

### Admissions Information

#### Admissions Highlight

- Expected statistics for 2009 entering class: median LSAT of 163; median undergraduate grade point average of 3.62
- Approximately 40-45 percent of the typical entering class is female and 20-25 percent minority.
- Students are drawn from throughout the United States and from several other countries.
- More than half of the typical entering class has been in the work force for one year or more.
- Applications may be submitted anytime between September 15 and March 15; applications are reviewed on a “rolling basis” beginning in December.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply for both admission and grant/scholarship assistance concurrently. At the very latest, applications for financial aid must be submitted by March 1.
- Applicants for admission may apply using the paper application, via the Moritz College of Law web site (<http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/admissions/application/>) or via the Law School Admissions Council application ([www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org)).

#### Visiting the Moritz College of Law

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid welcomes visitors to the Moritz College of Law. Visitation programs for prospective applicants are scheduled at various times throughout the fall semester.

Applicants who are admitted to Moritz Law should plan to attend one of the college’s special visitation programs for admitted applicants. These full-day events are hosted during the months of March and April and provide the opportunity to meet members of the faculty, staff, and student body.

For a current listing of visitation days, refer to the Moritz Law web site: [www.moritzlaw.osu.edu/admissions/visit.php](http://www.moritzlaw.osu.edu/admissions/visit.php)

#### A Rich Tradition, A Promising Future

Since its founding in 1891, the Moritz College of Law has played a leading role in the legal profession through countless contributions made by alumni and faculty. Graduates of the college reside in all 50 states and 20 countries and include justices of the Ohio Supreme Court, current and former U.S. Senators and Representatives, managing partners in law firms of all sizes, chief executive officers of Fortune 500 corporations, and attorneys with nonprofit organizations and public interest law firms. Employers from throughout Ohio, the Midwest, and across the nation recruit at Ohio State because of the caliber of students enrolled and the quality of the legal education provided.

#### Nondiscrimination Statement

*The Ohio State University is committed to building a diverse faculty and staff for employment and promotion to ensure the highest quality workforce, to reflect human diversity, and to improve opportunities for minorities and women. The university embraces human diversity and is committed to equal employment opportunity, affirmative action, and eliminating discrimination. This commitment is both a moral imperative consistent with an intellectual community that celebrates individual differences and diversity, as well as a matter of law.*

*Discrimination against any individual based upon protected status, which is defined as age, color, disability, gender identity or expression, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status, is prohibited. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits sex discrimination. Title I and Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 provide equal employment opportunities and reasonable accommodation, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in education programs and activities. Equal access to employment opportunities, admission, educational programs, and all other university activities is extended to all persons. The United States Department of Defense regulations, however, prohibit gay men, lesbians, and bisexuals from serving in the armed forces or enrolling in pre-commissioning programs such as Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC). As a result of this prohibition, ROTC programs are inconsistent with University Policy Number 1.10 (issued 10/1/73 and revised on 02/02/04).*

For further information, contact the Office of Human Resources at 1590 N. High Street, Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43210-1175, (614) 292-4164, or visit <http://hr.osu.edu/policy/policyhome.htm>.



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#### Law School Admissions Council

Phone (215) 968-1001/ [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org)

#### Guidelines for Establishing Ohio Residency

[www.ureg.ohio-state.edu/ourweb/more/content/residency/main.htm](http://www.ureg.ohio-state.edu/ourweb/more/content/residency/main.htm)

#### Online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Required for need-based scholarship aid and loans.

The Ohio State University, federal code 003090,

should be listed. [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

#### Important Dates

**September 15:** Admissions Office begins accepting applications for the autumn 2009 entering class

**November 14:** Early Decision Agreement Deadline

**December 22:** Early Decision Notifications

**Early December:** Admissions Committee begins reviewing applications for regular admissions

**Mid January:** First round of admissions decisions are made. Also, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

**January 19:** Seat deposit deadline for applicants admitted under the Early Decision option

**February 15:** Deadline to submit application for Moritz Merit Scholarship

**March 1:** Deadline for filing all applications for financial aid, including the FAFSA

**March 15:** Deadline for applying for admission to the Moritz Law autumn 2008 entering class

**March 24:** Financial aid award letters are mailed to admitted applicants whose financial aid files were completed as of March 1

**May 1:** Deadline for confirming enrollment in the autumn 2008 entering class for all applicants admitted through April 14

## Financial Aid & Cost Information

An Ohio State legal education is among the best values of nationally recognized law schools. Nonresidents of Ohio who relocate to the state may be re-classified as Ohio residents after residing in the state for 12 consecutive months and taking other steps to establish residency.

## Scholarships and Grants

### Moritz Merit Scholarship (Full In-State Tuition and Stipend)

(Application required) Moritz Merit Scholarships are awarded each year. These awards recognize exceptional students who possess excellent academic credentials and leadership abilities. Criteria for Moritz Merit Scholarships include the applicant's past academic performance, score results from the LSAT, demonstrated capacity for leadership, contribution to the diversity of the law school community, and other factors indicating the applicant's potential to excel in all aspects of the law school experience. Only those applicants who have taken the LSAT by December 2008, submitted the Moritz Merit Scholarship application, and applied for admission to the Moritz College of Law by February 15, 2009 will be eligible for consideration. The Moritz Merit Scholarship application is available at [http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/financialaid/scholarships/moritz\\_merit.php](http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/financialaid/scholarships/moritz_merit.php)

### Leadership Scholarship

Leadership Scholarships are awarded to entering students who have a record of significant academic accomplishments and who demonstrate strong leadership potential. A student may submit a brief essay that describes their leadership capabilities or interests, but a separate application is not required.

### Academic Merit Scholarship

(No application required. If admitted, you will automatically be reviewed for this award.) Academic Merit Scholarships are awarded to entering students who have a record of significant academic accomplishment and potential for success in their legal studies.

### Financial Need Grants

Financial need grants are given to individuals on the basis of atypical financial need. Applicants must submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at the earliest possible date after January 1, but no later than March 1, and complete an application for the need grant by March 1. Refer to our web site for a downloadable application <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/financialaid/scholarships>

### Diversity Enrichment Grants

Diversity Enrichment Grants are awarded to entering students whose personal backgrounds or experience demonstrate the potential to make significant contributions to the social, cultural and intellectual diversity at the College of Law. No application is required, but Diversity Statements are welcomed.

## Tuition and Other Expenses for 2008-09

Ohio resident annual tuition + fees (10 or more hours) .....	\$20,898
Nonresident annual tuition + fees (10 or more hours) .....	\$35,892
Estimated expense for books and supplies .....	\$3,676
Health insurance (single student—two semesters) .....	\$1,546
Estimated living expenses.....	\$14,000+



## Loan Assistance

A variety of loan programs exist to help meet tuition and living expenses for law school. The Stafford Subsidized Loan is the most attractive type of loan for law students, since the federal government pays the interest on the loan while a student is in school. The maximum annual amount of the Stafford Subsidized Loan is \$8,500. The Unsubsidized Stafford Loan also is available to law students, though the federal government does not pay the interest on this loan while a student is in school. The maximum annual Unsubsidized Stafford Loan is \$20,500, less whatever amount a student receives in the form of a Subsidized Student Loan.

The Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan is the newest federal loan to be offered to Graduate and Professional students. With a fixed 7.9% interest rate, this loan can be awarded up to the student's cost of attendance, less any other financial aid received. Unlike the Direct Stafford Loan program, repayment is not automatically deferred, but borrowers can apply for in-school deferment.

The Graduate PLUS Loan *does* require a credit check. If the borrower does not pass the credit check, an endorser may be used (The U.S. Department of Education Servicing Center is responsible for credit decisions and endorser approval). Students will be encouraged to borrow with the Graduate PLUS program to take advantage of the fixed interest rate before using private loans to meet their cost of attendance.

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid

In order to qualify for need-based grants from Moritz Law, and the Stafford Loans, a Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) form or a FAFSA Renewal form must be completed at the earliest possible date, but no later than March 1. FAFSA forms become available in early January. Applicants may complete the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and must list Ohio State (federal code 003090) as a recipient. (A paper FAFSA form may be obtained by contacting the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1 (800) 433-4243.)

