Yale Law School
Admission and Financial Aid Checklist

Submit the Application by July 2

Mail your signed application and supporting materials directly to Yale Law School in an envelope marked “Transfer Application.” If you prefer to submit your application and supporting materials by e-mail, you may send them to admissions.law@yale.edu. Your application must be received by the Admissions Office no later than July 2.

Due to the lateness of the availability of our transfer application, we have waived our application fee—please disregard any references to it.

Register with the LSAC Credential Assembly Service (CAS) and Forward Law School Transcripts

All applicants are required to register with the Law School Credential Assembly Service (CAS).

The Admissions Office will request your CAS report as part of our application process. You should receive an e-mail from LSAC once we have requested your report. After you receive this e-mail, you will be able to pay for your CAS report and assign letters of recommendation to Yale.

The Admissions Office must receive your law school transcript no later than July 2. You may have your law school transcript sent via CAS or directly to the Admissions Office. Although we prefer official transcripts, for review purposes you may submit your unofficial grades by e-mail (admissions.law@yale.edu) or fax (203.432.7093).

Submit Letters of Recommendation and Dean’s Certification Forms

Arrange for timely submission of two letters of recommendation from law school faculty. Additional letters of recommendation are welcome, but your application will be considered complete upon receipt of two letters. You may submit your letters through CAS or directly to the Admissions Office using the included cover sheet.

Arrange for timely submission of dean’s certification forms from each degree program in which you are, or have been, enrolled.

Submit Financial Aid Materials

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

2. Yale Law School Financial Aid Application and Scholarship Tool (FAAST)

In the event you are offered admission, you will be given access to FAAST. Please complete your FAAST application as quickly as possible. Once you have submitted your information to FAAST, the Financial Aid Office will send a financial aid award to you by e-mail.

Even though you will not receive an admissions decision by July 2, you should submit your FAFSA by this date to expedite the generation of your financial aid offer. Please visit www.law.yale.edu/financialaid for additional information about financial aid at Yale Law School.
HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY
Yale Law School will accept applications for transfer admission between June 1 and July 2. It is your responsibility to make certain all items arrive at Yale in a timely fashion. Please note that it may take several weeks the Law School Admission Council’s Credential Assembly Service (CAS) to process your materials. We suggest that you submit your application as early as possible.

Due to the lateness of the availability of our transfer application, we have waived the $75 application fee for transfer applicants—please disregard any references to it.

Yale Law School requires at least two letters of recommendation from law school faculty. We will not begin review of your application until we have received two letters. Letters of recommendation may be submitted through CAS or directly to Yale Law School using the included cover sheet.

Yale Law School requires a dean's certification form from each college or university degree program in which an applicant is, or has been, enrolled, regardless of whether a degree was awarded. Please use the attached certification form. Certifications must be sent directly to Yale Law School.

STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION
Yale Law School welcomes applications for transfer. Each year, almost 200 students currently enrolled in a broad range of law schools apply. We typically offer admission to 10–15 of them. A college degree and an outstanding record at another law school are prerequisites. Transfer applications will be considered only between the applicant’s first and second years of law school. Transfer students must complete at least two years of work at Yale Law School. Transfer credit will be considered only for work done at U.S. law schools which are approved by the American Bar Association and only if the student maintained a weighted average grade of not less than B (or the equivalent) for all work in that school. No credit will be granted for work completed through correspondence or online courses.

Students at foreign law schools are not eligible for consideration as transfer candidates. These students should apply for admission to the first-year class, and may be eligible for advanced standing in unusual circumstances.

LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION COUNCIL CREDENTIAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE AND TRANSCRIPTS
You must subscribe to the Law School Admission Council’s CAS in order to apply to Yale Law School. You may register online with the Law School Admission Council at www.lsac.org.

The Admissions Office will request your CAS report as part of our application process. You should receive an e-mail from LSAC once we have requested your report. After you receive this e-mail, you will be able to pay for your CAS report and assign letters of recommendation to Yale.
You must submit transcripts from each college or university you attended to CAS. Even if one school includes summary data regarding courses from another school on its transcript, an official transcript from each institution must be submitted. We suggest that you allow at least two weeks for a transcript to be processed through CAS. Graduate school transcripts may be sent through CAS or directly to the Admissions Office.

Law school transcripts may be submitted directly to the Admissions Office or sent through CAS. We require grades from your entire first year of law school in order to review your application. We prefer official transcripts, but for review purposes you may provide your unofficial grades by e-mail (admissions.law@yale.edu) or fax (203.432.7093). We will need an official transcript verifying these grades in the event you are offered admission. Official or unofficial law school transcripts must be received by the Admissions Office no later than July 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS
Yale Law School requires two letters of recommendation from law school faculty. Letters should be from professors who know your academic performance and have personally had a chance to evaluate significant aspects of your academic work. Additional letters of recommendation are welcome, but we will begin evaluation of your application after receipt of two letters.

Letters of recommendation may be submitted through CAS or directly to the Admissions Office using the included cover sheet.

DEAN’S CERTIFICATION FORMS
Yale Law School requires a dean's certification form from each college or university degree program in which an applicant is, or has been, enrolled, regardless of whether a degree was awarded.

Please print a copy of the included certification form for each degree program, complete and sign the top section of the form, and give it to the current dean of students (or a comparable administrative official with access to the school’s official records) at each degree program in which you have been enrolled. Forms should be submitted by each school directly to the Admissions Office or included in a sealed and signed envelope with your application materials.

This form needs to be completed for colleges or universities at which you were enrolled in a degree program. A certification form will be required for the following:

- Any and all undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs in which you have been, or currently are, enrolled.
- Degree programs you started, but from which you withdrew.
- Intermediate degree programs en route to a bachelor's or doctoral degree (associate's degrees, master's degrees).
- Schools from which you transferred while working on a degree.
A certification will not be required for the following:

- Semester- or year-long study abroad programs in which you participated while enrolled in another degree program.
- Schools at which you took non-degree courses during summers or in high school, even if credit for such courses is included on the transcript of your degree-granting school.
- Schools at which you were auditing courses or not enrolled in a degree program.

Your application will not be considered complete and ready for review until all certification forms are received in the Admissions Office.

If you are unsure if you need a certification form for a school that you attended, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions.law@yale.edu or 203.432.4995.

**ESSAY AND PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Faculty readers look to the 250-word essay to evaluate an applicant's writing, thinking, and editing skills, as well as to learn more about the applicant's intellectual and personal interests and ability to think across disciplines. The subject is not limited; the choice of topic itself may be informative to the readers.

You must also submit a personal statement to highlight aspects of your background that you believe will be of interest to the Admissions Committee. We are particularly interested in aspects of your background that may not be evident from other parts of your application.

You may also include a short addendum if there is an aspect of your application (such as a leave of absence) that you wish to explain further.

**NOTIFICATION**

The Admissions Office will notify you by e-mail when your application has been received and when it is complete. Another way for you to learn whether or not Yale Law School has received your application is to check lsac.org to see whether Yale has requested your law school report.

Admissions decisions for transfer candidates will be made during second and third weeks of July. An applicant to whom an offer of admission is being made will be notified by telephone. Given the late date on which we reach decisions, we will issue all other decisions by e-mail.

Any requests for exceptions to the admissions and application requirements stated above should be addressed in writing to the Office of Admissions, Yale Law School, PO Box 208215, New Haven, CT 06520-8215.

Additional information about Yale Law School and the application process may be found online at www.law.yale.edu/admissions.
To the Applicant: complete and submit this form and the accompanying Data Card to the Office of Admissions, Yale Law School, P.O. Box 208215, New Haven, Connecticut 06520–8215. UPS, Federal Express, and other courier deliveries should be sent to 127 Wall Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511, (203) 432-4995. If you prefer to submit your application by e-mail, please send it to admissions.law@yale.edu.

1 Name in full (do not use initials)

Last (Family) Suffix First Middle

Mailing address (until / / )

Street

City State/Province Zip code/Postal code Country (if not U.S.)

Permanent address

Street

City State/Province Zip code/Postal code Country (if not U.S.)

Email address (until August 15, 2018) Cellular/Mobile telephone number

Daytime telephone number Evening telephone number

Place of birth Country of citizenship if not a U.S. citizen

City, State/Province, Country Date of birth Month, Day, Year

U.S. Social Security Number or LSAC account number if not a U.S. citizen If you are in the U.S. on a visa, what type?

2 Name of persons writing recommendations

Please note: Although more than two letters of recommendation are welcome, we will begin review of your application once two letters written by your law school faculty have been received.

3 Educational institutions attended

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On separate sheets of paper, please answer questions 4–11.

4 List significant scholastic honors received during law school.

5 You may include a résumé if you wish, but you should answer 5a, b, and c separately.
   List:
   a) Significant extracurricular activities in law school, in order of their relative importance to you. Please estimate your time commitment for each activity.
   b) Self-support (employment) while in law school.
   c) Other activities in or out of school or work that you consider relevant.

6 Write an essay of not more than 250 words about a subject of your choice. The Admissions Committee looks to the 250-word essay to evaluate an applicant's writing, reasoning, and editing skills. The subject is not limited; the choice of topic itself may be informative to the readers.

7 Please submit a personal statement that will enable the Admissions Committee to make a fully informed judgement on your application.

   If your answer to question 8 or 9 is yes, describe the circumstances.*

8 Have you ever been convicted of, or pleaded guilty or no contest to, a felony or misdemeanor, or are there any criminal charges pending against you?
   □ Yes □ No

9 At any college, university, or law school, have you ever been suspended, expelled, or required to withdraw, or been the subject of any other disciplinary action or proceedings for misconduct or deficient scholarship, or are there any charges pending against you?
   □ Yes □ No

10 Did you take an LSAT preparation course? If your answer is yes, please specify (e.g., Kaplan, Princeton Review, etc.).
   □ Yes □ No

11 Did you receive any assistance in preparing this application? If your answer is yes, please specify (e.g., prelaw advisor, admissions consultant, etc.).
   □ Yes □ No

12 Your parents’ contact information (or other persons to whom communications should be addressed in the event of an emergency).

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*Admission to the Bar: Character and Fitness
Please note that your answers to questions 8 and 9 may become part of the character and fitness review of the bar in the state(s) in which you intend to practice. Admission to the practice of law depends not only on adequate academic performance in law school and successful completion of the bar examination, but also on satisfaction of the requirements of the particular jurisdiction as to proof of good character. These requirements differ from state to state, and you should inform yourself of the requirements of the jurisdictions in which you are interested.

Required:
By signing the application, I certify that the information I have provided on this application form and in any attached materials is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and all essays and statements are my original work. I understand Yale Law School may verify information included in my application and I give my consent to such verification. I agree to notify Yale Law School of any changes in the above information or of any further information that might affect my eligibility for consideration as a prospective student.

Signature of applicant
Date
Instructions

Please print or type the information requested on this Data Card. Return with your application to: Office of Admissions, Yale Law School, P.O. Box 208215, New Haven, Connecticut 06520–8215. UPS, Federal Express, and other courier deliveries should be sent to 127 Wall Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511, (203) 432-4995. If you prefer to submit your application by e-mail, please send it to admissions.law@yale.edu.

U.S. Social Security Number ___________________________________________
(or LSAC account number if not a U.S. citizen)

Name in full (do not use initials)

Last (Family) __________ Suffix __________ First __________ Middle __________

☐ I am a U.S. citizen. ☐ I am a U.S. permanent resident.

If you are in the U.S. on a visa, what type? __________________________ Country of citizenship, if not a U.S. citizen. __________________________

If any of your immediate relatives attended Yale Law School, please give their names, degree programs, class years, and their relationships to you.

Name __________________________ Degree __________________________ Class Year __________________________ Relationship __________________________

Name __________________________ Degree __________________________ Class Year __________________________ Relationship __________________________

Primary mailing address after June 1, 2018 (until __________ / __________ / __________)

Street __________________________
City __________________________ State/Province __________________________ Zip code/Postal code __________________________ Country (if not U.S.) __________________________

Permanent address

Street __________________________
City __________________________ State/Province __________________________ Zip code/Postal code __________________________ Country (if not U.S.) __________________________

Daytime telephone __________________________ Evening telephone __________________________

Cellular/Mobile telephone __________________________

Email address until August 15, 2018 __________________________

For office use only

Appfee __________________________
# Yale Law School

## Dean's Certification

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### To the Applicant:

Please print this form, complete the top section, indicate below whether or not you waive your right to access this form and any attachments, and give it to the Dean of Students or comparable administrative official at each undergraduate and graduate degree program in which you have been enrolled.

**Applicant** (Check one):

- [ ] I agree to waive my right to see this certification completed on my behalf.
- [ ] I do not agree to waive my right to see this certification completed on my behalf.

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### To the Certifier:

The person named above has applied for admission to Yale Law School. The Admissions Committee would appreciate your honest and detailed answers to this inquiry. The Committee is faced with the task of selecting a small entering class of transfer students from a large pool of applicants—many of whom have outstanding records, and your assessment of this applicant will play an important role in that process.

Your answers to the following questions will be treated as confidential if the applicant has waived her or his right of access in the waiver above.

**Certifier:**

Is the applicant identified above currently in attendance at your school?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

If yes, is the applicant in good standing?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

If the applicant is not in good standing, please explain below or in a separate attachment.

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Has the applicant identified above been suspended, expelled, or required to withdraw from your school or been the subject of any other disciplinary action or proceedings for misconduct or deficient scholarship, or are there any charges pending against the applicant?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

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### Name (please type or print)

__________________________

### Title

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### Institution

__________________________

### Address

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Please send this form to:  
Office of Admissions, Yale Law School,  
P.O. Box 208215 New Haven CT 06520-8215  
admissions.law@yale.edu

Fax: 203.432.7093
To the Recommender:

The person named above has applied for transfer admission to Yale Law School. The Admissions Committee would appreciate your honest and detailed evaluation of this applicant’s abilities and potential.

Please assess this applicant’s qualifications for graduate study, including his or her intellectual strengths and weaknesses, motivation, and capacity for original and independent work. In addition, please compare the applicant to other students you have known, or to any of our present students or recent graduates whom you have recommended to us. If you feel that you do not know the applicant well enough to make such an evaluation, we would appreciate your declining the applicant’s request.

If you wish your recommendation to remain confidential, it must be accompanied by this form indicating the student’s explicit agreement to waive the right to see your letter.

You may submit your recommendation to Yale Law School in either of two ways:

1) You may give your recommendation and this form to the applicant in a sealed and signed envelope, to be returned by the applicant to Yale Law School with the rest of the application materials. This option allows the applicant to know that his or her file has been completed in a timely fashion.

2) You may send your letter and this form (completed below by the applicant) directly to the Office of Admissions, Yale Law School, P.O. Box 208215, New Haven, Connecticut 06520–8215. Federal Express, UPS, and other courier deliveries should be sent to our street address: 127 Wall Street, New Haven, Connecticut 06511. If you prefer to submit your recommendation by e-mail, you may send it, along with this form, to admissions.law@yale.edu. We would appreciate a prompt reply; because it is our policy not to review an application until letters of recommendation have been received, delay may work to the detriment of the applicant.

Thank you for your assistance.

Applicant (Check one):

[ ] I agree to waive my right to see the recommendation written on my behalf by

[ ] I do not agree to waive my right to see the recommendation written on my behalf by

Signature of applicant

Name and title of recommender

Institutional affiliation or business name and address