

Vanderbilt Law School
Binding Early Decision Agreement

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J.D. Program Application for Admission, Fall 2026

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With this Agreement, candidates commit to enroll at Vanderbilt if accepted under Binding Early Decision.

On or before November 1, Binding Early Decision candidates must [submit their Vanderbilt applications through LSAC](#) including a signed copy of this Agreement in the Attachments section. Subsequently, Binding Early Decision candidates must also complete a Video Essay on their Vanderbilt Law application portals. Applications will not be reviewed until all requirements are complete.

The Law School will render the following decisions on Binding Early Decision applications during November / December:

Accepted Under Binding Early Decision: All candidates accepted under Binding Early Decision will receive an annual scholarship of at least \$57,330 per academic year (\$171,990 over 6 semesters at VLS). Scholarship awards will accompany acceptance notifications. Notification of acceptance and scholarship under Binding Early Decision will include a 5-day deadline to execute the following post-acceptance requirements of the Binding Early Decision Agreement:

- 1) submit a non-refundable \$1,000 tuition deposit to reserve a place in the Vanderbilt Law entering class
- 2) submit a Binding Early Decision Agreement Acceptance Form affirming that the candidate:
 - a. has declined any offers of admission received from other law schools prior to notification of admission to Vanderbilt under Binding Early Decision
 - b. has withdrawn all applications to other law schools submitted prior to notification of admission to Vanderbilt under Binding Early Decision regardless of the status of those applications
 - c. agrees to make no new law school applications after notification of acceptance to Vanderbilt under Binding Early Decision

If a candidate does not execute all post-acceptance requirements of the Binding Early Decision Agreement by the deadline provided, our admission and scholarship offers will be immediately subject to revocation.

Held for further consideration: Some Binding Early Decision applications may be held for further consideration in the regular decision process and will subsequently receive an acceptance, wait-list, or deny decision. If ultimately accepted, candidates will be considered for merit and need-based scholarship funding through our regular process in February. Acceptance through the regular decision process is non-binding.

Denied: Some Binding Early Decision candidates who are not accepted or held for further consideration may be notified that their applications have been denied and will not be considered again in the current application cycle.

Candidate's Signature Statement: I have read the above agreement and understand the stated policies and practices that govern the Vanderbilt Law School Binding Early Decision application process. Vanderbilt is my first choice, and I request consideration as a Binding Early Decision candidate. If accepted under Binding Early Decision, I will matriculate at Vanderbilt Law School in August 2026. If I am accepted to Vanderbilt under Binding Early Decision, I agree to withdraw immediately all my applications to other law schools, to decline any acceptances I may have received prior to acceptance under Vanderbilt Binding Early Decision, and to initiate no new law school applications. I also understand that while awaiting a decision from Vanderbilt, I may apply to other law schools, but may not concurrently participate in any other binding early decision program.

Name

Signature

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LSAC Account Number

Date