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First-year students at the University of Dayton School of Law can receive their first-year textbooks for free.

To qualify, students must be admitted, make an official scheduled visit and enroll at the School of Law.

An official scheduled visit includes attending either an Admitted Student Law Day program or an information session, which are held most Mondays and Fridays, or making a scheduled individual appointment with the School of Law's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid. Walk-in visits do not qualify for the offer.

Summer starters must make their official campus visit by March 31, while fall starters must visit by June 30.

By meeting those requirements, entering law students will receive up to $1,000 to pay for first-year law books, law reference texts and law supplements for their first year, or two semesters. Books will be available at the law school's orientation programs.

"We know that law school is a significant monetary commitment. In these difficult economic times, we wanted to provide something tangible to help students and families afford a legal education," said Janet Hein, assistant dean and director of admissions and financial aid.

Providing books to entering law students, Hein said, allows the School of Law to take away what some students might conceive as a burden.

"We think it will help them focus on other important matters as they prepare to start law school," she said.

Requiring students to visit Keller Hall to qualify for the scholarship also provides an incentive.

"Law students who visit Keller Hall better understand what it's like to study at Dayton Law," Hein said. "The warm, engaging atmosphere and feeling of community, along with our beautiful facility, are attractions for students. Bringing them here helps them see that."

Prospective students get to meet with faculty, engage with current students and visit with alumni who can demonstrate how the law school helped them start their successful careers.

"While students do a lot of research online, a visit helps them get to know us and spend time with faculty, students and alumni," Hein said.

The School of Law modeled its book scholarship program on a similar incentive the University of Dayton offers to undergrad students. Hein said the law school believes the successful endeavor will also work well for entering law students.

Hein hopes at least two-thirds on the entering 2012 class will take advantage of the scholarship. That would represent an annual commitment of $100,000 to $150,000 by the School of Law.

More information on the School of Law's application process is available through the related link, or by contacting the law school's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid at 937-229-3555 or lawinfo@udayton.edu (url: mailto:lawinfo@udayton.edu).

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