Welcome!

Well, the countdown has begun! About 7 weeks from now, you and your fellow 1Ls will start the first stage of a journey toward earning your law degree. It’s an exciting time for all of us as we look forward to working with you. Included with this letter are the following:

- **Academic Information** – Class schedule and support services
- **“At a Glance”** – Aimed at answering common first-year student questions
- **Financial Aid Fact Sheet** – Aimed at providing an overview of critical financial aid information
- **Scholarship and Tuition-Remission Frequently Asked Questions** – Answers to frequently asked scholarship policy questions

*If you plan to use Veteran’s benefits to pay for law school but have not yet been in touch with Mary Earp or me, please contact me promptly. My e-mail address is nrc@uoregon.edu.*

Attendance at Orientation, August 17-20, is mandatory. If you encounter a significant conflict (e.g. family wedding, emergency), please let me know immediately. My e-mail address is nrc@uoregon.edu. And please bookmark the Orientation link, [http://law.uoregon.edu/explore/orientation](http://law.uoregon.edu/explore/orientation). Check for updates, including the schedule and readings. Also keep an eye out for information from the Admissions office about pre-law school activities.

We want to help you get connected with some of our students before your arrival on campus. To that end, I hope that you connect with Connections Coordinator, Emily Barron, ebarron@uoregon.edu, as well as our Student Bar Association President Anne Haugaard, ahaugaard@uoregon.edu. Both are available as resources to you transition to law school. If you are not yet a member of the Class of 2018 Facebook group, please let me know. And please take a moment to complete our peer mentor form, [https://oregonlaw.wufoo.com/forms/2015-mentee-application/](https://oregonlaw.wufoo.com/forms/2015-mentee-application/) if you’d like to be matched with a 2L or 3L as part of our Peer Mentoring Program.

Once you arrive on campus, please visit the Card Office in the basement of the EMU (Erb Memorial Union) to get your picture taken and have a student ID issued to you. You may get your ID pictures taken beginning August 5. To get your ID card, you will need to present a piece of government issued photo identification and your student number (if you have it). Make sure to identify yourself as a law student. It is important that you do this before classes start for two reasons: (1) we use your picture for the Law School Student Photo Directory and (2) you can avoid long lines. If you run into any difficulties, please contact me.

We have had many questions regarding the proper attire to wear at Orientation and the law school. We are fairly casual here. Jeans and T-shirts are probably the norm, although there are students who dress more formally and other students whom I wouldn’t recognize in anything other than sweats. Wear what makes you feel comfortable and best able to focus on your studies.

We look forward to supporting you throughout this transition and your time at Oregon Law!

Sincerely,

Nicole

Nicole Commissioing, Assistant Dean
on behalf of the Student Services Team
Academic Information

Registration and Books
The Law School’s Registrar’s Office will register you for all required first year classes, both Fall and Spring Semesters. Contracts, Torts, and Civil Procedure are 4 credit courses. You will also be enrolled in Legal Research and Writing I (LRW) for 3 credits in the Fall, as well as 1-credit Career Planning and Professional Development course. The Career course is a year-long course, and the credit will be awarded after the spring semester. Fall Semester’s schedule (excluding LRW) is as follows:

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During Orientation you will receive your personal class schedules, including instructors and room numbers, along with your LRW schedule and textbook information. Books will be pre-sorted based on your class assignments and can be purchased at the Court Café Bookstore (located inside the Law School). Please note: Due to the inevitable last-minute matriculation updates with our first year class, the Law School Registrar may need to make changes to students’ class sections during Orientation week. Therefore, please wait to buy when you have been officially instructed to do so.

Academic Support
Academic Choice for Excellence (ACE) is a first-year academic support program. During ACE sessions, students may improve study skills, engage with classroom material in a less formal setting, and develop the analytical techniques they need to be successful in law school. These sessions will be run by the Academic Achievement Specialist, Professor Joan Rocklin, student ACE tutors, and Nicole Commissiong, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

Students may also access the University Teaching and Learning Center, a department on campus that offers programs, workshops, and tutors. The TLC helps students, including law students to improve their writing skills. To contact the TLC visit: http://tlc.uoregon.edu.

Students with Disabilities
The University of Oregon is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to students with documented disabilities, whether visible or non-visible. Please contact the Accessible Education Center (541) 346-1155, http://ds.uoregon.edu/, 164 Oregon Hall to schedule an appointment with Director Hilary Gerdes, Ph.D. You should also contact the Accessible Education Center if you’ve never had accommodations but would like to explore whether accommodations are appropriate for you. The law school is unable to accommodate disabilities that have not been documented through the Accessible Education Center.

The law school’s Assistant Dean for Student Affairs Nicole Commissiong is also available to answer questions. She can be reached at (541) 346-3896 or nrc@uoregon.edu.
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Answers to Frequently Asked Questions
For additional information, check out www.uoregon.edu and the Orientation webpage (www.law.uoregon.edu/students/Orientation/)

Orientation
Orientation is scheduled for Monday August 17 – Thursday August 20, and attendance is mandatory. On Friday, August 21 students will have the opportunity to participate in a number of organized student-led activities. Please check the Orientation website regularly for updated information.

Accessibility & Accessible Education
Students who require accommodations for whether for, non-visible disabilities are encouraged to contact the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at nrc@uoregon.edu or 541.346.3896 for assistance.

Students who require accommodations for exams will be referred to the University’s Accessible Education Center, http://aec.uoregon.edu. If you have been diagnosed with a disability that impacts your ability to learn or demonstrate your understanding or material, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Accessible Education Center before Orientation to schedule an appointment.

DuckWEB Access
The DuckWEB information system is a protected UO intranet site where students can view their schedules, transcripts, financial aid awards, and UO employment records. Please note that your individual 1L schedules will not be posted to DuckWEB until the week of August 10. You will also use DuckWEB to accept your financial aid award and register for classes as 2Ls and 3Ls. To log onto DuckWEB you will need your student identification number (a 9-digit number that begins with “95”) and your personal access code (“PAC”). The UO Registrar’s office has mailed each of you your PAC. If you have not yet received your PAC, please contact the Registrar’s office at 541.346.2935. You will be asked to provide your 95-number when you call. Please let them know if you don’t have your “95” number. You will be asked a series of questions to assist in verifying your identity, and then provided with PAC and/or 95-ihalahnformation.

E-Mail and Mail Folders
If you have not already done so, please claim your DuckID at https://duckid.uoregon.edu as e-mail is the primary means of communication at the law school and on campus. For security reasons, once you matriculate, University staff will communicate with you primarily via your “uoregon.edu” account. It is students’ responsibility to read and respond to e-mail in a timely manner. Please note that it is not possible to post to a University listserv using a non-UO e-mail account.

Student mail folders are located in the Student Lounge, which is at the south end of the first floor of the Law School building. Students are responsible for checking their mail folders regularly.
Employment During Law School

First year students are strongly discouraged from working during law school, particularly during the first semester. Law school is time intensive, and you should plan to immerse yourself in your studies at the outset in order to develop good habits and systems.

Health & Counseling Services

The Health Center (UHC), http://healthcenter.uoregon.edu/, is located at 1590 East 13th Avenue, (541) 346-2770, and provides a wide variety of medical and health-care services to currently enrolled UO students who have paid student fees. The UHC is not open to students’ families/partners. Students are not required to purchase health insurance in order to access the Health Center. There is also a non-refundable “no-show” fee charged for missed appointments. **NOTE: The Health Center will not provide notes excusing students from class due to illness or injury.**

**Medical Services:** Office visits to the UHC cost $15.00, in addition to actual charges incurred. Students are not required to have health insurance to access the UHC. For medical assistance when the UHC is closed, a telephone nurse triage service is available by calling (541) 346-2770 and pressing "1". Please check the website for up-to-date hours of operation.

**Counseling Center:** The Counseling and Testing Center, http://counseling.uoregon.edu is located on the second floor of the UHC. Please check the website for up-to-date hours of operation. The Counseling Center provides individual and group counseling sessions free of charge for students. Call (541) 346-3227 to schedule a phone assessment or an appointment. This is the same number for the after-hours crisis line, which is available whenever the Counseling Center is closed.

**Health Insurance:** Information about the purchase of student health insurance will be available during Orientation and on-line at http://healthcenter.uoregon.edu. We encourage students who do not have health insurance to consider purchasing coverage through the Health Center. **Students who are aware they will lose coverage during the academic year (for example, if turning 26 and no longer eligible for parents’ policy) should contact the Insurance Office at least 45 days before coverage ends.** The Health Insurance office can be reached at 541.346.2832.

Students are not required to purchase health insurance to access the Health Center. Students may apply for financial aid to offset the cost for student coverage. Students with families may purchase health insurance for their partner/spouse/children; however, financial aid is not available to cover the cost of insuring spouses, partners or children.

International students must purchase health insurance or prove equivalent coverage.

I.D. Cards/I.D. Photos

UO students are required to have a campus ID card that includes your photograph. You are strongly encouraged to submit a selfie by August 10 to ensure you have your card for the start of Orientation on August 17. Detailed information is available on the UO Card Office website. You must present a government issued photo ID to pick up your card from the Card Office in the basement of the EMU. Your student ID photograph will be used for the Law School Photo Directory, as well as for many other purposes on campus, including to ride the bus free of charge, to access services in the Financial
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Aid and Business Office, to access the Rec Center and the law school locker room, to borrow books from campus libraries, as a debit card for purchases on campus, and to obtain tickets to UO sporting events.

Laptop Information / Mandatory Computer Orientation Sessions
If you do not already have a laptop you are strongly encouraged to purchase one of the recommended packages. Recommended laptop package information will be available in mid-July. Please visit https://www.facebook.com/groups/olaw2018/ for up-to-date configuration, pricing and order information. Please direct questions regarding your laptop purchase to the Oregon Law IT Team at lawit@uoregon.edu. Please note that students who do not purchase a recommended package will not have access to the same level of technical support from the Oregon Law Help Desk, which includes access to the law school’s laptop loaner program.

IT support staff will be available beginning the week of August 10 to assist students with laptop setup. Please check the Orientation website beginning in mid-July for Help Desk hours.

Law Library
The Law Library is part of the University Library System, and is therefore primarily funded through the Library System. One of the great advantages of being a member of the Library System is the wealth of information, resources and books available to students through the System, including through inter-library loan programs. This also means that the library is open to the public. Up-to-date library hours are available at http://library.uoregon.edu/hours/law/month.

Lockers
Each student is assigned a locker annually. You will receive your locker assignment during Orientation. Lockers are located on the first floor of the building. You must use your assigned locker, and are responsible for providing your own lock. Combination locks are recommended, and are available for purchase in the Court Café. We recommend against hard-case locks as there is a charge to remove them. Students are encouraged to clean out their lockers by the end of the finals period; however, lockers must be emptied by July 31 of each year. Students are charged $25 for the removal of any lock on their assigned locker as of August 1. Mark your calendars!

Service Animals / Pets
Service animals are welcome in campus buildings. If you have a service animal, please contact the Assistance Dean for Student Affairs Nicole Commissiong, 541.346.3896 or nrc@uoregon.edu, regarding accommodations. Although many of our students, faculty and staff are pet lovers, pets are prohibited in all campus buildings, including the law school and may not run free on campus, including on playing fields.

Student Billing – Oregon Hall
The Business Affairs Office (BAO), http://ba.uoregon.edu/student, 103 Oregon Hall, (541) 346-3170, handles all charges and refunds to student accounts and can answer most questions about billing and payment of tuition. The BAO is open from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday, except Wednesday when the office opens at 8:30 a.m. Students may set up a revolving charge account by following the instructions at http://ba.uoregon.edu/student/revolving-charge-agreement.
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Student Conduct Code
The University of Oregon Student Conduct Code applies to all UO students, including law students. Law students are subject to all of the same penalties as other UO students for violating the Student Conduct Code. The Student Conduct Code can be found at http://conduct.uoregon.edu. Please pay particular attention to those sections concerning academic dishonesty (including plagiarism), the consumption of alcohol on campus, and sexual harassment and assault.

Student Recreation Center
Incoming students will not be able to access the Recreation Center until after Labor Day. During the academic year law students may use Recreation Center offerings and sports facilities for open recreation when they are not scheduled for class use. The Recreation Center is located one block west of the Law School and offers a gymnasium, weight rooms, a pool & hot tub, a cross-fit room, a mat room, and locker rooms. For more information, including hours, visit http://uorec.uoregon.edu/ or call (541) 346-4183.

Student Tickets for UO Sporting Events
Students may access most UO sporting events by presenting their ID cards. However, student tickets are required for football and men’s basketball games. Detailed ticket information, including information on how to secure spouse/partner/child tickets is available on the goducks.com webpage, http://www.goducks.com/ViewArticle.dbml?ATCLID=24631. Please note that students may become ineligible for further tickets if they (1) get a ticket, are unable to attend, and fail to return the ticket or (2) give their student ticket to someone else.

Transportation/Parking
LTD – Your UO Student ID card allows you to ride all Lane County Transportation Department (LTD) buses free of charge.

Bicycles – You are strongly encouraged to register your bicycle with the UO Parking & Transportation at 1401 Walnut St., Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Bike registration forms will be available during Orientation. To prevent theft, students should purchase the best U-lock possible (cable and chain locks are very easily cut), and lock their rear wheel to the frame and bike rack. There is a high incidence of bike theft in Eugene. Bike racks are available for students’ use at both the north and south ends of the building. There is also a bike-repair station at the south entrance to the law school. Student bicycles are prohibited in all campus buildings, including the law school.

Vehicle parking permits and regulations – A parking permit is required to park in all campus lots Monday-Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. As you enter a lot, pay attention to the information posted on the green sign, which states the lot number and whether the lot is designated for faculty/staff, students and/or visitors. In particular, please note that students may not park in the two lots near 17th and Agate, including lot 43 (located at the south entrance to the law school) and lot 38 across the street from the firehouse.
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Please also pay attention to whether a particular parking space is reserved. Campus lots are patrolled by Department of Parking & Transportation staff. Student and guest vehicles parked in faculty/staff lots and reserved parking spaces can be ticketed and/or towed at the owners’ expense. Check out https://parking.uoregon.edu for detailed parking information.

All of these programs, services and teams are in place to help you be successful at Oregon Law. Please stay informed and engaged so that you can take advantage of all the benefits of being a Duck!
Financial Aid Fact Sheet

As you embark on your legal education, we hope that you will choose to be a fully informed borrower. Below is a *Frequently Asked Questions* guide designed to help you to get started.

1. *How can I apply for financial aid?*

You must apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, available at fafsa.ed.gov. An updated FAFSA must be completed each year.

2. *I am an international student. Am I eligible for federal financial aid? If not, what are my options?*

Federal financial aid is only available to United States citizens and resident aliens. International students are sometimes able to borrow money to attend school in the United States from their federal, state and/or provincial governments. Some international students also borrow money from banks in their home countries or from a bank based in the United States with a US-based co-signor.

3. *How many credits do I have to be enrolled in to receive my a financial aid award?*

You must be enrolled at least half-time in order to receive a student loan. Full-time enrollment at the University of Oregon School of Law means enrollment in a minimum of 9 semester credits, which means that you must be enrolled in at least 5 semester credits (3 summer school credits) to be eligible for a student loan. Please review the law school scholarship policy to understand how part-time and summer enrollment impact your scholarship.

4. *What kinds of loans are available to me once I complete the FAFSA?*

Graduate and professional students are eligible for Direct Unsubsidized and Graduate PLUS loans. For 2015-2016, the interest rates for federal financial aid for Unsubsidized and Graduate PLUS loans are 5.84% and 6.84%, respectively. Unsubsidized loans have a 6-month grace period; there is no grace period for Graduate PLUS loans. Graduate PLUS loans do require a credit check, which is conducted when you submit the PLUS Request at studentloans.gov. If you do not qualify for the Graduate PLUS loan, you have the option to seek a credit worthy co-signer. Subsidized loans are not available to graduate and professional students, nor are Perkins loans available.

5. *What does “cost of attendance” mean and how is the cost of attendance different from the amount of money I believe I need to meet my monthly obligations?*

The “cost of attendance” is determined by the University of Oregon Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships based on federal guidelines. Under the guidelines, federal aid is only available for periods of enrollment and to cover a student’s education-related expenses. These include tuition and required fees, living expenses, some personal expenses, books and supplies, a laptop. The amounts set forth in
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the table below reflect the cost of attendance for upcoming periods of enrollment August 24 – December 16, 2015 and January 19 – May 16, 2016.

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This does not include rent for periods of non-enrollment, including before school starts in August, the period between the end of fall semester and the beginning of spring semester, or after school ends in May.

6. Does my financial aid package only include federal loans?

Your financial aid package includes all funds awarded to you for education-related expenses from all sources, including:

- Loans, including federal and any private loans (which you apply for and are awarded separately);
- Scholarships, including from the law school, the University of Oregon or an outside organization;
- Fellowships;
- Work-study; and
- Any other benefit or stipend awarded to you by the University or for the purpose of paying for school-related expenses, including Veteran’s benefits.

Your financial aid package does not include money earned from non work-study employment. Nor does it include personal money from family or friends, but could include money from a family trust.

7. How can I increase my financial aid package and cover expenses that are not included in the cost of attendance?

Students may request a financial aid increase for only a limited number of items, including:

- The matriculation fee, which is not included in your financial aid award;
- Travel to and from your home state (eligibility and amounts vary);
- Course-related expenses for books, supplies, etc. that exceed the above-mentioned estimates. Adjustments are typically made during spring semester;
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- Health insurance premiums and uninsured medical expenses (for the student only, not dependents); and
- Child care costs, for periods that the student parent is in class.

Therefore, if you have monthly or annual expenses that are not eligible for financial aid funding, you must devise a plan for meeting your obligations. You are urged to make a plan before starting law school.

8. When and how will my financial aid be disbursed to me?

Financial aid disbursements are paid either via direct deposit or check. Students are encouraged to set up direct deposit through DuckWEB. When your aid is disbursed, it will pay any balance on your student account, and all remaining funds will be refunded to you, generally the first week of classes. If you sign up for direct deposit, the refund will be deposited into your bank account. If you do not sign up for direct deposit, a refund check will be mailed to you at the address on file through DuckWEB.

You are encouraged to log onto DuckWEB and provide your local Eugene/Springfield mailing address.

To ensure timely disbursement, please follow the steps outlined in the letter you received from the Financial Aid Office, and:

- Log into DuckWEB to accept your financial aid and sign up for direct deposit;
- Complete the Entrance Loan Counseling and an Unsubsidized Master Promissory Note at https://studentloans.gov if you are a first-time Direct Loan borrower;
- Complete the UO Graduate PLUS Request and Graduate PLUS Master Promissory Note at the website listed above if you are applying for a Graduate PLUS loan; and
- Notify the financial aid office in writing of the following:
  
  (a) Names and amounts of all scholarships not listed on your award letter as these must be reported;
  (b) Graduate Teaching Fellowships and terms of employment;
  (d) Names and amounts of all non-law school fellowships, stipends and/or benefits; and
  (e) Updates to your program, residency or enrollment status.

9. I've always had a work-study job while in school. How do I apply for work-study, and how much can I get?

Incoming law students are not awarded work-study. However, if you secure a work-study position, you may submit a written request for work-study to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. Please note that to be eligible for work-study, your FAFSA must have been filed, processed and received by the UO by March 1. Exceptions are not available to this deadline. Annual work-study awards for law students are generally $1,800.
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10. I have heard that I can get a better interest rate if I use a private/alternative loan rather than federal financial aid. Is this true?

You may or may not get a better interest rate with a private/alternative lender. The interest rate that you will get from a private/alternative lender will depend on several factors, including your credit worthiness.

11. Other than the interest rate, are there other factors I should consider as I decide between federal and private/alternative loans?

As you consider whether to use a private lender, in addition to the interest rate available to you, you should ask any potential lender:

- Whether deferment and/or forbearance options will be available to you while you are enrolled or if you are unable to pay your loans immediately upon graduation;
- Whether the private/alternative loan can be discharged in the event of death;
- Whether the loans qualify for loan repayment assistance programs and federally-regulated repayment options such as Income Based Repayment, Income Contingent Repayment, Paye-As-You-Go and Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

12. I have loans related to my pre-law school studies. Can I defer my loans while in law school and how do I go about doing that?

If you are currently paying your loans, you should continue to do so. Once you matriculate, the University of Oregon Registrar will inform the Federal Student Loan Clearinghouse that you are enrolled at the University of Oregon, and provide your anticipated dates of enrollment. Your federal loans will be deferred as a result of this action. However, every now and then a student's loans fail to go into deferment despite the University providing this information. Should this occur, please contact Nicole Commissiong, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, or Sherie Snyder, Law School Registrar, for assistance. You should continue to make payments on your loans until you are able to confirm that your loans have been deferred.

If you have private/alternative loans, you should contact the lender and inquire about deferment and forbearance options. The University of Oregon Registrar is unable to provide enrollment information to private/alternative lenders as a matter of course. If you have a private/alternative loan and require a letter verifying your enrollment at the law school, please contact Nicole Commissiong, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, or Sherie Snyder, Law School Registrar, for assistance. You should continue to make payments on your loans until you are able to confirm that your loans have been deferred.

13. Do I have to be enrolled in a certain number of credits in order for my loans to remain in deferment?

Yes. You must be enrolled at least half-time in order for your loans to enter into or remain in deferment. For a University of Oregon School of Law student, this means, that you must remain enrolled in a minimum of 5 semester credits or your loans will go into repayment.
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14. My parents have always helped me get through school with parent loans. Are parent loans still available now that I am in graduate school?

As a graduate student, you are considered financially independent of your parents. They are therefore not able to assist with a parent loan.

15. I plan to attend summer school. Does my financial aid package include living expenses for summer?

Summer financial aid, including money for living expenses, is awarded separately. If you plan to attend summer school, a separate application, available in April 2016, will be required. Summer aid is only available if you are enrolled in summer school.

16. I need help budgeting. What should I do?

For budgeting tips, check out http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/live_like_a_duck for helpful tips, and learn to Live Like a Duck.

17. I am already thinking about repayment. Where can I get information about loan repayment options?

You are encouraged to review loan repayment information available at studentloans.gov as a starting point. Your loan servicer(s) will also be able to tell you what options are currently available to students. Log into the studentloans.gov system to find your loan servicers. Remember that Congress can amend the law, including laws related to student loan repayment, at any time. Therefore, pay attention to any information provided by the law school Student Affairs office about changes in the law related to financial aid and loan repayment. And the Student Affairs office will host loan repayment workshops during your 3L year to ensure you are fully informed about repayment options before you graduate.

18. I still have questions. What should I do?

Read through the information available at Contact the UO Financial Aid Office: (1) visit their website http://financialaid.uoregon.edu and follow the Financial Aid Checklist; (2) write to 1278 University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 97403; (3) drop-in to see a counselor 9-4 weekdays at 260 Oregon Hall; or (4) call (541) 346-3221 or (800) 760-6953, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, weekdays. You will be asked for photo ID when visiting in person, and for your name and UO identification number whenever you communicate with the Financial Aid office. Please include this information in any written correspondence.

You may also contact Nicole Commissiong, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at the law school, at 541.346.3896 or nrc@uoregon.edu.

The above list of questions is not exhaustive, and does not replace mandatory financial aid entrance or exit counseling. If you have a question that is not answered above, ask! Be an informed borrower.
Scholarships @ Oregon Law: Frequently Asked Questions

This *Frequently Asked Questions* guide sets forth University of Oregon School of Law scholarship and tuition remission policies. They apply to all newly matriculating students and currently enrolled students. These policies may be amended from time to time to ensure consistency with federal guidelines and University policies.

1. **What kinds of scholarships are available from the School of Law?**
   The School of Law awards two types of scholarships: Oregon Law Merit Scholarships and private donor scholarships administered by the School of Law. Incoming students are only awarded Oregon Law Merit Scholarships, which are guaranteed to be renewed. (The School of Law also awards 1L Fellowships that are one-time, non-renewable awards to a select group of first-year students. The Oregon Law Merit Scholarship is a tuition reduction scholarship, which is used to pay tuition costs. For financial aid purposes, a 1L Fellowship is also considered a tuition reduction scholarship.)

   This tuition reduction scholarship cannot be used to pay matriculation or other fees charged by the University or the School of Law. It cannot be applied to other school-related costs or living expenses. A tuition reduction scholarship is not disbursed in cash. The scholarship offered you in your letter of admission from Dean Moffitt is an annual allocation. As long as you are enrolled full-time in the School of Law, half of the allocation will be applied to your Fall semester tuition balance, and the other half will be applied in Spring.

2. **How do I accept a scholarship offer?**
   You accept your scholarship by submitting your seat deposit by the required deadline. The seat deposit deadline is provided in “Enrollment Policies,” which is emailed to you after you have received your letter of admission from Dean Moffitt.

3. **How many credits do I need to take in order to receive my full scholarship?**
   You must be enrolled full-time (9–16 credits) in the School of Law in a given semester to receive your full scholarship. It will be prorated if you are enrolled less than full-time.

4. **I plan to attend summer school. Will I receive my scholarship?**
   Your scholarship will cover summer school tuition if you are positioned to graduate early. It will be applied during your second summer of enrollment only. A summer school scholarship will be pro-rated to summer tuition and will reflect enrollment in actual credits.

5. **Is there a required GPA or class rank that I must maintain to keep my scholarship?**
   No. Your Oregon Law Merit Scholarship is guaranteed, without regard to GPA or class rank.

6. **What is the maximum amount in scholarships/benefits that I can receive?**
   You may not receive a scholarship or benefit in an amount that exceeds the full cost of attendance, which is determined by the University of Oregon Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, [http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/](http://financialaid.uoregon.edu/). The full cost of attendance only includes tuition, fees, books, supplies, living, and miscellaneous expenses as defined by federal regulations. It does not include other personal expenses, such as credit card payments or outstanding medical bills.
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7. Can I keep my scholarship if I receive a non-law school scholarship or benefit that covers the entire cost of my tuition?
No. You are unable to keep your Oregon Law Merit Scholarship if you receive a non-law school scholarship, UO Graduate Teaching Fellowship (GTF) award, Veteran (VA) benefit, or other benefit that covers the entire cost of law school tuition. However, the Oregon Law Merit Scholarship will be reinstated if the non-law school scholarship, GTF award, Veteran benefit, or other benefit ends.

8. Under what circumstances can I keep my School of Law scholarship if I also have another funding source?
The University of Oregon Financial Aid Office first determines the total amount of all non-law school tuition-remission awards, including but not limited to: University of Oregon tuition reduction scholarships, 1L Fellowships, GTF awards, ROTC, Veteran or other benefits. If the total amount of all tuition reduction awards is less than your total tuition for the semester, you are eligible to keep your Oregon Law Merit scholarship provided it reflects the difference between your tuition cost and all other tuition reduction benefits. Please note that this may mean a reduction in your scholarship.

9. I plan to be a visiting student at another law school. Can I use my School of Law scholarship while enrolled at another law school?
No. Should you choose to attend another law school as a "visitor," you forfeit all University of Oregon scholarships, including the Oregon Law Merit Scholarship, during any period of absence from the School of Law. The forfeited scholarship may not be applied toward educational expenses in a past or future semester.

10. I plan to take a leave of absence from the School of Law. Will I receive my scholarship when I re-enroll?
If you complete at least one semester here and you take a leave of absence, your Oregon Law Merit Scholarship will be reinstated upon your return to the School of Law.

11. I was admitted to the School of Law but have decided to defer my enrollment until the following academic year. Is my scholarship guaranteed upon re-enrollment?
No. If you defer enrollment, the School of Law does not guarantee a scholarship or the same scholarship amount upon reenrollment in a future year. However, you will be reviewed for an Oregon Law Merit Scholarship as a member of the class with whom you will matriculate.

12. I matriculated to the School of Law but withdrew before the end of the first semester. What impact does my withdrawal have on my scholarship?
If you matriculate but withdraw from the School of Law prior to the end of the first semester of law school, you forfeit the value of your scholarship consistent with the School of Law tuition reimbursement schedule. For example, if you withdraw on or before the deadline for a 75% tuition reimbursement, you forfeit 25% of your scholarship.

13. I am considering a concurrent program. Will I receive my scholarship when I am enrolled in my other program?
No. You are eligible for your Oregon Law Merit Scholarship during periods of enrollment when you are paying law tuition only.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Nicole Commissiong, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs at nrc@uoregon.edu or (541) 346-3896. Thank you.