



Binding Early Decision Agreement

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSIONS – FALL 2017

An applicant to USC Gould School of Law's Binding Early Decision program commits to matriculate to USC if admitted through this program. This program is **only** for those students who believe USC Gould is the best fit and their number one law school choice. This program is not for students who would like to consider admissions or financial aid offers from other law schools. Once notified of admission to USC, a binding early decision applicant agrees to:

- (1) Immediately withdraw all other law school applications and refrain from initiating new law school applications,
- (2) Decline any acceptances already received prior to the admission offer to USC as a binding early decision candidate, and
- (3) Submit the required Enrollment Confirmation form and \$1,000 seat deposit by the January 8, 2017 deadline.

While awaiting a decision from USC Gould, Binding Early Decision candidates may apply to other law schools, but may not participate in any other *binding* early decision programs. Binding Early Decision candidates are evaluated under the same criteria as applicants who apply during the regular admissions cycle. Admission to USC Gould is highly competitive and the Admissions Committee will consider Binding Early Decision candidates' enthusiasm and strong interest in attending USC.

USC Gould reserves the right to revoke an admission offer if a candidate fails to comply with any of the instructions listed in this binding agreement. At the Dean's or Admissions Committee's discretion, USC Gould may also provide the names of applicants admitted through the Binding Early Decision program to other schools as requested.

Binding Early Decision candidates will be admitted, denied, or rolled over into the regular admission pool. Applicants not admitted under the Binding Early Decision program may continue to consider other law schools, including initiating applications to new law schools if they desire. Applicants not admitted under this program are not bound by this agreement. Denied applicants MAY NOT re-apply via the regular admissions cycle. All decisions are final and no appeals process exists.

If after carefully reviewing this document, you would like to participate in this program, please print, sign, and scan this agreement directly uploading it to your application in the Attachments - Binding Agreement section and complete the electronic application via LSAC by **November 15, 2016**. Your application cannot be submitted unless this signed agreement is attached. Your total application must be complete no later than **December 1, 2016**. Binding Early Decision candidates must have a reportable LSAT score no later than the September 2016 test administration. Decision notification will be communicated by December 16, 2016.

I certify that I have read and understand the stated policies and practices that govern USC Gould School of Law's Binding Early Decision program. USC is my first choice and if admitted under this program, I will matriculate to USC in Fall 2017. Upon receiving notification of admission, I agree to withdraw all applications to other law schools, to decline any acceptances I may have already received, and to not initiate new applications to any other law schools. I understand that violation of any of these terms will result in sanctions, including, but not limited to revocation of my admissions offer to USC Gould School of Law.

Name

LSAC Account Number

Signature

Date

This is a binding agreement. Only sign and submit this agreement if you understand and agree to the terms and conditions of this program. The deadline to submit this agreement and application materials is November 15, 2016.