

Congratulations on your admission to Akron Law

We are pleased to offer you admission to The University of Akron School of Law. What an outstanding accomplishment! You are about to embark on one of the most exciting and challenging journeys of your life. This is a big step in your future life as a lawyer and our goal is to make the transition as smooth as possible.

This admission packet provides a great deal of information about Akron Law and we hope that it answers many of your questions. Please be sure to read this entire packet carefully, as it contains answers to the most common questions asked by admitted law students.

Five Reasons Why You Should Choose Akron Law:

1. Akron Law offers a **practical, affordable legal education**. Full-time tuition is under \$25,000 per year, and part-time tuition is under \$15,000 per year, for both in-state and out-of-state students.
2. **Guaranteed scholarships**. Any Akron Law scholarships that you may have been awarded upon your admission are guaranteed for up to three years of full-time study or four years of part-time study as long as you remain in good academic standing or are not otherwise excluded from the law school.
3. **Exceptional bar passage rates**. On the February 2019 bar exam, Akron Law boasted the highest pass rate of all Ohio public universities. And, you will receive the benefit of our **new partnership with BARBRI**, which will give you the tools to succeed on the bar exam from the day you enter law school!
4. **Excellent job placement rates**. Over **90% of Akron Law graduates are employed within 9 months of graduation**. More than 7,000 attorneys, professionals, policymakers, leaders of industry, and judges (nearly 200 at present) are counted as our alumni.
5. **Flexible degree options and hands on learning opportunities**. Whether you enter as a fall, spring, or summer start, you have access to our six joint degree programs and nine legal clinics. In addition to our full-time and part-time programs, there are a multitude of flexible options available.

If you have any other questions, or if there is anything that we can do to assist you, please contact us at lawadmissions@uakron.edu or 800.425.7668. We look forward to working with you!



The University of Akron
School of Law

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My Akron

My Akron (<https://my.uakron.edu>) is your online gateway to the University of Akron's student information system. You will use My Akron for the following important tasks, including others not listed here:

- Paying your Seat Deposit
- Accepting your financial aid
- Registering for classes (**after** you receive your schedule of classes from Student Affairs)
- Checking your University of Akron email account
- Checking billing due dates and paying your tuition

To access My Akron, you will need your UANet ID and password, which you can get by calling ZipSupport at 330.972.6888. It is important that you set up your UANet ID and access My Akron as soon as possible.

Visit Us

An in-person visit is the best way to experience Akron Law. We offer a variety of events designed to help you do just that, including Admitted Student Welcome Events, tailored just for you! All Admitted Student events can be found on our Admitted Student website, here: <https://www.uakron.edu/law/admissions/admitted.dot>

If you would like to set up an individual visit, please contact us at lawadmissions@uakron.edu. We can arrange for a tour of the law school and for you to sit in on a class. You can also meet with some of our faculty and current students and sit down with a member of our Admissions team to answer any questions you may have.

Travel Assistance

The Akron Law Admissions Office can provide assistance with travel expenses to admitted applicants who travel to Akron from at least 100 miles away. This trip must be in conjunction with an individual visit, attendance at an open house, or other organized School of Law event.

Here are the guidelines and restrictions pertaining to this travel assistance:

- Travel assistance is limited to actual expenses up to \$100 for Ohio residents who live more than 100 miles from Akron Law and up to \$200 for students traveling from outside Ohio.
- Funds are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you wish to take advantage of this program, you must contact the Admissions Office in advance to set up a date for your visit to ensure travel assistance funds will be set aside for you.
- Financial assistance is available for one visit only, even if the maximum assistance is not used. Reimbursable expenses include the following:
 - Hotel expenses (limited to a maximum of one night at a hotel within 20 miles of The University of Akron); Airfare (destination MUST be Cleveland-Hopkins International Airport or the Akron-Canton Regional Airport); Bus or rail fare (destination MUST be in the Akron, Canton, Cleveland, Youngstown area); Ground transportation (e.g., taxi or shuttle bus) or rental vehicle and fuel (limited to a maximum of one day and not more than \$40 per day); Mileage accumulated on a personal vehicle (current reimbursement rate is 54 cents per mile; you will only be reimbursed for the direct route between your address and Akron Law - side trips will not be covered); and Tolls and Parking expenses.
- The following ARE NOT reimbursable expenses:
 - Air, bus, or rail fare for a guest (guests travel at their own expense); Extra hotel room expenses for a guest (again, guests travel at their own expense); and dining or other food expenses.

Here's how to get reimbursed after your visit:

- After your visit, e-mail, fax, or mail relevant receipts to the Admissions Office.

Hotel receipts must be “zero balance” - that is, they must indicate that you paid your bill in full upon checkout - or indicate that the hotel room was pre-paid.

If you plan to claim a reimbursement for mileage on a personal vehicle, include a note with your receipts that lists your starting address and the total round-trip mileage.

- Other than mileage, the University cannot reimburse for expenses that are not supported by receipts, so please save your receipts.

You must submit your reimbursement request within two weeks of your visit in order for you to receive reimbursement. We reserve the right not to honor reimbursement requests that are submitted late. The University will mail you a check approximately 3 weeks after all of your travel expense documentation is received.

Facebook Groups

The School of Law Admissions Office manages two Facebook groups to facilitate communication among entering students, and to help both entering and returning students find roommates. Both groups are closed, so you must click the “Join Group” button at each group’s homepage and wait for approval before posting or viewing content.

Here are the addresses:

The Akron Law 2020 Entering Class Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/374689826575570/>

Roommate Connection: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AkronLawRoommates/>

Checklist

This checklist is designed to help you keep track of tasks that you must complete prior to the start of law school in either August or January, as well as the tasks you have already completed.

Due Date Spring	Due Date Fall	Task
ASAP		Get UANet ID and password (Call 330.972.6888 for help)
Due date on Admission Letter		Pay seat deposit (\$350) at www.uakron.edu/law/seatDeposit
After October 1	After January 15, 2020	Complete the FAFSA at http://fafsa.ed.gov (School code: 003123)
Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Apply for Grad PLUS loans (if necessary – see uakron.edu/finaid)
Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Apply for Alternative loans (if necessary – see uakron.edu/finaid)
Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Visit My Akron (https://my.uakron.edu) to accept your financial aid
Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Men ages 18-26: Email selective service number to registrar@uakron.edu
Fall 2019	Spring 2020	Find a place to live
After you find a place to live		Update the Admissions Office with your new mailing address
December 2019	August 2020	Go to ZipCard office to get student ID made
December 2019	August 2020	Register for direct deposit in My Akron
December 2019	August 2020	Enroll in student health insurance coverage (if necessary)
December 2019	August 2020	Request a parking permit in My Akron
Due date below		Request official transcripts*

Transcripts

***Spring Admits: Transcripts must be RECEIVED in the admissions office by January 5, 2020.**

***Fall Admits: Transcripts must be RECEIVED in the admissions office by August 7, 2020.**

Please note that the transcripts you submitted to the Law School Admissions Council as part of the law school application process **DO NOT** fulfill this requirement. You **MUST** send us an official transcript.

We require one **official** transcript from every college or university you have ever attended, (including University of Akron) even as a visiting student or as part of a postsecondary enrollment program. **Official transcript means:**

- 1) a paper or electronic transcript certified by the issuing institution and delivered directly to the law school; or
- 2) a paper or electronic transcript verified by a third-party Credential assembly service and delivered directly to the law school. The transcript from the school that granted your first bachelor's degree **must** be a physical transcript. Electronic or physical transcripts from other schools are acceptable. All physical transcripts must be provided in envelopes that are **sealed** and **signed/stamped** by the registrar's/records office – transcripts that are not provided in sealed, signed/stamped envelopes or that are marked "Issued to Student" **will not be accepted**. All transcripts must bear the signature/stamp and seal of the registrar's office, and the transcript from ANY degree-granting institution must show the title and date of the degree conferred. If one of your degrees is scheduled to post **after** the first day of class, **you must get a letter from your department chair or other appropriate official indicating that all work toward the degree is scheduled to be completed prior to the first day of class** then request transcripts to be sent to us after the degree is posted. **This letter must be RECEIVED in the admissions office same date as transcripts as listed above.**

Send physical transcripts to: The University of Akron School of Law Admissions Office Akron, OH 44325-2901	Send electronic transcripts to: lawadmissions@uakron.edu
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Registration

Spring entering class: Please note that in January the Office of Student Affairs will provide you with your schedule, along with registration instructions. **They will remove your enrollment hold at that time.**

Summer entering class: Please note that in April/May the Office of Student Affairs will provide you with your schedule, along with registration instructions. **They will remove your enrollment hold at that time.**

Fall entering class: Please note that in July the Office of Student Affairs will provide you with your schedule, along with registration instructions. **They will remove your enrollment hold at that time.**

If you attempt to enroll in advance, you will see a hold on your account. **Do not register for classes until you hear from Student Affairs.**

Orientation

All entering students are required to participate in an orientation program at the School of Law prior to the start of classes.

For Spring 2020 entering students: The Fundamentals of Lawyering Course will be held from 9:00am – 4:00pm on Saturday and Sunday, January 4th and 5th, and January 11th and 12th. A diagnostic bar exam will be administered on the evening of Tuesday, January 14th. Orientation will be the evenings of January 8th and 9th. All aforementioned dates are mandatory. Details will follow; please monitor your University of Akron email for information. Law school classes for all will begin on January 13, 2020.

Fall Mandatory Law School Orientation will be announced at a later date. More details will follow; please monitor your University of Akron email for information.

Student Employment Policy

The law school faculty believes that the study of law is a full-time pursuit. Consequently, The University of Akron School of Law sets forth the following employment rules for full-time students.

First-Year, Full-Time Students:

The law school strongly encourages first-year, full-time students not to work. Students who nonetheless choose to work are prohibited from working more than 20 hours per week in any semester. In addition, a first-year, full-time student must meet with the Dean or his/her designee before commencing in order to discuss the consequences such employment may have on the student's academic performance.

Second- and Third-Year, Full-Time Students:

The law school permits second and third-year, full-time students to work, but strongly discourages working more than 20 hours per week in any semester.

Policy on Deferral of Admission

The University of Akron School of Law allows admitted applicants to defer their admission for up to one year. **Please note that we cannot defer scholarship offers from one year to the next.** However, if an applicant is competitive for a scholarship in one application cycle, the chances are good that the applicant will be competitive for a scholarship in a subsequent application cycle.

If you wish to request a deferral, please submit a written request to lawadmissions@uakron.edu explaining the reasoning for the deferral. Once your request is received, the Admissions Committee will review it along with your application file. There are two possible outcomes, as follows:

1. The Admissions Committee may choose to grant your request. In such event, you will need to pay your seat deposit by the deadline required for the subsequent admissions cycle.
2. The Admissions Committee may choose to deny your request. If your request is denied, you may still enroll in the current entering class by paying your seat deposit by the deadline or reapply for admission at a future date.

Bar Exam Clearance and Character and Fitness to Practice Law

The American Bar Association and the Board of Bar Examiners requires all law schools to ensure that their law students have the necessary fitness and character to be lawyers. That is the purpose of the section of the Bar Exam application entitled, "Character, Fitness, and Bar Exam Clearance." If you find that you need to update the information you provided in your application to The University of Akron School of Law, all applicable supporting documentation related to this section of the application may be sent to the Admissions Office via fax, mail, or email to lawadmissions@uakron.edu.

Please re-review the questions printed below from your original application. If an answer has changed or changes affirmatively between now and your graduation from Akron Law, you must provide a written explanation to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Charles Oldfield at cwo@uakron.edu.

You have a duty to be truthful and accurate as well as a duty to reveal ALL information even if you do not have complete documentation. You must disclose details of the result of any criminal charges (including juvenile offenses). Even if the charges were dismissed, adjudication was withheld, a conviction was reversed, a conviction was set aside, a conviction was vacated, a conviction was expunged, or the record sealed, you must provide disclosure. Contrary advice by legal counsel does not exempt you from this requirement. The charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of drugs, and reckless driving must be disclosed as criminal charges.

Your answers to these questions are confidential and are limited to a determination of your character and fitness to practice law. You are under a continuing obligation to notify the Admissions Office of any changes in your answers to these questions up until the time of your enrollment. Once enrolled, you are under a continuing obligation to notify the Assistant Dean of Student Services of any changes in your answers to these questions.

If you answer "yes," to any of these questions, please submit a DETAILED statement that references the question number and that includes the following information (please be as SPECIFIC as possible):

1. Date of incident and your age at the time of the incident
2. Parties involved

3. Description of incident

4. Result (expunged, dismissed, probation, arrest, incarceration, etc.)

5. Degree of misdemeanor or felony and code section (Ohio Revised Code or other state or city code involved)

6. Photocopy of official court documentation, if applicable

7. Information related to post-sentence events (pardon, etc.)

Vague statements are NOT acceptable. Failure to fully disclose may result in dismissal from the School of Law.

Character and Fitness Questions are as Follows:

1. Were you ever involved in a disciplinary matter at a college or university; placed on disciplinary (non-academic) probation at a college or university; regardless of the outcome, have you ever been charged with, penalized for, or adjudicated guilty of a violation of a college or university honor code; or have you ever been suspended or dismissed from a college or university, including any actions or legal proceedings that were dismissed, expunged or sealed including any actions or legal proceedings that were dismissed, expunged or sealed?

2. Regardless of the outcome, have you ever been the subject of disciplinary action for plagiarism at any educational institution?

3. Are there any disciplinary (non-academic) charges from any educational institution pending against you?

4. As a member of any profession, have you ever been subject to disciplinary action by a licensing board or professional association, or had any license denied, suspended, or revoked, including any complaints that were dismissed, expunged or sealed?

5. As a member of any profession, have you ever been removed from office, public or private, because of conduct reflecting upon your character or charged with conduct reflecting on your character that could result in removal from office?

6. Are there any criminal charges pending against you?

7. Have you been arrested, charged, formally accused, cited, fined, posted bail, subject to a restraining order, or ordered to do community service for the violation of any law (including any juvenile or expunged matters, but excluding traffic or parking violations)?

8. Have you ever been or are you currently a party to or otherwise involved (except as a witness) in any criminal or quasi-criminal action or legal proceeding (including, but not limited to, a misdemeanor, minor misdemeanor, traffic offense or felony), including any actions or legal proceedings that were dismissed, expunged, or sealed?

9. Have you ever been or are you currently a party to or otherwise involved (except as a witness) in any action or legal proceeding in a juvenile court, including any actions or legal proceedings that were dismissed, expunged or sealed?

10. Have you ever been summoned for a violation of any statute, regulation or ordinance?

11. Do you have any outstanding or unpaid fines, court costs, or tickets, including those for traffic or parking violations?

12. Have you ever been granted immunity from prosecution?

13. Have you ever been cited or arrested for contempt of court for any reason, including, but not limited to, failure to appear as a witness or answer a subpoena or a jury summons?

14. Have you ever been the subject of a court martial hearing, dishonorably discharged from military service, or administratively separated from military service with other than an honorable discharge?

15. Have you ever been terminated, suspended, disciplined, laid-off, or permitted to resign in lieu of termination from any job?

16. Have you ever been sued for a non-criminal act that was alleged to have been intentional?

17. Have you been cited or fined for any moving traffic violations within the last ten years (including moving violations that were dismissed, reduced, or removed from your record)?

18. Have you ever been arrested for or charged with operating a vehicle while under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

Continuing Duty to Inform

Remember that – as stated on the law school application – candidates have a continuing duty to inform the School of Law if at any time between the submission of the law school application and graduation from law school they are able to answer “Yes” to any of the Bar Exam Clearance Requirement questions. The duty to inform statement from the admission application is reprinted below.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the information herein is true. I understand that any misrepresentation of facts on this application could be cause for refusal of admission, cancellation of admission, or suspension or dismissal from the University if discovered subsequently. I acknowledge that I have a continuing duty to inform the School of Law as to any relevant information or change in circumstances that relates to any of these questions of which I became aware after the date of my signature below. In accordance with 20 U.S.C. Section 1232 (g), et. seq., of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1973, I hereby authorize each school or college that I have attended, and the officers and faculty thereof, to make available all my educational records and personally identifiable information contained herein concerning me to the officers and faculty of The University of Akron School of Law.

After enrollment, statements concerning Bar Exam Clearance Requirements may be directed to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Charles Oldfield at cwo@uakron.edu or 330.972.6750.

Character, Fitness, and Bar Admission

The information described above is considered by the Supreme Court of Ohio or other state Supreme Court in determining whether a candidate will be permitted to sit for the Ohio (or other state) bar examination. Such matters are not within the jurisdiction of this law school or any other law school. In Ohio, for example, the board of commissioners on character and fitness and/or the Supreme Court in the state(s) in which the candidate wishes to practice law will determine the candidate's eligibility to sit for the bar exam. We recommend that candidates contact the board of bar examiners of the state(s) in which they plan to practice to learn whether or not such information as disclosed in accordance with the guidelines above may prevent you from becoming a licensed attorney.

Computers and Technical Support

The University of Akron has a campus-wide wireless network to which students may connect laptop computers and mobile devices. Note that laptop computers are not required, but most students own laptops and actively use them in and out of class.

The purchase price for a laptop can be incorporated in the financial aid loan packages for those securing loans through the Student Financial Aid Office. In order to increase your loan budget, take your purchase receipt to the Student Financial Aid Office and inquire with a representative about increasing your budget.

Technical support questions may be directed to Eli Eubanks, the Director of Technology for the School of Law, at epe2@uakron.edu. If you are buying a personal computer to aid in your studies, see below for software recommendations.

Operating Systems (At least one of the following)

- Windows 7 or newer
- OSX 10.7 or newer

Office Software

- Office 2010 or newer

Accessibility and Accommodations

Any student who has a disability that currently substantially limits learning in a higher education setting may contact The University of Akron Office of Accessibility (330.972.7928 (voice) or 330.972.5764 (TDD), access@uakron.edu, uakron.edu/access) for information regarding eligibility for reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate documentation of the disability according to the guidelines established by the Office of Accessibility. Please contact the Office of Accessibility directly to obtain a copy of the Disability Documentation Guidelines if you plan to request accommodations.

After your documentation has been reviewed by a disability specialist from their office, you will be asked to meet with one of them to discuss your eligibility status and appropriate accommodations if applicable. Once this process is completed, you will receive a letter describing your accommodations that you may present to the Law School. If you have any questions about accommodations for disabilities, please contact Misty Franklin, Assistant Director of Student Affairs (misty@uakron.edu, 330.972.6456) or the Office of Accessibility.

Parking and Requesting your Parking Permit

The University of Akron is an urban university, and roughly 80 percent of enrolled students commute to class, which means that parking can be somewhat challenging at times. Students who arrive on campus before 8 am or in the late afternoon (for evening classes, for example) generally do not have problems with parking. The School of Law is located on the west end of campus near numerous parking lots and decks, so most law students will have to walk two blocks or fewer from their cars to their classes.

Parking Services operates a shuttle service, the Roo Express, which serves the entire campus and several points in downtown Akron to make it easier for students who park on the edges of campus to reach the campus core.

All students are charged a Transportation Fee whether or not they park on campus. The Transportation Fee covers maintenance of parking lots and structures, administration of Parking Services, and costs associated with the Roo Express.

All students are responsible for requesting their own parking permits. Once your tuition and fees have been paid, you may request your parking permit online using My Akron (<https://my.uakron.edu>), or you may do so in person at the parking office, which is located on the first floor of the North Campus Parking Deck on Buchtel Avenue right next to Simmons Hall (please visit www.uakron.edu and click on “Maps” (near the bottom) for campus maps).

For parking maps and for more information on how parking works at The University of Akron, please see uakron.edu/parking.

Zip Cards

Zip Cards (The University of Akron student ID cards) are produced in the ZIP Card Offices on the first floor of Simmons Hall and on the third floor of the Polsky Building (right next to the bookstore). Simply present your schedule or admission letter and a photo identification card, and an employee will take your picture and produce your Zip Card on the spot. Office hours vary throughout the summer term. Please call the Zip Card office at 330.972.5637 or visit uakron.edu/zipcard for current hours.

Note that your Zip Card acts as a debit card - you can use it to pay for vending machine items, copying fees, printing fees, and for purchases at restaurants and other vendors on and off campus. Manage your account online and view a list of participating vendors at uakron.edu/zipcard.

Total Cost of Attendance

The amounts noted below reflect the MAXIMUM amount of financial aid (scholarships and loans combined) that a law student at The University of Akron School of Law could receive for the 2017-2018 financial aid year. Students may borrow less than the maximum amount and often do. Students who attend law school during the summer are eligible to borrow money to take summer courses and to pay for living expenses during the summer term.

Law students are eligible to borrow a maximum of \$20,500 in Federal Direct Loan funds per academic year, depending on the student's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number, as determined by the information submitted on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Keep in mind that students may borrow beyond the \$20,500 Direct Loan up to the budgeted aid amount as noted in the tables below. Those funds would be secured through the federal Grad PLUS program or through a private lender. For more information on loans, visit <http://www.uakron.edu/law/admissions/financial-aid.dot>.

Questions regarding student loans may be directed to Cora Moretta at moretta@uakron.edu. You may also contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 330.972.7032, 800.621.3847, or 330.972.5374.

Scholarship recipients who plan to borrow the maximum amount should remember that in accordance with federal financial aid guidelines that the value of scholarships received will be deducted from the maximum aid amount (i.e., the “total” row from the table below) in order to avoid “double dipping” into loan/scholarship funds.

2019-2020 (Fall and Spring Combined)

	Ohio Resident Full-Time/Part-Time*	Non-Resident** Full-Time/Part-Time*
Tuition	\$21,376/\$12,826	\$21,376/\$12,826
Fees	\$2,838/\$1,993	\$2,938/\$2,093
Total	\$24,214/\$14,819	\$24,314/\$14,919

Summer 2020 Cost of Attendance***

A minimum summer enrollment of 5 credit hours is required to receive summer student loans.

	Three hours	Six hours
Tuition	\$2,138	\$4,275
Fees	\$424	\$688
Total	\$2,562	\$4,963

*** Summer classes are optional, but are strongly recommended for part-time students wishing to complete law school in four years. 88 credit hours are required for graduation.

Estimated Living Expenses

	Fall/Spring	Summer
Room and Board	\$11,524	\$3,842
Books and Supplies	\$1,000	\$600
Transportation	\$1,000	\$500
Personal Expenses	\$3,000	\$938
Total	\$16,524	\$5,880

Total Cost of Attendance, Financial Aid Budget, and Sources of Aid

		Full-Time		Part-Time	
		Ohio Resident	Nonresident	Ohio Resident	Nonresident
Fall and Spring	Tuition and Fees	\$24,214	\$24,314	\$14,819	\$14,919
	Books and Living	\$16,524	\$16,524	\$16,524	\$16,524
	Total	\$40,738	\$40,838	\$31,343	\$31,443
Summer (Based on six credit hours)	Tuition and Fees	\$4,963	\$4,963	\$4,963	\$4,963
	Books and Living	\$5,675	\$5,675	\$5,675	\$5,675
	Total	\$10,638	\$10,638	\$10,638	\$10,638

Remember that the numbers on the previous page represent the maximum amount of financial aid a student may receive in a given year. These numbers do not necessarily represent an absolute annual cost of attendance, although they do provide a good estimate. If you are able to live on less than the maximum financial aid budget during law school, you should do so to minimize the amount of money borrowed.

Sources of Aid

Scholarships: If you are admitted to our entering class, you are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships. Scholarships generally range in value from a few thousand dollars to full tuition and are guaranteed for the up to three years for full-time study and four years for part-time study.

Stafford Direct: By completing the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, you are eligible to receive loans through the federal need-based Stafford program. Note that because you will be attending law school, you are not required to list your parents' income on your FAFSA. Law students are generally eligible to borrow \$20,500 per year through the Stafford program.

Graduate PLUS: This is a credit-based federal loan program that requires an application apart from the FAFSA. Most students at Akron Law are able to pay for law school using a combination of scholarships, Stafford loans, and Graduate PLUS loans.

Alternative: If you are unable to borrow what you need through the Stafford and PLUS programs, Alternative loans are available through private lenders. An Alternative loan requires a separate application, is credit based, and generally carries a higher interest rate than Stafford and Graduate PLUS loans.

You may apply for and receive a combination of these four types of aid up to the budget amount for your situation as shown above. Note that you do not have to "max out" your budget – we encourage you to be frugal and to borrow as little as possible – but loan money is generally available to you within the budgeted amount if you need it. For a more comprehensive guide to various types of loans, please see www.uakron.edu/finaid.

Ohio Residency

The School of Law DOES NOT determine whether law students qualify for Ohio residency – all such determinations are solely made by the Residency Office. If you have any questions regarding your residency status or the Ohio residency rules and exceptions, please contact the Residency Office at 330.972.8638, or visit www.uakron.edu/registrar/residency/.

Note that for the fall 2016 entering class, the nonresident surcharge has been reduced to \$100 per year, which effectively means that nonresident students pay resident tuition. Nonresident students who become Ohio residents will have this \$100 surcharged waived.

General Rules of Residency

Students are classified as residents under one of the following four sections: C-1, C-2, C-3, or C-4 of the Ohio Board of Regents Guidelines. If you do not qualify for residency under one of these four areas, you may qualify under one of the exceptions to the general rules of residency (see the next page).

C-1 Residency: Financially dependent upon a resident of Ohio. This classification is for a person who has been claimed by either a parent or legal guardian as a dependent on that person's Internal Revenue Service tax filing for the previous year, or the spouse of a person who has lived in and paid taxes to Ohio for the previous 12 consecutive months.

C-2 Residency: Financially independent. This classification is for a person who is claiming to be financially independent of anyone else unless they have a spouse who is also living in Ohio. A person must prove that they have maintained a physical presence and domicile in Ohio for the 12 months preceding the semester they would like to be classified as a resident. The person must also prove they have transferred all items of registration to Ohio. The person must finally show that they have been financially self-sustaining on eligible Ohio income and have not received financial support from persons or entities outside of Ohio, during the 12 months preceding the semester they would like to be reclassified as a resident.

C-3 Residency: Financially dependent upon a spouse or parent who lives and works in Ohio. This reclassification is for a person who has been claimed for tax purposes in the previous year by a parent or legal guardian and that person has not lived in Ohio for 12 months. The spouse, parent, or legal guardian has to accept and begin full-time employment and establish a domicile in Ohio before the semester begins in order for the student to qualify. Two part-time jobs or any combination cannot be used to constitute one full-time position. This residency is based upon one full-time employment position only. Students who marry an Ohio resident after their initial enrollment may apply under C-1 if the spouse has lived in Ohio for 12 months.

C-4 Residency: Veterans, spouses of veterans, and dependents of veteran. This classification is for a person who is veteran, the spouse of a veteran, or any dependent of a veteran, so long as the veteran has either served one or more years on active military duty and was honorably discharged or received a medical discharge that was related to the military service OR was killed while serving on active military duty or has been declared to be missing in action or a prisoner of war. The veteran, spouse, and any dependents must have established domicile within Ohio as of the first day of term of enrollment. If the veteran was killed while serving on active military duty or has been declared to be missing in action or a prisoner of war, only the spouse or dependent seeking residency status are required to have established domicile by the first day of term of enrollment.

Exceptions to the General Rules of Residency

The following exceptions to the general residency rules allow a person to be classified as a resident of the State of Ohio for tuition subsidy surcharge purposes. Complete explanation and requirements of each type of residency exception can be obtained by contacting the Office of the University Registrar.

E-1 Residency: Based upon employment for part-time students. E-1 residency applies to persons who are residing and gainfully employed on a self-sustaining basis in Ohio, and who are pursuing a part-time program of instruction. E-1 residency generally pertains to persons who have resided in Ohio less than 12 consecutive months and have moved to Ohio for employment purposes.

E-2 Residency: For active duty military personnel. This residency exception is for a person who entered active duty military status as a resident of Ohio and is returning to Ohio after being discharged. This residency exception is also for a person who entered active duty military status as a resident of Ohio and their spouse or dependent child would like to return to Ohio and attend The University of Akron while they are still on active duty military and not living in Ohio.

E-3 Residency: For active duty military personnel stationed in Ohio. This residency exception is for a person, or their spouse, or their dependent child, who is stationed in Ohio on active duty military.

E-4 Residency: For Ohio residents transferred outside the U.S. by their employer. This residency exception is for a person, or their spouse, or their dependent child, who would like to return to Ohio and attend The University of Akron when they have not lived in Ohio for the previous 12 consecutive months. The person who was transferred must have retained Ohio as the state of domicile and must have fulfilled their tax liability to the State of Ohio for at least the year preceding enrollment.

E-5 Residency: For migrant workers. A person who has been employed as a migrant worker in the State of Ohio and their dependents is considered a resident provided the person has worked in Ohio at least four months during the three years preceding the proposed enrollment.

E-6 Residency: For community service. This residency exception is for a person, or their spouse, or their dependent child, who was a resident of Ohio and took a position working for VISTA, AmeriCorps, City Year, the Peace Corps, or any similar program as determined by the Ohio Board of Regents; or as an elected or appointed public official for a period of time not exceeding 24 consecutive months. The person now wishes to return to Ohio and be classified as a resident for tuition purposes.

E-7 Residency: For marital hardship. This residency exception is for a person or their dependent child who returns to Ohio and has legally separated from their spouse and is now provided with more than 50% of their support from a parent who is a bona fide Ohio resident.

E-8 Residency: For Ohio National Guard. A person who is a member of the Ohio National Guard and who is domiciled in Ohio, and his or her spouse or dependents, are considered residents of Ohio while the person is in the Ohio National Guard.

Forever Buckeye Ohio Residency Program

The “Forever Buckeye” provision extends the in-state tuition rate to Ohio high school graduates having the current legal status to remain permanently in the United States, who had left Ohio but who return to enroll in an Ohio public institution of higher education and who establish a primary residence in Ohio by the first day of classes of the requested term. Please note: A copy of a high school diploma is not sufficient evidence of high school graduation. An Ohio high school does not include GED or home school.

How to Apply for Forever Buckeye Ohio Residency

- Complete the Forever Buckeye Petition
- Please include the following documents with your petition:
 - Official Ohio high school transcript, with graduation date.
 - Proof of primary residence, i.e. lease or rental agreement, copy of closing statement, or notarized affidavit of domicile.
- Return the Petition and supporting documents to the Registrar’s Office

The University of Akron is required to follow Ohio Board of Regents guidelines in interpreting and applying “Forever Buckeye” and Ohio Administrative Code 3333-1-10.