

Florida State University Honors Legal Scholars



Participant Handbook

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Section I. Mission Statement

The Honors Legal Scholars Program is designed to integrate Florida State 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 the Florida State University College of Law.

Section II. Participant Benefits

Honors Legal Scholars will be admitted to Florida State University College of Law provided the student has met the criteria set out in Section V. A student in the program will also 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 Honors Program participants or incoming freshmen that have been admitted to the Florida State University Honors Program.

Students admitted to the Honors Program will receive access to the Honors Legal Scholars Program Application. The application for the Honors Legal Scholars Program includes a resume, personal statement, letter of recommendation, and current transcripts. Applicants are selected on a competitive basis and will be notified each year at the end of March via email.

Three admissions are required:

- by the Florida State University (current student or as a freshman for the following fall or summer)
- by the Florida State University Honors Program
- by the Florida State University Honors Legal Scholars Program

There are many competitive applicants to the Honors Legal Scholars Program each year with only limited available openings. We highly encourage anyone not admitted to the program to reapply in subsequent years. All majors are eligible to apply.

Section IV. Good Standing

To continue in the Honors Legal Scholars Program and receive full benefits, participants must remain in good standing. To remain in good standing, participants are expected to attend a minimum of three events at Florida State University College of Law each academic year. The events will be offered during the fall and spring semesters only. Seniors are required to meet with a member of the Florida State University College of Law administration at the beginning of the fall semester of their last year at Florida State University. In addition, participants are expected to remain a member in good standing with the Florida State University Honors Program. If a participant in the Honors Legal Scholars Program is put on probation or dismissed from the Honors Program, the corresponding probation or dismissal will occur with the Honors Legal Scholars program.

Section V. Florida State Law Admissions

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

- Complete a Florida State University College of Law application before the posted deadline.
- Have an LSAT score of 162 or higher.
- Have an undergraduate GPA of 3.60 or higher.
- Prior to matriculation at Florida State University College of Law, have a bachelor's degree from Florida State University.
- Have a record that reflects the fitness of character to study law.
- Be an active member or alum in good standing with the Honors Legal Scholars Program.

Section VI. Notes

- Honors Legal Scholars have the freedom to major in any undergraduate discipline they choose. Scholars are encouraged to pursue the classes they find to be most interesting and engaging, while also selecting a rigorous curriculum.
- Being a participant in the Honors Legal Scholars Program does not commit you to matriculate to Florida State University College of Law.
- If an Honors Legal Scholar does not meet the automatic admissions criteria he/she should still apply to Florida State University College of Law. Not meeting the criteria does not constitute an automatic denial from Florida State University College of Law.

- Honors Legal Scholars are subject to the automatic admissions criteria based on the year of their admittance into the Honors Legal Scholars program.
- Automatic Admissions to the Florida State University College of Law Honors Legal Scholars is only valid for up to three years after graduating from Florida State University with a bachelor's degree.
- Denial to the Honors Legal Scholars Program will have no bearing on an applicant's admission decision to the Florida State University College of Law.
- Additional admissions requirements must be met when applying to the Florida State University College of Law 3 + 3 Program. In particular, successful completion of undergraduate credit hour requirements must be met with an applicant's undergraduate college, school, department and major.