

YALE LAW SCHOOL
2017-2018 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
LL.M. AND M.S.L. STUDENTS

Purpose: Yale Law School provides financial support to our students according to a need-based methodology. To make that assessment, specific data is collected and reviewed in a financial aid application process. All data is held in the strictest confidence by the Financial Aid Office personnel. In order to award the financial aid in an equitable and consistent manner, the required information is necessary to develop a comprehensive and inclusive analysis of each individual student's financial need. As you complete the application elements, if you need clarification of any question or required data, we encourage you to contact the Financial Aid Office at financialaid.law@yale.edu

What documentation is required?

- Financial Aid and Application Scholarship Tool (FAAST) (<https://faast.law.yale.edu>) *For additional information on completing the FAAST application see below:*
 - o [Student section](#) of FAAST (including spouse data, if married)
 - o [Parent section](#) of FAAST (for any students age 28 or younger – as of 12/31/17)
- Asset Verification: Bank Accounts- please submit most recent statement (most current month statement for all accounts). On each statement, please make a note of the ending balance in U.S. dollars.
 - o Documentation of Student Accounts
 - o Documentation of Spouse Accounts (if held separately)
 - o Documentation of Parent Accounts (for any students age 28 or younger – as of 12/31/17)
- Asset Verification: Investments- please submit most recent statement for all stocks, bonds and investment records. On each statement, please make a note of the ending balance in U.S. dollars.
 - o Documentation of Student Accounts
 - o Documentation of Spouse Accounts (if held separately)
 - o Documentation of Parent Accounts (for any students age 28 or younger – as of 12/31/17)
- Tax Documentation- copies of most recent tax returns or country's equivalent with English translation and conversion to United States dollars.
 - o Documentation of Student Returns
 - o Documentation of Spouse Returns (if filed separately)
 - o Documentation of Parent Returns (for any students age 28 or younger – as of 12/31/17)
- Educational Support - please submit award letter(s) for any outside scholarships or fellowships which will support your enrollment at Yale Law School.

How do I submit the application?

Note that FAAST will be submitted online via the <https://faast.law.yale.edu> website and will be transmitted directly to Yale Law School. The asset verification and educational support documentation should be either scanned/emailed to financialaid.law@yale.edu or mail to Yale Law School Financial Aid Office, PO Box 208215, New Haven, Connecticut 06520-8215.

Do I need to submit family information?

Yes, Yale Law School's policy is that any student under the age of 29 (as of December 31st of the academic year for which they are seeking aid) must provide parent information in order for a complete financial aid assessment to be made. Parent information includes the data required on FAAST, as well as the required asset verification and tax documentation. If a student is married, spouse information is required on FAAST. In addition, documentation is required for any individual asset account held by the spouse and/or tax documentation if the spouse has filed separately.

Notes on Submitting FFAST:

- FFAST is an online application system which will collect data necessary to the financial aid evaluation including general demographics, academic plans, income, expense, asset, debt information, employment and education history for the student, spouse (if married) and parents (if student is under age 29 as of 12/31/17). The FFAST application is based on three steps: 1) Applicant Identification, 2) Student and Spouse (if applicable) Information, 3) Parent Information (if applicable). The homepage includes a graph which will tell you if you have fully completed all sections. You may save your application at any point and return to complete it.
- Once admitted, you will receive instructions on completing the Financial Aid process. To begin the FFAST application you must first register by entering your LSAC ID, email address, and last name. Once registered, you will be able to create your own unique userID and password. All these steps are necessary to the overall security and confidentiality of the information you will enter on FFAST.
- Before beginning the FFAST application, it is helpful to gather documentation that will assist you in answering the questions. This documentation can include:
 - Income: tax returns (or comparable), wage statements from employers, paychecks, balance sheets and/or profit and loss statements (personal business) and other any other applicable 2016 records of money earned.
 - Assets: bank account statements, stock, bond or investment records, appraisal (real estate) documentation
 - Expenses: bill statements for housing, utilities, medical, taxes, insurance and personal expense costs
 - Debt: mortgage and loan statements
 - Educational support: fellowship or scholarship award documentation
- If you are required to submit Parent information, you will receive an email from FFAST with a Parent PIN number. Your parent(s) will then be able to register on FFAST and create his or her own unique userID and password. If your parent(s) are not able to access the FFAST application themselves, you may complete the Parent section of the application for them.
- The “Special Circumstances” section of FFAST allows you to submit information you feel was not adequately reflected in the standard questions. We encourage students to share any other details on your financial or personal situation which you think would help us in our financial aid assessment.
- Important Notes Regarding Specific FFAST Questions
 - **Section- Student Demographic Information:**
 - **U.S. Citizenship Status-** international students should indicate response #3 “On Student or Exchange Visa”
 - **Section- Student Annual Income:**
 - **Income from non- U.S. Sources in 2016** – All international students answer this question “Yes” so that the income questions that follow will not be specific to U.S. tax returns.
- If you click “Next” to move to the next page of the application and the completed page is not accepted, FFAST will identify “in red” what questions have been missed or did not have an appropriate response. Please answer or correct all questions and re-submit the page.
- We recognize that some of the questions on FFAST may be more applicable to U.S. students and as such ask all international students to make their best effort answering those questions. Please make your best effort to respond to all the required questions.
- If you do not understand or require an additional explanation of any question, simply click on the questions mark [?] icon next to that question. If the explanation provided does not help, you can send your question to faast.law@yale.edu or Yale Law School Financial Aid Office (financialaid.law@yale.edu).