

Middle & High School Pre-Law Timeline

Middle School

- Discuss your goals with your parents and academic middle school advisor, and start reading books that interest you.
- Keep a creative or academic journal to enhance your writing skills.
- Develop your study habits by setting a consistent time for class assignments and staying organized.
- Get involved in student organizations.
- Prepare for high school by reviewing the course catalog and speaking with your academic advisor about courses that will prepare you for college.

High School

9th Grade

- Talk to your academic counselor about your career interests.
- Focus on improving your writing and taking electives that enhance your logic and analytical skills.
- Establish habits for academic success by attending class on time, completing your homework, and submitting assignments punctually.

10th Grade

- Start researching colleges and universities.
- Speak with your academic advisor about financial literacy.
- Learn about the college admission process.

11th Grade

- Search for summer internships or volunteer opportunities to build your resume.
- Take the SAT or ACT, with the option to retake them in your senior year if needed.

12th Grade

- Concentrate on your writing, particularly your personal statement for academic scholarships.
- If you plan to attend college the semester after graduating from high school, start on the FAFSA application early.

Tip: Establish a mentor who can provide academic and career advice in the legal field.

[Click here to see our College Pre-law timeline.](#)



American Indians & Alaska Natives Pre-Law Opportunities and Resources



Youth Justice Alliance (Texas and Oklahoma Residents)

Youth Justice Alliance - Education, Law, Nonprofit

- Paid four-year legal experience for aspiring first-gen lawyers as high school seniors

Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress

NATIVE YOUTH COMMUNITY ADAPTATION AND LEADERSHIP CONGRESS

- NYCALC develops future conservation leaders with the skills, knowledge, and tools to address environmental change and conservation challenges

Udall Foundation: Civility, Integrity, Consensus

Native American Congressional Internship

<https://www.udall.gov/OurPrograms/Internship/WhoShouldApply.aspx>

- Commitment to a career related to Tribal public policy or supporting Tribal communities
- A community of 12 Native American and Alaska Native college, graduate, and law students who live and work in Washington, D.C., during the summer

Max Baucus Institute (For Montana-based colleges and universities)

Baucus Leaders – Max S. Baucus Institute

- Interest in environmental policy and climate issues
- Placed in senate and congressional offices in Washington, DC
- Paid internship

Native American Pathway to Law Initiative

<https://law.asu.edu/pathway-to-law>

- Sign-up for the next set of pre-law advising workshops designed for Native American pre-law students
- Connect with mentorship opportunities

Pre-Law Summer Institute

<https://www.ailc-inc.org/plsi/>

- Learn about the 8-week summer program that prepares American Indians and Alaska Natives for the rigors of law school
- Gain access to continued support throughout law school and the bar exam

Law School Admission Council (LSAC)

<https://www.lsac.org/>

- Prepare for the law school application process
- Sign-up for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT)
- Find resources to help you choose a law school and prepare for the LSAT

Financial Resources

NATIVE FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP

<https://www.nativeforward.org/>

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>