

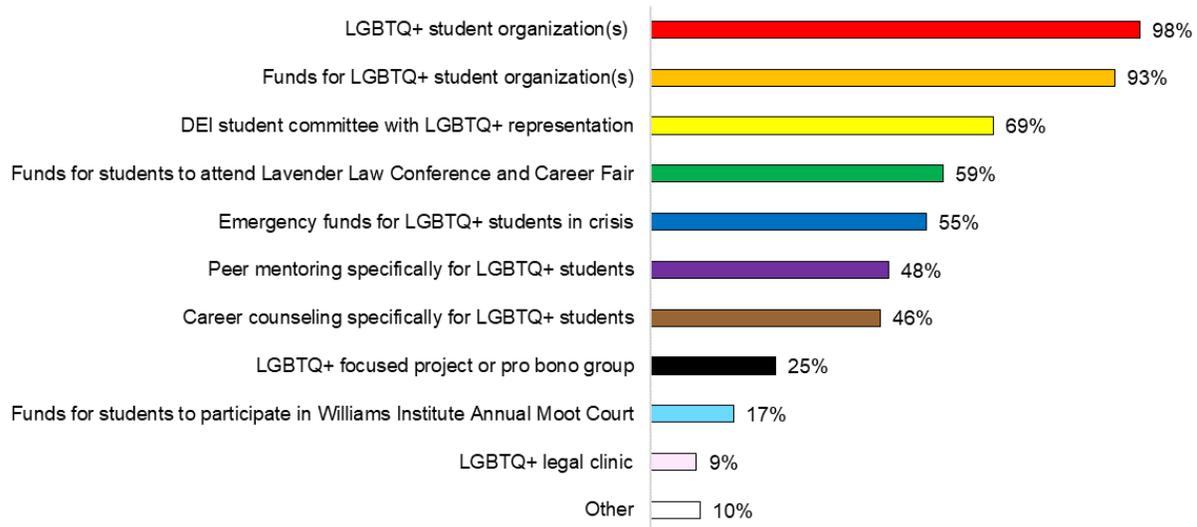
LSAC Legal Education Brief Series: The 2021 LGBTQ+ Law School Survey

Student Engagement Opportunities

Resources and Opportunities Offered by Law Schools

LGBTQ+ law school candidates often want to know what law schools have to offer them in terms of resources and opportunities that are tailored to or aligned with their needs and interests. Based on responses from the schools that responded to this question ($n = 119$), the most common opportunities that schools offer students are school-recognized LGBTQ+ student organizations (98%) and funds for these organizations (93%); see Figure 1. Other resources and opportunities were less commonly offered: DEI student committee with LGBTQ+ representation (69%), funds for students to attend the Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair (59%), and emergency funds for LGBTQ+ students in crisis (55%). Less than half of the schools responding to this question reported that they provide peer mentoring (48%) or career counseling (46%) specifically for LGBTQ+ students. Only one-quarter of the schools reported that they have LGBTQ+-focused projects or pro bono groups, and an even smaller percentage reported that they fund student participation in the Williams Institute Annual Moot Court (17%) and/or have an LGBTQ+ legal clinic (9%).

Figure 1: Resources and Opportunities Offered by Schools ($n = 119$)



Source: 2021 LSAC LGBTQ+ Law School Survey data

While most of the schools that responded to this question indicated that they offer LGBTQ+ students an array of resources and student engagement opportunities, results of the 2021 LSAC LGBTQ+ Law School Survey indicated a different reality in practice: Schools commonly depend on LGBTQ+ student-led organizations as the main information source for the needs of LGBTQ+ students, relying on those organizations to act as the main space through which schools can point LGBTQ+ students to specific resources and services.

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