

**Suit Up for the Future High School Summer
Legal Institute and Internship Program**

Award-Winning Diversity Pipeline Program

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June 8, 2026 - June 26, 2026

Strengthening diversity in the legal profession

*A Diversity Pipeline Program
New Orleans, Louisiana*

The three-week program will be held at the Louisiana Bar Center and is scheduled on **June 8, 2026 – June 26, 2026**. **Students who complete the program will be eligible for a stipend of up to \$250.00!** Students must provide their own transportation to the program. Housing is available for students located outside of the Greater New Orleans area. Accommodations will be at Loyola University New Orleans. **Students 17 years old and younger must be accompanied by a chaperone.** Please contact Raven Evans at eventservices@loyno.edu for more information.

Over the course of the three-week program, students will be introduced to lawyers, legal documents, and the legal system, all designed to assist them in pondering one important question, “Do I *really* want to be a lawyer?”

Inside the “Suit Up classroom,” students will experience the Socratic teaching method and gain exposure to specified law school courses, including criminal law and legal research and writing. Students will also receive a mock legal problem, which will serve as the basis for the legal writing assignment and the oral argument that they will present to a panel of judges at the end of the program.

In a second component of the “Suit Up classroom,” students will be provided with advice and substantive information from guest speakers and receive instruction in creating competitive résumés, preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), professionalism, ethics, and workplace etiquette and attire. The time inside the classroom will provide students with ample opportunity to work as a group on assignments and seek feedback from various legal mentors throughout the course.

A third facet of the course will allow Suit Up students to step outside the classroom and see first-hand what it means to be a “lawyer.” The job shadowing is designed to provide students with the following experiences: (1) a tour of a law office, court, or agency, including all departments, so that students gain an understanding of the support staff who comprise these institutions; (2) the opportunity to join the attorney or judge on outings (such as depositions, hearings, and trials); (3) lunch with the attorney or judge; and (4) mentoring and support on the oral argument and supporting legal memorandum being developed by the student. Students will also prepare a list of questions to ask the attorneys or judges they shadow so that they gain an appreciation of the day-to-day schedule of an attorney or judge, as well as the role that lawyers play in society and in the administration of justice. *Students must have transportation to and from the job shadowing assignment.*

Finally, the Suit Up students will attend several tours/activities. They will tour two area law schools, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Court Museum, and federal court buildings. During the tours/activities, students will hear from several guest speakers and may have the opportunity to view proceedings at various state and federal courts.

Interested students should visit: www.lsba.org/goto/suitup

There is an **online** application process. Students will be requested to provide: a transcript of the student’s complete academic record, as well as a report card for the current school year that includes grades through March (up to the third quarter); for students enrolled in a non-public school or an approved home study program, a recently dated Attendance Submission Confirmation letter is required and may be obtained from the Department of Education; one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, minister, **or** any individual who can attest to the student’s character; and a short essay of 500 words or less on the importance of the American legal system and the role it plays in developing and maintaining our society. The transcript, report card, and letter of recommendation must be submitted by the application deadline to diversity@lsba.org. These documents must be submitted via email. There is no way to upload the documents to the application portal. It is the responsibility of the student to follow up to ensure this information is received by our office by the application deadline.

Application deadline: May 4, 2026

Eligible Applicants:

11th grade in Fall of 2026

12th grade in Fall of 2026

Entering the first year of college in Fall of 2026