
DISCRETIONARY SUPPLEMENTARY FORM

Eligibility

Applicants only qualify in the Discretionary category if their academic achievements or LSAT score have been significantly delayed, interrupted or adversely affected by:

- a) a medical condition or disability (physical, sensory, learning, addiction, mental illness, or similar condition or disability); or
- b) family or similar responsibilities and the consequent need to attend to these responsibilities or to maintain employment; or
- c) social, historic, political, economic or other factors.

Selection of qualified Discretionary applicants will be made on the basis of the applicant's:

- a) achievements in occupational endeavours, and community, public service and cultural activities that indicate an ability to succeed in law school;
- b) academic performance in any educational or training program or courses; and
- c) LSAT scores within the past five years; and

in the case of those applicants who have not completed the minimum number of academic units specified for admission in the Regular applicant category,

- d) whether it would be unreasonable to expect the applicant to complete such academic units prior to the commencement of law school.

It is extremely unlikely that applicants with less than two years of college or university courses will be admitted.

PART A – Request for Information

Complete **only** those sections of **Part A** that are **applicable to your circumstances**. Submit a typed response to all questions, describing your circumstances in detail.

1. Medical Condition or Disability

This category is applicable for those who have had a **long-term** medical condition or physical, sensory, or learning disability, or addiction, mental illness, or similar condition or disability.

- a) Identify the nature of the condition or disability that adversely affected your academic achievements or LSAT score.
- b) Describe the manner in which your condition or disability has adversely affected your academic achievements or LSAT score. Identify the years affected.
- c) Provide independent documentation to corroborate your statements. Documentation should identify the medical condition or disability and how it impacted your academic achievements or LSAT score. Documentation may include letters from medical professionals, psycho-educational assessments, etc.

2. Family or Similar Responsibilities

- a) Describe the nature of the family or similar responsibilities and how they have adversely affected your academic achievements or LSAT score. Identify the year(s) in which they occurred.
- b) Provide independent documentation to corroborate statements. Documentation may include children's birth certificates, death certificates, letters from doctor outlining caregiving duties, etc.

3. Cultural Background

- a) If you were not born in Canada, indicate your date of entry into Canada. _____
- b) If your first language was not English, identify your first language. _____
- c) Describe your ethnic background or ancestral heritage.
- d) Describe the manner in which your ethnic background or culture has adversely affected your academic achievements or LSAT score.
- e) Provide independent documentation to corroborate statements. Documentation may include landing documentation etc.

4. Economic Circumstances

This category is applicable only in cases of **serious financial hardship over an extended period of time**.

- a) Identify the years when your economic circumstances adversely affected your academic achievements or LSAT score. _____
- b) Identify by relationship, those persons, if any, who is currently dependent on you for financial support.

- c) Describe the manner in which your economic circumstances adversely affected your academic achievements or LSAT score.
- d) What is the estimated value of all your assets including houses, real estate, cars, securities, RRSPs and bank accounts? \$ _____
- e) What was your income for each of the past two years?
Year _____ Income \$ _____
Year _____ Income \$ _____
- f) If you have borrowed money on Government (federal and provincial) student loans, please answer the following:
Total borrowed \$ _____ Amount owing \$ _____
If, in addition to government student loans, you have borrowed money from other sources, provide the following:
Source of loans _____
Total borrowed \$ _____ Amount owing \$ _____
- g) Provide independent documentation to corroborate statements. Documentation may include Canada Revenue Agency Notice of Assessment, Record of Employment, loan statements, etc.

5. Other Relevant Factors

Provide information about any other circumstances which are not directly addressed above, but which you believe are relevant to the Discretionary criteria of academic disadvantage (e.g., physical or sexual abuse, or discrimination on the basis of gender, sexual orientation or religious affiliation). Provide corroborating documentation.

PART B – Additional Requirements

1. If you have not completed the **minimum number of academic units specified for the Regular category**, give reasons why you believe that it would not be feasible for you to complete such academic units prior to commencement of law school.
2. Provide a brief statement to expand upon the factors the Admissions Committee will consider in selecting applicants. These factors may include achievements in occupational endeavours, and community, public service and cultural activities that indicate an ability to succeed in law school. **This statement is in addition to the required personal statement.**
3. If applicable, you must submit a letter and/or documentation from the Disability Resource Office of your current or previous post-secondary institution(s) describing the types of accommodation you received during your college or university studies.
4. **Two** Letters of Reference
 - Juris Doctor (JD) applicant:** **one** letter must be academic and **one** must be character or employment.
 - OR**
 - Joint Juris Doctor/Juris Indigenarum (JD/JID) applicant:** **one** letter must be academic and **one** must speak to your suitability for and commitment to this program.

Reference letters must be sent **directly from your referees** to the Law Admissions Office by email (lclerk2@uvic.ca) or to the address listed below.

Signature _____ Date _____

Submit the completed form, along with supporting documentation by

Email: lclerk2@uvic.ca

OR

Mail: Admissions, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, PO Box 1700 STN CSC, Victoria, BC, V8W 2Y2