General Resources

There are a number of informative web resources for people who are considering law school and careers related to law.

- The Law School Admission Council centralizes the process of reporting LSAT scores and sending recommendations and applications to law schools: [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org)
- The Council on Legal Education Opportunity aims to diversify the legal profession. Their summer and weekend institutes — some held in Texas — help students prepare for law school. [www.cleoscholars.org](http://www.cleoscholars.org)
- The American Bar Association provides information for students considering law school. See the “pre law” tab on the left side of their home page. [www.americanbar.org](http://www.americanbar.org)
- The State Bar of Texas answers frequently asked questions about becoming a lawyer and has links to Texas law schools and websites.
- The Texas Board of law Examiners’ website lists rules about who can become a lawyer. A short bit of advice: avoid felonies, and ideally, swear off any other forms of crime. But, in addition, NEVER lie about any misadventures you may have had in the legal system, when you are applying to law schools or the bar.
- The Admissions Dean website has a helpful section on calculating the cost of law school. Students can select a particular law school and calculate based on whether they will live at home versus using other housing, attend part time or full time, and other factors. The site also explains loan forgiveness programs, lists law school scholarships based on several criteria, discusses federal and private loans, explains various LSAT preparatory programs, and suggests strategies for selecting and applying to law schools. Their "paying for law school" section is especially useful: [http://www.admissionsdean.com/paying_for_law_school](http://www.admissionsdean.com/paying_for_law_school)
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas offers free and low cost legal advice. They have an established volunteer program at a variety of legal clinics in the Metroplex. [www.lanwt.org](http://www.lanwt.org) It is a myth that you must have paid experience in working at a law firm, in order to get into law school! Law schools admissions committees, however, do smile upon applicants who have performed what lawyers call “due diligence” — sampling the legal system, for example by volunteering with organizations such as Legal Aid, or working in a political campaign on issues related to the law.
- [The UT Arlington Library Subject Guide](http://libguides.uta.edu/law) is available at [http://libguides.uta.edu/law](http://libguides.uta.edu/law).