

Florida State University Honors Legal Scholars



Participant Handbook

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Section I. Program Purpose

The Honors Legal Scholars program is designed to integrate Florida State University honors students into the Florida State University College of Law community during their undergraduate tenure. The program will help educate and prepare participants for future legal education and a career in law. In addition, the program is intended to increase the matriculation of qualified Florida State University students to Florida State University College of Law. Honors Legal Scholars program participants can be automatically admitted to the Florida State University College of Law provided they meet specific criteria (See Section V below).

Section II. Participant Benefits

A student in the program will enjoy the following benefits:

- Participation in events at Florida State University College of Law specifically for students in the Honors Legal Scholars program.
- Invitations to participate at general Florida State University College of Law events such as distinguished lectures and public policy programs.
- A current law student can be assigned to mentor a participant, as requested, during the year before the participant applies to law school.
- Access to law faculty and administration for advisement in the law school admissions process.

Section III. Program Admission

Applicants to the Honors Legal Scholars program must be current Florida State University students or incoming freshmen who have been admitted to the Florida State University Honors program. There are many competitive applicants to the Honors Legal Scholars program each year with only a limited number of available openings. Individuals not admitted in an application cycle are encouraged to reapply in subsequent years.

Eligible students will be provided with access to the Honors Legal Scholars program application by the Florida State University Honors program. A complete application will also include a resume, personal statement, letter of recommendation, and current transcripts. Applicants are selected on a competitive basis and are notified each year at the end of the spring term via email. **Students selected for admissions will have access to program benefits beginning in the following fall semester.**

Section IV. Good Standing

To remain in good standing, participants must attend **three qualifying events** at the Florida State University College of Law each **academic year** and **remain in good standing with the Florida State University Honors program**. Probation or dismissal from the Florida State University Honors program extends to the Honors Legal Scholars program as well. Seniors are also required to meet with a member of the Florida State University College of Law administration at the beginning of the fall semester of their final year at the Florida State University.

Section V. Automatic Admission to the Florida State University College of Law

Honors Legal Scholars participants that meet all the following criteria will be automatically admitted to the Florida State University College of Law:

- Completion of the Florida State University College of Law application for admission before the posted deadline,
- Obtain an LSAT score of 162 or higher, or obtain a verbal GRE score of 160 or higher,
- Obtain an undergraduate GPA of 3.75 or higher,
- Obtain a bachelor's degree from the Florida State University prior to matriculation to the Florida State University College of Law,
- Demonstrate good moral character and fitness expected of someone pursuing the study of law,
- And, be an active member or alum in good standing with the Honors Legal Scholars program.

Section VI. Notes

- Honors Legal Scholars are selected from all majors. When choosing a major, scholars are encouraged to pursue a challenging and rigorous curriculum that they find to be most interesting and engaging.
- Honors Legal Scholars who do not meet the automatic admissions criteria are still encouraged to apply to the Florida State University College of Law. Not meeting these criteria does not constitute an automatic denial of admission and many Honors Legal Scholars would still be competitive applicants.
- The automatic admissions criteria are subject to change. The automatic admissions criteria governing each program participant is based on the year of their admission to the Honors Legal Scholars program.
- Automatic admissions to the Florida State University College of Law is valid for three years from the date a participant receives their first bachelor's degree from Florida State University.
- Denial to the Honors Legal Scholars program will have no bearing on the decision to admit a student to Florida State University College of Law.
- Applicants applying for admission to the Florida State University College of Law through the 3+3 program must meet all of the Florida State University graduation requirements as well as the major requirements of their undergraduate college, school, or department.
- Being a participant in the Honors Legal Scholars program does not commit you to apply or matriculate to Florida State University College of Law.