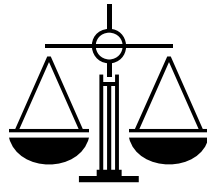




ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Chicago-Kent College of Law

Summer 2008 Application PRELAW UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM



Monday, June 2, 2008 to Friday, June 27, 2008

Application Deadline: Monday, March 31, 2008

Program Sponsor:
Chicago-Kent College of Law
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Chicago, Illinois 60661
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Program Partner:
Law School Admission Council

Introduction

The Chicago-Kent PreLaw Undergraduate Scholars program (“PLUS”) offers a unique and unforgettable experience for college students who are interested in the legal profession. This rigorous four-week program is designed to provide students with a “taste” of the law school experience. The program is primarily directed at undergraduate college students from disadvantaged groups that are underrepresented in the legal profession.

Chicago-Kent College of Law is the law school of the Illinois Institute of Technology. The second oldest law school in Illinois, Chicago-Kent has a history marked by innovation and excellence. Chicago-Kent is accredited by the American Bar Association and is a member of the Association of American Law Schools and the Order of the Coif.

The PLUS program is a four-week paid summer institute which will: (1) introduce participants to law school and the legal profession; (2) provide participants with substantive skills to strengthen their preparation for law school; and (3) educate and prepare participants for the law school application and admissions process.

Program Description

During the four-week program, Chicago-Kent Prelaw Scholars will be enrolled in several core courses which combine lecture, guest speakers and visits to law offices and court buildings. Students may also participate in a Law Day Fair with practicing lawyers, judicial representatives and law school admissions counselors.

All courses are taught by a highly skilled staff including Chicago-Kent faculty and staff, practicing attorneys and upper-level law students.

Housing and Student Life

Students participating in the Prelaw Scholars Program will be provided with dormitory housing. All students participating in the program must live in the dormitory rooms. The chosen facility will have a lot to offer including proximity to restaurants and entertainment. The dormitory rooms will not be far from Chicago-Kent, where classes will be conducted. Students participating in the program will also have access to many of IIT’s facilities, including lounge areas, study areas, etc.

Stipend

Because many students rely on summer earnings to offset school-year expenses, participants will receive a stipend. Students must attend all classes and participate in all program activities to receive the stipend. Because this is a full-time commitment, students must agree to not work outside of the program. Students who do not fully participate will be dismissed from the program.

Student Eligibility and Application Process

This program targets college students who have just completed either their first, second or third year in college. All interested students currently enrolled in an undergraduate program are encouraged to apply, but preference will be given to those who will have completed their first and second years of college by the start of the program. Students who have already completed a bachelors degree are not eligible for the program. To apply, interested students must submit the following materials by the Monday, March 31, 2008 application deadline:

1. **Completed application form.** Please type or print legibly.
2. **Personal Statement.** Application should include a 2-3 page personal statement discussing why you would like to participate in this program. You may also include a statement discussing other circumstances in your background that you would like the committee to consider in reviewing your application.
3. **Official undergraduate transcript.** The minimum G.P.A. requirement is 2.50 (C+) and good standing. Students who have already completed a bachelors degree are not eligible for the program.
4. **Two letters of recommendation.** At least one letter must be from a college professor or dean. Letters of recommendation should discuss your academic potential, writing ability and professional promise.

All application materials should be submitted in the same envelope and received by Chicago-Kent on or before the application deadline.

PLUS PROGRAM Q&A – Summer 2008

How much will it cost me to participate in the PLUS program?

The Program will cover the cost of your tuition, room in a residence hall, required course materials and organized social activities. You also will receive a stipend which you can use to pay for some of your meal expenses.

How do I make my travel arrangements?

You will be responsible for all of your travel arrangements and expenses. The Program does not pay for any transportation expenses.

All participants should report to dormitories on Sunday, June 1, 2008. Staff will be available to assist you with your rooms. Participants should plan to leave the dormitory to return home on Saturday, June 28, 2008. If you have your own accommodations in Chicago, you are welcome to travel outside of our scheduled arrival and departure dates.

On Sunday, June 1, 2008, the arrival date, students should go directly to the student dormitories. Chicago-Kent law school staff members and student assistants will be available to check you in and show you to your room. We will forward additional information to you after we have received your confirmation.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please e-mail us at plus@kentlaw.edu. It is important that you contact us no later than Friday, May 2, 2008 regarding your travel arrangements.

I participated in an LSAC PLUS Program in the past, am I eligible to participate in this program?

No. Students who have previously participated in an LSAC PLUS Program are ineligible to participate in the Chicago-Kent PLUS Program.

How much time will I spend in classes?

The PLUS program is intended to be a full-time commitment. By agreeing to participate in the program, you agree that you will neither be employed nor have any other commitments that would prevent you from giving the program your full attention.

The PLUS program runs from Monday, June 2 through Friday, June 27, 2008. Participants must agree to participate in all scheduled activities for the entire four-week period. Classes will be conducted Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m.

What classes will I take and what will I learn?

While the courses vary each year, you may be taking any one of the following courses: (1) Introduction to the Legal Profession; (2) Legal Writing and Research; (3) Criminal Law; (4) Family Law; (5) Employment Law and (6) American Legal History. In addition to providing you with a “taste” of law school, the program will assist you in preparing for the law school application and admission process. Students will not earn academic credit at either IIT or Chicago-Kent. If your institution awards credit for such programs, we will work with it to provide the required documentation. Students who successfully complete the program will be awarded a certificate of program completion.

Where will I live while participating in the program?

All students participating in the program will live in dormitory rooms. The chosen facility will have a lot to offer including proximity to restaurants and entertainment. The campus will not be far from Chicago-Kent where classes will be conducted.

Do I have to live in the dormitory?

To build a sense of community among students in the PLUS program, we expect that all program participants will live together in the dormitory. If you already live in Chicago, and living in the dormitory would impose a serious burden, you should contact us at plus@kentlaw.edu. Any participant granted permission to live outside of the dormitory will be required to participate in scheduled activities, including those which take place in the dormitory.

What type of clothing should I bring?

Although Chicago is known for its beautiful summers, the weather can be unpredictable. In addition to the usual clothing for warm summer days, you should expect some cool days and evenings. The typical range in June is 60 to 80 degrees. You can dress casually for class, as you would at your college. You should, however, bring at least one change of clothing suitable for a business occasion.

What will we do for fun?

Chicago is a wonderful City. You will have some time to dine at some of our local restaurants, shop on Michigan Avenue and visit Chicago's Navy Pier. Of course you'll find plenty of other things to do with your new friends.

We want to make this an enjoyable experience for you. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call us!

Do you work while attending school? Yes No (If yes, how many hours per week _____).

Do you presently receive financial aid (scholarships, loans grants, etc.)? Yes No

Please list all academic and scholastic honors: _____

Please list all extracurricular and community activities: _____

Have you ever been suspended, disciplined or required to withdraw from any college or university?

Yes No (If yes, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet)

Have you ever been convicted of a criminal offense?

Yes No (If yes, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet)

Personal Statement (Required)

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Application Checklist

Signed and completed application

Personal Statement

College transcripts

Two letters of recommendation

Resume (optional)

I have checked this application for omissions and errors. To the best of my knowledge, all information is complete and accurate as reported. I understand that I may be required to verify this information.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit to:

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