
**APPLICATION for the 2010 Summer Class of the
LUIS J. DEGRAFFE PRE-LAW ACADEMY**

A pipeline program sponsored by the
Office of Diversity Initiatives of the Law School Admission Council

With the renewed support of the Office of Diversity Initiatives of the Law School Admission Council (LSAC), Project LAWbound builds upon Latino Justice's current pre-law programming with the primary objective of identifying Latino students early in their college career and providing targeted services that address some of the most common barriers to admission to law school. Our goal is simple. To increase the number of Latinos who go to law school.

We are excited to announce our new January Academy. LAWbound's Luis J. DeGraffe Academy— Summer 2010 is a week-long intensive program from August 9 – 13, 2010. The curriculum duplicates our LJD summer program, an academic empowerment program that introduces legal methods and processes, and provides comprehensive pre-law counseling.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be Latino/Latina and currently enrolled as a college freshman or sophomore at the time of application to the program.
- Demonstrate strong academic potential with an overall B average or better and permit LJ PRLDEF access to your academic record.
- Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a legal education.
- Must be able to attend the full summer prep program, which takes place from 9:30 AM to 4 PM, August 9 – 13, 2010. (Friday, August 13th will end later in the evening, approximately 6:30 PM.)
 - o Must be able to secure housing during the program; housing is not provided.

Submission Requirements

- **APPLICATION FORM** (attached)
- **TRANSCRIPT(S)** – official undergraduate transcripts from all colleges attended.
- **NOMINATION FORM** (to be completed by college faculty member)
- **DEADLINE Friday, June 18, 2010.** You may submit your application via postal mail, fax (to LJ PRLDEF LAWbound at 212-431-4276) or via email to spatrick@latinojustice.org.
- **Mailed** applications must be **postmarked** by Friday, June 18th to be eligible for consideration for this year's summer academy. **Emailed and faxed** applications must be **received** by Friday, June 18th to be considered.

Program Incentives

Students accepted as LAWbound Scholars will receive:

- **METROCARDS** to cover transportation expenses
- **MEALS** -- Breakfast and Lunch Daily
- **Books and materials**

LAWBOUND APPLICATION FOR THE 2010 SUMMER ACADEMY

Read the application carefully and complete **ALL** sections.

1. Print/type carefully so that your form will be easy to read.
2. If the question does not apply to you, do not leave it blank. Put "N/A" in the answer space.
3. Please make sure you **sign and date** this form.

I. General Information

Full Name (first, middle, last) _____

Date of Birth _____ Gender: M / F Place of Birth _____

Father's Birthplace _____ Mother's Birthplace _____

Ethnic/Racial Background. Check the appropriate ethnic/racial designation(s):

(This information will be used for tracking purposes only; you may check more than one.)

African American Asian/Pacific Islander Chicano/Mexican American
 Dominican Native American Puerto Rican
 Other Latino (specify) _____ Other (specify) _____ Caucasian

PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS

PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS
(if the same as mailing address, you may leave blank)

Street _____

Street _____

City _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone (____) _____

Emergency Contact Name:

Mobile Telephone (____) _____

Emergency Phone:

If applicable:

(____) _____

Business Telephone (____) _____

Email Address: _____

(Please provide your preferred email address)

Name _____

II. Educational Background

In reverse order of attendance (starting with your current school), please list all high schools, colleges and universities that you have attended up to today. Please be sure to provide all dates.

School Name	Dates of Attendance/ Graduation Date(s)	Major or Fields of Study (if applicable)

III. Please answer the following questions in the space provided. If necessary, you may attach an additional page to this application form.

1. Tell us about yourself. Please share information about your personal background (e.g. special interests, hobbies, skills, extracurricular activities, etc.). Please include (if applicable) a description of any challenges you have overcome that have impacted your life thus far.

Name _____

2. Why are you interested in participating in the LatinoJustice PRLDEF LAWbound program? How do you think it will be helpful to you?

3. Please describe how you became interested in the law and what you hope to accomplish as a lawyer.

I certify that the information reported on this application is complete and accurate:	
Signature	Date

Please mail or fax completed application and supporting documentation to:

LatinoJustice PRLDEF—LAWbound 2010
99 Hudson Street, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10013
Attn: Sonji S. Patrick
Fax (212) 431-4276
Phone (212) 739-7497/7517 (Ms. Patrick/Ms. Maldonado)

Our 2010 scholarship season is *the first time* we are allowing applicants to email their documents to spatrick@latinojustice.org. Please type "LAWbound 2010 Application" in the subject line of your email. *Thank you.*

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LAWbound® 2010 Nominating Form

Name of applicant:

Confidentiality Pledge; Waiver of Claim to Access

TO THE APPLICANT: When completed and returned to us, this nominating form will be used in the review process for LAWbound, LatinoJustice PRLDEF's pipeline program focused on increasing Latino access to law school. Sign below here to waive any claim to access to this recommendation form and/or attached letter.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Name of Evaluator, Title

Best Phone number

TO THE EVALUATOR: We solicit your candid appraisal of the above-named applicant for participation in LatinoJustice PRLDEF's LAWbound program. In an effort to expand the Latino presence and diversify the bar, this pilot project will work to provide strong support to promising Latino college students who have articulated a desire to study law in the future. First, LatinoJustice PRLDEF has created a one-week program called the Luis J. DeGraffe Summer Academy, as well as workshops and seminars to provide supplemental academic advisement and pre-law counseling. Second, participating students will be partnered with both a law school and attorney mentor. Third, participating students will be offered comprehensive pre-law services including a discount on the LSAT courses through the LatinoJustice PRLDEF-Princeton Review partnership.

Please provide specific information to support this student's application to our program. For your convenience, we have provided a series of questions (on the back) that you may use as a guide. You do not have to answer all of these questions specifically; they are simply a reference tool for your use as needed. Please include any information you believe would be helpful. The applicant has signed this form above to indicate his or her waiver of any claim to access to your comments.

All nominating forms should be sent to Mrs. Sonji S. Patrick, **LatinoJustice PRLDEF LAWbound 2010**, 99 Hudson Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10013 or via email to spatrick@latinojustice.org. You may also fax your nomination letter to 212-431-4276. Nominations *should be received at LatinoJustice PRLDEF by Friday, June 25th. This is one week beyond the student application deadline.* Thank you very much for taking the time to help us learn more about this applicant.

Questions for Evaluators to Consider *(offered as a general guideline only; please submit nomination in the form of a letter. Thank you for your cooperation.)*

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?
2. Based on your personal knowledge of the applicant, how well qualified do you feel to appraise the applicant?
3. To what degree do you believe that the applicant has the strong academic potential, ability, personal integrity, personal skills and necessary motivation to successfully complete this initiative? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
4. What do you perceive as the applicant's academic strengths? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
5. What do you perceive as the applicant's weaknesses, academic or otherwise? If possible, please give examples that reflect your opinion.
6. Do you know of any special circumstances in the applicant's social or academic background, personality or experience that should be considered in evaluating the likelihood of the applicant's success in LAWbound? If possible, please give examples that may reflect the applicant's talents, interests and aspirations.
7. Please add any additional information you think would be relevant to us in making our decision.

Thank you again for your help.