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Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP)

focus on your future

How to apply for RLOP

There are just five spots available for incoming freshmen. Reserve yours today!



Step 1:

Apply for admission to WSC at wsc.edu/apply. After applying, you'll receive your Wayne State College student account information, which you'll need to apply to RLOP.



Step 2:

Visit www.wsc.edu/scholarships to apply for RLOP through our scholarship system.



Step 3:

If selected, interview with Wayne State College and Nebraska College of Law faculty and staff.

Application deadline: Dec. 1, 2019

All applications will be screened by Wayne State College and Nebraska College of Law faculty and staff. Prospective students will be selected to come to the Wayne State College campus for an interview.



“This is a wonderful opportunity for a young person who is interested in practicing law in a rural setting. They will visit the law school, meet practitioners, and learn about the court system. They will progress through the program with the other students as colleagues, similar to what they will experience in law school. This program will give them an edge by learning what to expect.”

- Laura Dendinger, J.D.

Wayne State College Professor of Business



be the future of rural law

“RLOP provides invaluable experience and opportunity to gain insight into our academic and professional careers. The program encourages us to pursue academic excellence at Wayne State. It also prepares us for law school by taking us to visit UNL Law, offering LSAT prep, and giving us the chance to speak with current law students and professors.

Additionally, RLOP students are set up for professional success through discussion of the realities of practicing rural law with current attorneys. Without RLOP, I would not know how to best prepare myself for the years to come, and I would not have the resources to do so either. The full tuition scholarship offered is a tremendous relief.”

-Abigail Ruda

HOMETOWN
North Bend, Nebraska

MAJORING IN
Political Science, History



The need for attorneys in rural Nebraska is greater than ever.

The current shortage requires those who need legal services to drive hundreds of miles for matters such as real estate transactions, wills, business needs, and criminal matters.

Serve the Rural Public

The Rural Law Opportunities Program (RLOP) is a special cooperative program between Wayne State College and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). This program recruits and educates students from rural Nebraska to become lawyers who will return to rural communities and practice law. As a law student, you can choose any major for your undergraduate studies.

Visit www.wsc.edu/programs to explore our programs of study and learn more.

Full Tuition Scholarship at WSC

Your tuition at Wayne State College is free, as long as you meet the program's academic requirements. RLOP students will also be considered for law school scholarships upon admission to the University of Nebraska College of Law. After you've completed law school, you can apply for the loan forgiveness program currently available in Nebraska if you return to a rural Nebraska location and practice law.

Visit www.wsc.edu/scholarships to apply for the RLOP scholarship. *Deadline: Dec. 1, 2019*

Greater Opportunities

As an RLOP student, you'll get to visit guest lectures, special court proceedings, and observe classes at Nebraska College of Law. Nebraska Law administrators and admissions representatives also visit Wayne State College each year to meet with you one-on-one. Between your junior and senior years, you'll have the opportunity to participate in rural Nebraska internships.

Automatic Admission

RLOP students with a 3.5 cumulative GPA and an LSAT score of at least 154 will be automatically accepted to the University of Nebraska College of Law unless there are concerns about the applicant's character and fitness. If an RLOP student is not eligible for automatic admission, the application will be individually reviewed by the College of Law Admissions Committee.

Visit www.wsc.edu/rlop to learn more about eligibility rules and program requirements.



“Nebraska Law is excited to partner with Wayne State with the Rural Law Opportunities Program. We think the program will expand opportunities for rural Nebraskans to receive a strong undergraduate and legal education. We also expect RLOP will create a steady flow of lawyers returning to Greater Nebraska to help satisfy a growing demand for legal services in rural parts of the state.”

- Dr. Richard Moberly

Dean, Nebraska College of Law

Who can apply?

- Rural residents of Nebraska*
- Students who have applied and been accepted to Wayne State College
- Students who demonstrate strong academic potential and intellectual ability
- Students with a willingness to practice law in rural Nebraska

*Residents of Bellevue, Boys Town, Chalco, Elkhorn, LaVista, Lincoln, Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Papillion, and Ralston are not considered rural and are ineligible for RLOP.

Questions?

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