Northwestern Pritzker School of Law evaluates Early Decision applications according to the same selection criteria as regular decision applications. However, Early Decision applicants' particular interest in Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, evidenced by their Early Decision application designation, is specially considered by the Admissions Committee. Otherwise, Early Decision applicants do not have a significant advantage in the selection process. Please note that Early Decision applicants are required to complete an online video interview. Refer to the application and application instructions for Early Decision interview deadlines.

If admitted through the Early Decision program, Early Decision applicants commit themselves to matriculating at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law. Applicants may not apply to any other Early Decision programs during the same admissions cycle. Early Decision applicants may only apply to other law schools on a regular decision basis. Upon admission to Northwestern through the Early Decision program, applicants must understand and agree that they are required to immediately withdraw all other law school applications and may not initiate any new applications. Failure by admitted Early Decision candidates to honor these commitments may result in the revocation of the admission offer.

Applicants admitted through the Early Decision program receive a $40,000 annual scholarship ($120,000 cumulative over the three years of the JD program). Early Decision applicants may apply for additional financial aid in the form of loans. However, specific information on individual financial aid awards will not be available until after Early Decision applicants are notified of the decision on their application. Accordingly, applicants who expect financial aid to be a significant factor in determining where they will attend law school should carefully consider whether they want to apply to Northwestern Pritzker School of Law’s Early Decision program, as they will not be able to compare financial aid awards from other law schools.

Applicants who are not admitted through the Early Decision program may be held and evaluated again as part of the regular applicant pool.

Northwestern reserves the right to provide its peer law schools with the names of applicants accepted under our Early Decision program.

Instructions:
If you agree to the above terms of the Early Decision program and you wish to apply as an Early Decision candidate at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, then you must complete this form and submit it as part of your application materials no later than November 16. You will be notified of the Law School’s decision by the end of December.

Certification:
I certify that I have read the above and understand the stated policies and practices that govern the Early Decision admission program at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, and I wish to be considered as an Early Decision candidate. During this admissions cycle, I have not submitted and will not submit an application for Early Decision at any other law school nor will I enter into an Early Decision agreement with any other law school. If accepted under Northwestern Pritzker School of Law’s Early Decision program, I will matriculate at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law and agree to immediately withdraw all my applications to other schools and to refrain from initiating any new applications.

Applicant signature  Date signed

Print name

LSAC account #: L

Submit this signed form electronically to the Law School’s Office of Admission and Financial Aid. A “snapshot” will not suffice. The deadline to submit your completed Early Decision application and all required application materials is November 15, 2021.

Please save this signed form as a PDF and send it to:
admissions@law.northwestern.edu