



The University of Texas at El Paso Law School Preparation Institute 2026 New Student Application



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TO THE APPLICANT: Type or print all information. This form and all necessary attachments must be emailed to Dr. Rachel Serrano at rserrano5@utep.edu no later than **Thursday, March 5, 2026 at noon**. Applications will **not** be accepted after this deadline. Applicants will be interviewed during the weeks of March 23rd to 27th and March 30th to April 3rd.

Eligible applicants are UTEP undergraduate students who:

- ✓ *Have earned 12 college credits from UTEP,*
- ✓ *Were registered UTEP students during Fall 2025, and*
- ✓ *Have an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.*

We look at the overall GPA the same way law schools do. All grades earned from any institution of higher education for college credit that go toward the first bachelor's degree will be included in the weighted average calculation of the overall GPA. This includes grades from: early college, dual credit, semester abroad courses (if a grade was given), and repeated courses. Grades earned in remedial classes are not included.

Identify which program you are applying to this summer:

- Phase I Only (June 8 - July 6)**
I have at least two summers left before I graduate.
Freshmen must select this option.
- Phase I and II (June 8 - August 5)**
I have only one summer left before I graduate.

Name: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

UTEP I.D. Number: _____

Birthdate: _____ Birthplace: _____

Citizenship: _____ T-shirt Size: _____

Languages spoken other than English: _____

Are you or have you been a member of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No

In order for your application to be considered complete, you must submit the following:

- a. **This completed application form with your signature.**
- b. **Resume.**
- c. **Unofficial transcripts from *each and every* institution of higher education from which you have earned college credit** (including dual credit, early college, and advanced placement).
 - ✓ Transcripts **must** include your GPA at the institution.
 - ✓ Transfer credits that appear on UTEP's transcript are insufficient. Copies of *unofficial* transcripts from the original credit-granting institution are required.
- d. **Statement of Motivation.** On a separate sheet of paper, provide a statement of motivation. (No more than one page.) You may wish to address one or all of the following:
 - ✓ Why you want to participate in the LSPI.
 - ✓ How certain or uncertain you are that you would like to attend law school.
 - ✓ Why you think this program would help you reach your goals.
 - ✓ Anything else you think might be helpful to those evaluating your application (e.g., background information).
- e. **Agreement to be interviewed in person.**

By signing this application form, I certify that the information I have provided on this form and in any accompanying application documents is complete and accurate, and I agree to notify the LSPI of any changes to the information. I understand that falsifying information on this application or failing to update the LSPI as to changes to the information provided may result in my removal from the Institute. I also understand that the application information provided is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. I give UTEP and the LSPI permission to use the information on this application for tracking purposes and to access my UTEP records as needed to evaluate my candidacy. **I agree to come in for an interview with the admissions committee.** I understand and agree that my advancement and acceptance into Phase II is conditional upon my successful completion of Phase I, which is determined at the sole discretion of the LSPI faculty.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____