



2022 LAW ACADEMY INFORMATION

September 29 – October 2, 2022

Applying to the Academy

Acceptance to Law Academy will be limited to 42 participants, with priority given to applications received first.

The [application](https://www.cognitoforms.com/HighSchoolMockTrial/2022LawAcademyApplication) (<https://www.cognitoforms.com/HighSchoolMockTrial/2022LawAcademyApplication>) will be available online starting on Monday, August 1.

The deadline to submit the online application is Thursday, September 1. When the application is submitted, a confirmation email will be sent to the student and coach.

For each student applying, **a teacher or attorney coach must submit a letter of recommendation** no later than Tuesday, September 6. *It may be emailed to the Mock Trial office directly from the coach.*

Acceptance decisions will be communicated by email no later than Friday, September 9.

The acceptance email will be sent to the student and coach with a link to the following forms, which must be received by the Mock Trial office by September 16 to secure the student's place at Law Academy:

- **Release Form** (*parent/guardian and student signatures required*)
- **Photo and Video Release Form** (*student [and parent/guardian if student is under 18] signature required*)
- **Code of Ethical Conduct Form** (*coach and student signatures required*)
- **Credit Card Payment Form** (*only if payments will be made by credit card*)

Details

Each school is generally limited to two applicants. A third student from a school may apply, but that student will be admitted to Law Academy only if space is available.

Tuition is \$400 per student and includes housing, meals, and materials for the Academy. Most meals will be taken at restaurants or the hotel on Friday and Saturday.

Most classes/activities will take place at the State Bar of Georgia, 104 Marietta Street NW, Atlanta.

Students and faculty will stay at either the Hampton Inn (161 Ted Turner Drive) or the Holiday Inn Express (111 Cone Street) a few blocks from the State Bar. Students will check in at the hotel Thursday evening, and they will be released from the State Bar Auditorium after the Graduation & Awards Assembly Sunday afternoon.

Students will be housed double, triple, or quad occupancy, with same-gendered-students from the same school or district placed together as much as possible.

Covid protocols may be in place during the Academy; details about expected protocols, which may include masking and social distancing, will be announced in September.

Key Dates/Deadlines

- **Thursday, September 1** – Online application closes at 11:59 p.m.
- **Tuesday, September 6** – Coach’s letter of recommendation due.
- **Friday, September 9** – Acceptance emails sent.
- **Friday, September 16** – Completed forms and deposit due (received at the Mock Trial office)
- **Thursday, September 29** – Final tuition balance due upon registration at Law Academy

Completing the Coach Recommendation Letter

Each applicant must ask a team coach to submit a recommendation letter. This letter, which the coach should email directly to richardh@gabar.org, ought to address the following points:

- Student’s grade and number of years on the mock trial team;
- Roles played by the student, and any awards received at Region, District, or State competitions;
- School extracurricular activities and/or community service outside of mock trial;
- Evidence that the student exhibits leadership on the mock trial team;
- Any additional information illustrating why this student should be accepted to the Academy.

Requesting Assistance with Tuition

- Financial aid is available for a limited number of Academy applicants. No financial aid award will exceed \$175 and may be less, depending on the number of requests.
- The request will be made in the online application.
- If an applicant applies for financial assistance, the deposit need not be submitted with the forms due on Sept 16. If financial aid is awarded, the Mock Trial office will notify all students requesting aid of the amount owed. This balance will be due upon registration at the Academy on **Thursday, September 29**.
- All applicants may solicit contributions from community sources (local bar association, local firms, local businesses, etc.) to support Academy tuition or supplement any financial aid received.

Cancellation

- Cancellation by a parent/guardian must be received in writing (email is acceptable) by **5 p.m. on September 16**.
- A request for a refund by a parent/guardian of any deposit paid must also be received in writing by **5 p.m. on September 16, 2022**.
- Tuition payments **will not be refunded** if a cancellation is made after 5 p.m. on September 16.

For more information on the Law Academy, contact Rich Harris at
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