



2021 LAW ACADEMY INFORMATION

October 7-10, 2021

Applying to the Academy

Acceptance to Law Academy will be limited to 40 participants, primarily based on the order in which applications are received.

The [main application will be completed online](#) and will open Thursday, August 12.

Upon completing the online application, a confirmation email will be sent to the student and coach with a link to the following items, which must be sent in to complete the application:

- **Release Form** (*parent/guardian, student, and witness signatures required*)
- **Photo and Video Release Form** (*student [and parent/guardian if student is under 18] signature required*)
- **Code of Ethical Conduct Form** (*teacher coach and student signatures required*)
- **Credit Card Payment Form** (*only if payments will be made by credit card*)
- **Letter of Recommendation from Teacher or Attorney Coach** (*may be emailed directly from coach*)

Details

Each team is limited to two applicants.

Tuition is \$400 per student and includes housing, meals, and materials for the Academy. Meals will be taken at restaurants and the hotel on Friday and Saturday. Lunch will be at the Bar on Sunday.

Students and faculty will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express at 111 Cone Street, a few blocks from the State Bar offices in Atlanta. Students will register at the hotel Thursday evening and be released from the Bar Center after the Awards Ceremony Sunday afternoon.

Students will be housed double occupancy, with an attempt to put same-gendered-students from the same school or district together as much as possible.

Covid protocols will be in place during the Academy, with details about expected protocols to be announced closer to the Academy dates, including masking and social distancing.

Deadlines

- **Thursday, September 9** – Online application closes at 5 p.m.
- **Friday, September 24** – Completed forms and deposit due (received at the Mock Trial office)
- **Thursday, October 7** – Final tuition balance due upon registration at Law Academy

Completing the Coach Recommendation Letter

Each applicant must include with the application packet a recommendation letter from a team coach. This letter should address the following:

- Student grade and number of years on mock trial team;
- Parts played by student and any awards received at Region, District, State and/or National competitions;
- School extracurricular activities and/or community service outside of mock trial;
- Evidence that student exhibits leadership skills on the mock trial team;
- Any additional information on why this student should be considered for acceptance to the Academy.

Requesting Assistance with Tuition

- LIMITED financial aid is available for a limited number of Academy applicants. No financial aid award will exceed \$175 and may be less, depending on the number of requests.
- The request will be made in the online application.
- If an applicant applies for financial assistance, the application may be submitted without the deposit. If financial aid is awarded, the Mock Trial office will notify all students requesting aid of the amount owed. This balance will be due upon registration at the Academy **Thursday, October 7**.
- Please remember that all applicants may solicit contributions from community sources (local bar association, local firms, local businesses, etc.) to support Academy tuition or supplement any financial aid received.

Cancellation

- Cancellation by a parent/guardian must be received in writing (email is acceptable) by **5 p.m.** on **September 24**.
- A request for a refund by a parent/guardian of any deposit paid must also be received in writing by **5 p.m.** on **September 24, 2019**.
- Tuition payments **will not be refunded** if a cancellation is made after 5 p.m. on **September 24**.

For more information on the Law Academy, contact Michael Nixon at
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