

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. Students have the option of paying a residential housing fee if housing is needed (adult chaperone required). The estimated housing cost for three weeks is \$1,080 and approximately \$60 per day. Please contact 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 trial problem, which will serve as the basis for the legal writing assignment and oral argument the students 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 resumes, 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 time 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 participants 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/agency, including all departments, so that students gain an understanding of all of the support staff that comprise a law office/court/agency; (2) the opportunity to join the lawyer/judge on outings (such as depositions, hearings, and trials); (3) lunch with the lawyer/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 lawyers/judges whom they job shadow so that the student gains an appreciation of the day-to-day schedule of a lawyer/judge, as well as the role that lawyers/judges play in society and in the administration of justice. **Students must have transportation to and from the job shadowing assignment.*

The students will tour two area law schools, the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Court Museum, and federal court buildings. During the tours, students will hear from several guest speakers and may have the opportunity to view proceedings at several 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 copy of an unofficial copy of the transcript from the school the student is enrolled; 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. These documents 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