreme Court of Texas
- Texas Court of Criminal Appeals
- Texas House of Representatives
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Texas Tech University System, General Counsel's Office
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Dallas
- United States Attorney's Office
- United States Securities and Exchange Commission
- Whataburger, General Counsel's Office



# Community

The practice of law is about people, and your law school experience should be the same. Created as a smaller law school by design, Texas Tech Law students develop valuable personal relationships with faculty and staff. This sense of community among students, and the dedication of faculty and staff to supporting students, creates a cooperative and collaborative learning environment.

In addition, the University and local community are home to award-winning wineries, championship Big 12 Conference athletics programs, and the friendliest people you will ever meet. Whether you want to play a round of golf at some of the best courses in Texas, have a night out on the town in the Depot Entertainment District, or explore real western heritage traditions at the National Ranching Heritage Center, Lubbock has something for you.





# Connect.

Empower. Inspire.

## Student Organizations

Community-oriented, student-driven organizations enrich the legal education and experience for everyone at Texas Tech Law and in the Lubbock community. The student organizations take the initiative to host many symposiums, socials, and guest-speaker events. In particular, the Energy Law Lecture Series and the Diversity Speaker Series are two of the most regularly attended events.

- Aggie Bar Association
- Agricultural Law Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Board of Barristers
- Business Law Association
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Association
- Delta Theta Phi, Law Fraternity
- Energy Law Interest Group
- Environmental Law Society
- *Estate Planning & Community Property Law Journal*
- Family Law Society
- Federalist Society
- Hispanic Law Student Association
- Immigration Law Association
- Intellectual Property Student Association
- Jewish Law Student Association
- *Journal of Biosecurity, Biosafety, and Biodefense Law*
- Longhorn Bar Association
- Organization of Women Law Students
- OUTLaw
- Personal Financial Planning Legal Society
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Raider Bar Association
- Sports & Entertainment Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- Student Bar Association
- Tech Health Law Association
- *Texas Bank Lawyer*
- *Texas Tech Law Review*







From Here,

**It's Possible.**

### Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University, a recognized Hispanic Serving Institute (HSI) and designated Carnegie Tier One research university, offers a myriad of activities and facilities outside of the normal classroom setting that enhance the educational experience with a relaxed campus lifestyle. At the Student Recreation Center, you will find not only modern workout and athletic facilities, but you can also float down the Lazy River at the Leisure Pool or join an intermural sports team with fellow classmates. As a Red Raider, you will also enjoy the excitement of cheering for championship Big 12 teams and participating in community events such as the Carol of Lights, Homecoming, and First Friday Art Trail.





# LIVE, LOVE, LUBBOCK.

With a population of close to 300,000, Lubbock is a lively and influential city. It has grown from its Wild West roots to a modern cultural crossroads featuring award-winning wineries, museums, and displays of world-class artistic, musical, and theatrical talent. Through its rapid growth, Lubbock has never lost its West Texas charm or the friendliness of its community.

Lubbock is also your gateway to the exciting open spaces and mountain hideaways of the great Southwest.

You can visit southern New Mexico and ski on Sierra Blanca above the mountain village of Ruidoso or explore the Carlsbad Caverns, one of the world's largest underground cave chambers. You can also stay close to home and visit 120-mile long Palo Duro Canyon, the nation's second largest canyon. Where will your adventures take you?

Visit  
**LUBBOCK**  
VISITLUBBOCK.ORG







Each first-year student enrolls in 30 semester credit hours in the following courses:			
Fall Semester	Credit Hours	Spring Semester	Credit Hours
Civil Procedure	4	Constitutional Law	4
Contracts	4	Criminal Law	3
Legal Practice	3	Legal Practice	3
Torts	4	Property	4
Intro to the Study of Law	1		
Total	16	Total	14

To satisfy graduation requirements, law students must successfully complete an upper-level writing requirement and an experiential learning course during their second or third year.

*\*Indicates a course that satisfies the experiential learning requirement.*

# Courses

## Advanced-Required Law Courses

- Business Entities
- Commercial Law
- Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Income Taxation
- Professional Responsibility
- Wills and Trusts

## Advanced-Elective Law Course

- Academic Legal Writing
- Accounting for Lawyers
- Administrative Law
- Admiralty and Maritime Law
- Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution Clinic\*
- Advanced Bankruptcy Law
- Advanced Business Entities
- Advanced Immigration Law
- Advanced Legal Analysis
- Advanced Legal Research\*
- Advanced Research and Writing Requirement
- Advanced Skills Course Requirement
- Advanced Water Law Seminar
- Agricultural Law
- American Indian Law
- Antitrust Law
- Appellate Advocacy\*
- Assisted Reproductive Technologies and the Law
- Banking Law
- Board of Barristers
- Business and Bankruptcy Law Journal
- Capital Punishment Clinic\*
- Capital Punishment Seminar
- Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic I\*

- Caprock Regional Public Defender Clinic II\*
- Civil Practice Clinic\*
- Civil Trial: Practice and Litigation Materials\*
- Climate Change Law and Policy Seminar
- Clinic Support Course
- Commercial Litigation
- Comparative Law: The English Legal System
- Conflict of Laws
- Consumer Law
- Contemporary Legal Development
- Copyright Law
- Corporate Restructuring
- Corporate Taxation
- Creditors' Rights and Bankruptcy
- Crimes in Intellectual Property and Information Law
- Criminal Defense Clinic I\*
- Criminal Defense Clinic II\*
- Criminal Trial Research
- Current Topics in Criminal Law and Procedure
- Cybersecurity Law and Policy
- Deposition\*
- Discrimination in Employment
- E-Discovery
- Elder Law
- Employment Law
- Energy Law
- Entertainment Law
- Environmental Law
- Estate and Gift Taxation
- Estate Planning\*
- Estate Planning and Community Property Law Journal
- European Union: Institutions and Principles
- Externship Program\*
- Family Law
- Family Law and Housing Clinic I\*
- Family Law and Housing Clinic II\*
- Federal Courts

- Foreign, Comparative, and International Legal Research\*
- Gaming and Racing Law
- Global Biosecurity Law
- Guardianship Law
- Health Care Law
- Human Rights
- Immigration Law
- Innocence Clinic I\*
- Innocence Clinic II\*
- Insurance Law
- International Business Transactions
- International Humanitarian Law
- Introduction to Emerging Technologies Law and Policy
- Introduction to Intellectual Property
- Journal of Biosecurity, Biosafety, and Biodefense Law
- Law and Biotechnology\*
- Law and Religion
- Law and Science Legal Research
- Law Office Management
- Law Practice Technology
- Law Review
- Legal History Seminar
- Legislative Process
- Low Income Tax Clinic I\*
- Low Income Tax Clinic II\*
- Media Law
- Mental Disability Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- NAFTA and Free Trade in the Americas
- Nanotechnology Law and Policy
- National Security Law
- Negotiation Workshop Law\*
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Oil and Gas Law I
- Oil and Gas Law II
- Oil and Gas Taxation
- Partnership Taxation
- Patent Law
- Products Liability

- Public International Law
- Real Property Finance and Transactions
- Regional Externship\*
- Remedies
- Research
- Securities Regulation Law
- Skills Development
- Space Law
- Sports Law
- State and Local Taxation
- Statutory Interpretation
- Supreme Court Seminar\*
- Tax Practice and Procedure
- Taxation of Business Entities
- Taxation of International Transactions
- Technology Transfer Taxation
- Telecommunications Law and Policy
- Texas Administrative Law Journal
- Texas Administrative Practice
- Texas Bank Lawyer
- Texas Criminal Procedure
- Texas Employment Law Practicum\*
- Texas Juvenile Law
- Texas Land Titles
- Texas Legal Research\*
- Texas Marital Property
- Texas Mineral Titles
- Texas Practice\*
- Texas Pretrial Procedure
- Texas Trial and Appellate Procedure
- Topics in Family Law
- Trademarks and Unfair Competition
- Transactional Practice\*
- Trial Advocacy\*
- Vineyard and Winery Law
- Visual Legal Advocacy
- Water Law
- Wind Law





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# Apply

Texas Tech Law seeks to enhance the educational experience of all students by admitting applicants from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. Applicants who possess a U.S. bachelor’s degree, or equivalent, from an accredited college or university prior to enrollment are eligible for admission. The admissions committee reviews applications holistically and on a rolling basis. Texas Tech Law reserves the right to deny admission to applicants who, in the judgment of the admissions committee, appear to be unfit in character to engage in the study or practice of law. For more information about our admissions policies, please visit: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/law/admissions/policy.php>.

## Checklist

Applicants to Texas Tech Law must apply online via the LSAC electronic application at [lsac.org](http://lsac.org). An applicant’s file is considered complete and ready for review when the following documents have been submitted:

- Valid LSAT score
- Official transcript(s)
- Two letters of recommendation
- Resumé
- Personal statement

## Financial Aid

Scholarships and loans are available to help students finance their legal education at Texas Tech Law. All students seeking financial aid other than scholarships must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Law students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in the fall and spring semesters (four credit hours during the summer) to be considered a full-time student for financial aid purposes.

## Deadlines

- Early Decision (Non-Binding): November 1, 2019
- Regular Decision\*: March 1, 2020
- Late Decision: July 1, 2020

\*Applicants who apply after the regular decision date may be awarded scholarship upon availability.

## Scholarships

In awarding scholarships to new students, Texas Tech Law uses the same factors considered in evaluating applicants for admission. All admitted students are automatically considered for any scholarship funds for which they are eligible. Scholarships are also available to students in their second or third year of law school and are awarded on the basis of academic performance, financial need, and other criteria.

Non-Resident Tuition Waiver: Texas allows non-resident students who receive a competitive academic scholarship of at least \$1,000 to receive a waiver of non-resident tuition.





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