

Financial Aid Application Information 2008-09

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BEFORE YOU APPLY

Law School Financial Aid Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•To speed receipt of your award letter, answer all letters you receive immediately. The Financial Aid Office or the Federal Student Aid Processor may contact you for more information. Make sure you respond to the correct department and include your name, address, and social security number (student ID number for UDM requests).•Students must complete both a <i>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)</i> and a UDM <i>School of Law Scholarship and Financial Aid Application</i> to receive aid.
Deadlines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•The University of Detroit Mercy's priority deadline date is April 1, 2008. Students whose files are complete by April 1 and who have registered for fall classes will receive priority processing of their awards. To ensure maximum consideration, students must submit all applicable forms by April 1 and immediately answer any correspondence received. Make sure your name and student number appear on each document page you submit. First year students should use their Social Security Number only until a Student Number is received.
Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•UDM requires the <i>FAFSA</i> for all financial aid and loan applicants, except ineligible non-citizens. Returning students may file an online <i>Renewal Application for Federal Student Aid</i>.•File online and on time at www.fafsa.ed.gov.•Online filers can speed the processing by using a PIN number. The PIN number can be used as an electronic signature to complete the FAFSA, access records and make changes. If you have lost your PIN or wish to apply for one, go to www.pin.ed.gov.•The School of Law Federal School Code is E00392.•You may file as early as January 1, 2008. Do not wait for your tax forms to be complete. To estimate your income, use your W-2 forms, last pay check stubs, bank statements, etc. Estimate taxes paid using the IRS tax tables available online at www.irs.gov. Please do not use what was withheld on your W-2 as tax paid. If you did not work or will not be filing a tax form, please pay special attention to Worksheet B on the FAFSA, particularly the last line.•Do not leave any questions blank. This can result in processing delays. Use zero (0) as an answer where applicable.
Dependency Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•All graduate and professional students are considered independent; parental income information is not required on the FAFSA. To be evaluated as an independent student, you must answer certain questions on the FAFSA form appropriately (See below). If you file online, the system will skip the parental questions if you answer the questions below correctly.
Important FAFSA Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•All Law and prospective Law students should answer the question: "What degree or certificate will you be working on during the 2008-09 school year?" with the response: "Graduate or professional degree."•Prospective first-year Law students should answer the question: "What will be your grade level when you begin the 2008-09 school year?" with the response: "1st year graduate/professional."•Returning Law students should answer the question: "What will be your grade level when you begin the 2008-09 school year?" with the response: "Continuing graduate/professional or beyond."•All Law and prospective Law students should answer the question: "At the beginning of the 2008-09 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, or graduate certificate , etc.)?" with a "YES."

First-year Credit Hours by Division	•First-year Law Students may use the following tentative information to complete the credit hour and graduation information on the UDM application:		
	Division	Term I/Term II Credits	Graduation Month/Year
	Day (3 years)	15/15	5/2011
	Extended Day (4 years)	12/12	5/2012
	Evening (4 years)	12/12	5/2012
	Extended Evening (5 years)	9/8	5/2013
	JD/LLB	5/4	5/2011

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Verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Students who are selected for verification must submit a Verification Worksheet and income documentation to UDM. •Obtain the 2008-09 verification worksheet at: www.law.udmercy.edu/financialaid/applications.php. •Income documentation means a signed <u>complete</u> copy of the 2007 Federal Income Tax Return (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, etc., with all schedules, W-2s, and attachments). A Law School student is required to submit a tax return for himself/herself and, if married, his/her spouse. •If your 2007 income was from Social Security, AFDC, Unemployment, Child Support or other untaxed sources, or if you have untaxed income in addition to taxable income, you must list sources and amounts on the verification worksheet. Students must report any money received or paid on their behalf (e.g., bills) on Worksheet B of the FAFSA as well as on the verification worksheet.
Award Letters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •You will receive an award letter packet in the mail after your file is complete. New students must be admitted before an award is made. •If you will register for a different number of credit hours per term than what is listed on your original award letter, you must complete a Request for Re-evaluation form, available on line at: www.law.udmercy.edu/financialaid/applications.php.
Special Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •If your financial situation undergoes a significant change from 2007 to 2008, due to a job loss, divorce, birth, death, or unusual medical expenses not covered by insurance, contact your Financial Aid Coordinator immediately. Students who have special expenses due to a disability or dependent care should also notify the Financial Aid Coordinator of their situation.
Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •You must have a complete financial aid file (with FAFSA unless you are an international student) before a loan can be processed. •Follow the instructions accompanying your financial aid award letter to complete the steps necessary to receive your loan.
Books and Living Expenses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •UDM advises students to be prepared to pay for books, supplies, and living expenses for at least the first two weeks each term. Students may have to cover these expenses longer if they applied late, had to submit additional documentation, or did not complete program requirements. •The University of Detroit Mercy does not use book vouchers. Please plan ahead.
Refunds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Refunds are made to students who have aid on their account in excess of their total charges. To receive a refund, the student must be enrolled for the number of credits specified on the award letter. •Refunds may be made as early as the end of the second week of classes, or as late as seven to ten working days after your account shows a credit. •Refund checks are printed each week and available for pick up in the Financial Aid Office on Fridays. Checks not picked up within three weeks are mailed to the address listed with the Registrar's Office. New students for Fall 2008 should forward address changes to the Admissions Office at udmlawao@udmercy.edu. Returning students should make address changes on Weblink or forward them to the Registrar.
Payment Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Information about the Tuition Management Systems (TMS) payment plan is mailed to students in the summer.