

THE BALTIMORE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

AND

THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW (UBSL) LAW SCHOOL PREPARATION PROGRAM

About the Baltimore Scholars Program

Eight Baltimore Scholars are selected from Bowie State, Coppin State, Morgan State, and UMES for this prestigious program during their junior year of college. They will receive three academic credits for successfully completing the Program.

Baltimore Scholars receive a full tuition *scholarship to the University of Baltimore School of Law* if they:

- successfully complete the Baltimore Scholars Program;
- maintain a cumulative 3.50 undergraduate GPA;
- score 152 or higher on the LSAT; and
- are admitted to the University of Baltimore School of Law

Program Agenda

Arriving Sunday January 8, 2012, Scholars participate in a two-week residential “boot-camp” at the School of Law. The Scholars attend classes, read cases, and write assignments that they review with full-time faculty members.

They also meet with law students, law firms, and judges. Scholars become acquainted with the wide variety of career opportunities available to those with a law degree and learn how to succeed in law school.

Starting in February, Scholars take the comprehensive semester-long Princeton Review LSAT

preparation class at no charge.

About the UBSL Law School Preparation Program / LSAT Prep

Students in their junior or senior year at Bowie State, Coppin State, Morgan State, and UMES, and graduates of these schools, are eligible to apply for the UBSL Law School Preparation Program. Accepted students take the comprehensive semester-long Princeton Review LSAT preparation class at no charge.



REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION TO THE BALTIMORE SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND THE UBSL LAW SCHOOL PREPARATION PROGRAM

In addition to completing the application form, please note the following requirements:

1) *Baltimore Scholars Program*: The Baltimore Scholars Program is open to Bowie State, Coppin State, Morgan State, and UMES juniors and other students who will be graduating from those colleges in Spring 2013.

Scholars who successfully complete the Program obtain three academic credits towards their undergraduate graduation. Accepted Scholars must register for the Program as part of their Spring 2012 course selection.

Because the requirement for the full tuition scholarship is a GPA of at least 3.5 and a Law School Admission Test (LSAT) score of at least 152, applicants must either currently have at least a 3.5 GPA or explain why they expect to have a 3.5 GPA when they graduate.

Scholars must commit both to taking the June 2012 LSAT (see §3 below) and applying to law school for admission in the class entering Fall, 2013.

The single most important factor for succeeding in the Program is having sufficient time to do all that is required. You will need to be available for

the full time period from Sunday, January 8 through Thursday, January 19. You will need to be able to attend EVERY LSAT review class. Generally, the classes meet two evenings a week, from 6:30 – 10PM, and most Saturdays, for 3 ½ hours. Moreover, Scholars need to spend between 15-20 *additional* hours each week doing LSAT preparation on their own. Finally, during the period between the end of your final exams and June 11, you will need to spend 4-6 hours a day, 6 days a week, on LSAT preparation.

2) *UBSL Law School Preparation Program*: The UBSL Law School Preparation Program is open to Bowie State, Coppin State, Morgan State, and UMES students and graduates who commit both to taking the June 2012 LSAT (see §3 below) and applying to law school for admission in the class entering Fall, 2013. Applicants must commit to attending all of the course lectures, performing all of the course assignments, and spending between 15-20 *additional* hours each week doing LSAT preparation on their own. Applicants with at least a 3.0 undergraduate GPA are preferred.

3) For both the *Baltimore Scholars Program* and the *UBSL Law School Preparation Program*:

Participation in either program requires a commitment to take the June 11, 2012 LSAT. All participants **MUST** register for that exam by January 10, 2012. No one will be permitted to attend the Princeton Review LSAT preparation class unless they present a copy of their registration confirmation.

For information about registering for the LSAT and for obtaining a waiver of the registration fee, contact the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).

Registration for the test requires that you create an account with LSAC if you do not have one. To set up an account go to LSAC.org. Select future JD student from the drop down menu under the Create New Account section in the upper right corner of the page. Enter the required information to create the account.

The LSAT and the CAS (Credential Assembly Service) each require a fee. The fee for the LSAT is \$136. The CAS is \$124. If you feel your financial situation requires a fee waiver, you may apply for one from LSAC. The waivers are based on your financial data. Apply for the waiver online. The link is in the middle of the page once you sign in.

If you intend to apply for a waiver, do so immediately. Waiting for a decision on the waiver will NOT be considered a permissible excuse for not being registered for the LSAT by January 17, 2012.



Baltimore Scholars and UBSL Law School Preparation Program 2011-2012 Application

Application deadline: October 15, 2011

Submit your completed application and supplementary materials to:

Lenora Giles
Baltimore Scholars Program
University of Baltimore School of Law
Office of Admissions
1420 N Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201-5579
Phone – 410.837.4459
Fax – 410.837.4188

Please type or print

Name: _____

College/University: _____

Class/Year: _____ Major: _____ GPA _____

Current mailing address: _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell number: _____

Email: _____

I am interested in applying for:

----- Baltimore Scholars Program

----- UBSL Law School Preparation Program

Essay Questions

Please write an essay answer to each of the following questions. Attach to your application.

What is your main interest or purpose in pursuing a law degree?
(Limit: 250 words)

How hard are you willing to work to succeed in the Baltimore Scholars Program, law school and in the legal profession?
(Limit: 200 words)

Supplementary materials

An official undergraduate transcript
A letter of recommendation from a faculty member
Your resume

[For Baltimore Scholars Program applicants only]

A list of EVERY activity or time commitment you will be or are likely to be participating in between Sunday January 8, 2012 and Monday, June 11, 2012. This list should include the courses you intend to take, extracurricular activities [both school-related and non-school related], family and social responsibilities [ie: weddings, family obligations, trips, etc], employment, internships, and any other similar activity. The purpose of this list is to ensure that you will have the time to complete the Program successfully [see 2012 Requirements for Applications]. **Note: Omission of any significant activity will be considered an Honor Code violation and grounds for expulsion from the Program.**