

2020 LRAP Application

Instructions

2020 Loan Repayment Assistance Program Application

Thank you for your interest in the [DC Bar Foundation's](#) Loan Repayment Assistance program (LRAP). Before you begin, please read the [2020 LRAP Guidelines, Checklist and Common Application Mistakes document](#), [online application instructions](#), and other information on [DCBF's LRAP](#). If these resources do not address your questions or concerns, please email lrapp@dcbfoundation.org.

The application is **due by 3:00 PM on October 25 2019** and includes these requirements:

1. Personal Information
2. Law School Information and Bar Admission Status
3. Income and Employment Information
4. Other LRAPs and Service Obligations
5. Loan Information
6. Attachments
7. Applicant Certification

If you are a **new applicant**, you are required to attend an LRAP information session. Please refer to dcbfoundation.org/lrap for confirmed dates.

Personal Information

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Prefix First Name

<None>

Last Name

Preferred Email Address

Alternate Email Address

Home Phone

Office Phone

Home Address

Include street address and apartment/unit number, if applicable.

City

State

- Select One -

Zip Code

Do you reside in the District of Columbia?

Marital Status

If you are single, do you expect your marital status to change in 2020?
Do you expect to have joint income in this time?

Spouse's Information

Spouse First Name

Spouse Last Name

Spouse's Employer

Spouse's Job Title

Spouse's Salary

Include all sources of income for your spouse.

Law School Information & Bar Admission Status

Law School Information

From which school did you earn your J.D.?

If your school is not listed, please select "School Not Listed" and email lrapp@dcbbarfoundation.org

Law School Graduation Month

Law School Graduation Year

Bar Admission Status

Are you a member of the District of Columbia Bar (DC Bar)?

If you are not currently a member of the DC Bar, please describe your current status with the DC Bar (e.g. waiving in, date of application, Rule 49, etc.):

Please provide the state(s) and date(s) of all license, including DC, if applicable:

If you are not currently licensed in any state, please explain your situation:

Income & Employment Information

Income Information

What is your current salary from your eligible employer?

Your individual annual salary must be less than \$90,000.

Did you file your 2019 tax return jointly?

Other Income Amount

Please provide the amount you receive from any other sources, such as a part-time job. Do not include income from your eligible employer, spouse's income, dependents' income, earned interest, or any significant one-off payments.

Other Income Explanation

List the source and job title of any other income.

Employment Information

Your employer must be on the [2020 Eligible Employer List](#), meaning your employer must conduct business in DC and on behalf of low-income DC residents.

Current Employer

If you are seeking employment with an eligible employer, please select "Seeking Employment." If your employer is not listed, please select "Other" and notify DCBF by emailing lrapp@dcbf.org.

Employer Address

Provide the street address and suite/unit number of the employer listed above.

Employer City Employer State
<None>

Employer Zip Code

Is this position full-time or part-time?

If you are seeking employment, please answer whether you are seeking full-time or part-time employment.

If your position is part-time, how many hours do you work per week?

Is a law school required for your position?

If you are seeking employment, please indicate if you are seeking a position that requires a law school degree.

Do you provide direct civil legal services to low-income DC residents?

If you are seeking employment, please indicate if you are seeking a position in which you will provide direct civil legal services to low-income DC residents.

Other LRAPs & Service Obligations

Other LRAPs

The DC Bar Foundation's LRAP should be considered an LRAP "of last resort," meaning all applicants must "exhaust all other available avenues for loan repayment assistance, including through participation in any available undergraduate or law school debt-forgiveness programs," as regulated by D.C. Code § 4-1704.03(5). This also includes similar programs provided by your employer, a fellowship, or other organizations (i.e. AmeriCorps). In addition, you should seek to determine your eligibility for federal loan repayment programs, including the College Cost Reduction Act and income-driven repayment plans.

Note: it is your obligation to confirm whether your school(s), employer, or any other organization has an LRAP.

Please select the appropriate responses for each.

Law School

Law School LRAP

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Complete if you selected B or C for Law School LRAP. If your law school isn't listed, please email lrapp@dcbfoundation.org.

Law School LRAP Amount

Complete if you selected B or C for Law School LRAP.

Law School LRAP Disbursement Frequency

Complete if you selected B for Law School LRAP.

Law School LRAP Decision Date

Complete if you selected B for Law School LRAP.

Other School

Other School LRAP

Other School Name

Complete if you selected B for Other School LRAP.

Other School LRAP Amount

Complete if you selected B for Other School LRAP.

Other School LRAP Disbursement Frequency

Complete if you selected B for Other School LRAP.

Other School LRAP Decision Date

Complete if you selected B for Other School LRAP.

Employer

Employer LRAP

Employer Name

Complete if you selected B or C for Employer LRAP.

Employer LRAP Amount

Complete if you selected B or C for Employer LRAP.

Employer LRAP Disbursement Frequency

Complete if you selected B or C for Employer LRAP.

Employer LRAP Decision Date

Complete if you selected B or C for Employer LRAP.

If you selected **option D**, that you are "not eligible for the program's award," for your law school's, other school's, or employer's LRAPs, please explain.

If you selected **option E**, "other," for your law school's, other school's, or employer's LRAPs, please explain.

Service Obligations and Payment Plans

Do you receive any assistance from a fellowship or organization (e.g. AmeriCorps)?

If you selected "yes," please explain the terms of assistance:

Are your loans under Income-Based Repayment (IBR), Pay As You Earn (PAYE), or any income-driven repayment plan?

If your loans are in an income-drive repayment plan, ensure you have read and understand Section IIA5 "Qualifying Loans" of the 2020 LRAP Guidelines regarding annual recertification.

If your loans are not in an income-driven repayment plan, please explain why:

Did you receive any scholarships, fellowships, grants, awards, or other educational funding for which you are currently or will in the future be required to satisfy a service obligation?

If you selected "yes," please explain the terms of the service obligation:

Loan Information

Loan Information

Select all of your outstanding educational loans:

Are all of your outstanding educational loans currently in repayment?

If you selected "No", please identify:

1. Which loans are not in repayment;
2. The current status of each loan (grace, deferment, or forbearance);
3. When (month and year) they are coming into repayment; and,
4. An estimated monthly payment amount obtained from your lender(s).

Are any of your educational loans consolidated?

Loan Balance and Payments

Provide the **original balance** of all outstanding educational loans.

Do not include any educational loans that you have already paid off. If you have consolidated loans, please include the original amount at time of disbursement, not consolidation.

Provide your **current balance**, including **principal and interest**, of all outstanding educational loans.

Provide your **minimum monthly payment** for all outstanding educational loans.

Sum your monthly payment for ALL educational loans that are outstanding (undergraduate, graduate, law school, and bar study).

Other Comments

Use the space below to provide further comments/explanation on any part of the application. You can also use this space to explain any other circumstances that should be considered in reviewing your application, including additional information regarding your personal circumstances or financial need.

Attachments

Attachment Instructions

Further Instructions for Attachments: School Loan Cover Sheet and Verification Documents

View [this document](#) for an example of how Attachment: School Loan Cover Sheet and Attachment: School Loan Verification Documents should be completed. Further instructions are provided in the [2020 LRAP Guidelines](#) and the [Checklist and Common Application Mistakes document](#).

For **Attachment: School Loan Cover Sheet**, follow the instructions at the top of the document. Do not forget PRINCIPAL and INTEREST for the Current Balance of each loan and to sum amounts at the bottom of each page.

For **Attachment: School Loan Verification Documents**, please compile (1) a loan payment history for July, August, and September 2019, and (2) online statements and any other documents necessary, for *all current educational loans* that you have listed on your School Loan Cover Sheet to verify the following information:

1. Loan Administrator/Service (e.g. FedLoan, SallieMae, Mohela, Great Lakes, etc.)
2. Loan Type (e.g. subsidized, unsubsidized, Grad Plus, private, etc.)
3. Loan Status (e.g. repayment, deferment, forbearance, etc.)
4. Loan Purpose, if provided on documents (e.g. name of law school, undergrad university, etc.)
5. Original Balance
6. Current/Outstanding Balance (principal and interest)
7. Minimum amount due each month
8. Monthly due date of loan payment

Required Attachments

To upload an attachment, click "Choose File" and select the document from your finder window. When that window closes, click "Upload" back on the browser window.

Employer Certification Form

Download the Employer Certification Form from this webpage: <https://dcbfoundation.org/lrap/applications-and-reports/>. The applicant must complete, sign, and date the top part; your employer must complete, sign, and date the bottom part. Upload as a PDF document.

School Loan Cover Sheet

Download the School Loan Cover Sheet from this webpage: <https://dcbfoundation.org/lrap/applications-and-reports/>. Referring to your payment history and account summaries collected for the School Loan Verification Documents, please fill out the School Loan Cover Sheet for *all current educational loans* (undergraduate, graduate school, law school, and bar study). Please see the top and footer of the document for further instructions. Upload as an Excel document (.xlsx or .xls).

School Loan Verification Documents

Log into your lenders' accounts to download the necessary documents and upload them as one PDF here. View [this document](#) for an example of how Attachment: School Loan Cover Sheet and Attachment: School Loan Verification Documents should be compiled. For further instructions on what to upload here, go to the "Instructions" tab and read the [2020 LRAP Guidelines](#) and [Checklist and Common Application Mistakes document](#). If your loans are currently in grace, forbearance, or deferment, please upload documents verifying their status and any payment estimates and start dates you have obtained from your lender(s).

Current Resume

Please upload your current/updated resume as a PDF document. Your resume must have your current eligible employer listed.

2019 Federal Income Tax Return

Provide only Form 1040 or 1040EZ. You do not need to attach your state income tax returns or any other forms. If you did not receive any income in 2019 and thus did not file a tax return, please submit documentation from the Internal Revenue Service verifying your status.

Optional Attachments**Other Documents**

Intended for any other documents needed to support your application, such as an award letter from your law school for another LRAP award. If you have multiple documents, combine them into one PDF document and upload here.

Applicant Certification**Applicant Certification**

Please read the statements below, initial below each statement, and sign and date at the bottom of this page.

1. I am submitting this information in application for assistance through the 2020 District of Columbia Poverty Lawyer Loan Repayment Assistance Program.
2. I certify that I provide direct civil legal services to low-income DC residents.
3. I certify that I am a lawyer who graduated from an accredited law school.
4. I certify that the loans listed in the Loan Information section of the application and on the School Loan Cover Sheets are in good standing and that I provided an accurate amount for my monthly loan payment.
5. I agree to promptly notify the DC Bar Foundation in writing within 30 days of any changes to my income, residency, employment, monthly loan payment amount, or loan status.

6. I certify that I have read the 2020 LRAP Guidelines and understand that any assistance I receive is subject to and governed by these guidelines. I understand that these guidelines may be modified in the future.

7. I certify the information in this application, forms, and the attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if my application is NOT complete, my application will not be accepted.

Applicant Signature

Date of Signature