



Freshmen Application Process

APPLY – Apply online at admissions.utah.edu/apply or on the [Common Application](#)

PAY THE APPLICATION FEE – The \$55 application fee will be waived for students participating in UCAW during the months of October and November. Applicants should go to the Common Application fee waiver section under the student profile section and select “yes” to the first question about qualifying for a fee waiver; and then select the last fee waiver option “I can provide a supporting statement from a school official, college counselor, financial aid officer, or community leader.” **High school counselors will not be required to submit supporting documentation to our office.** We will automatically grant a fee waiver to an applicant, if these steps are completed.

TEST OPTIONAL FOR FALL 2021 ADMISSION – The University of Utah **will not require SAT or ACT scores** for students applying to the university for Fall 2021 admission and merit scholarship consideration.

- Students applying to the University of Utah may select on the Common App whether they wish their application to be considered with or without ACT/SAT scores.
- Applicants who opt to submit test scores, must have ACT and SAT scores sent electronically by the testing agency. Request our scores using test code 4274 for the ACT, and 4853 for the SAT.

SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS – Official high school transcripts must be sent to the Office of Admissions directly from the school. Official transcripts may be submitted electronically via the Common Application by adding your guidance counselor’s information to the application. Please ensure their information is accurate to ensure they receive the email notification from Common Application, which will guide them through the transcript submission process. We also accept electronic transcripts from Parchment, National Student Clearinghouse, Credentials Solutions, eScrip-Safe, and Scoir.

TRACK YOUR APPLICATION STATUS ONLINE – Once everything has been submitted, track your application at admissions.utah.edu/track. The green check marks indicate a section is complete. The red x indicates a missing item. All application items (application, application fee, transcript and test scores) must be postmarked by the stated dates and deadlines (see page 2) to be considered for admission.



Application Tips

Business Scholars – The Business Scholars program at the David Eccles School of Business gives high-achieving first year students an introduction to business through hands on learning, visiting companies, networking with executives and top professors, building relationship with peers, presenting business case studies, and traveling the U.S. and the world. The Business Scholars essay application is included in the Common Application and is optional. Test scores are optional and not required to be considered for admission to Business Scholars. Learn more at eccles.utah.edu/students/business-scholars/.

Be consistent – Use the exact same name on your application, transcript(s) and test scores (if applicable). This will ensure that your application materials are matched correctly and completed. Switching names – going from Bill to Billy, for example – increases the odds that your application materials will get misfiled and lead to an incomplete application.

Be thorough – Filling out the application thoroughly, allows us to view a more complete picture of your qualifications during the holistic review process. **Be sure to add your activities, current and future courses and use the additional information area in the writing portion of the Common App.**

Deferment – Students who are admitted may request to defer their start date to a later term. Deferment requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis and may be granted for reasons including illness, military service, and humanitarian or religious service. For more information visit admissions.utah.edu/apply/deferment.

Direct admission – Test scores are optional and not required to be considered for direct admission to the College of Architecture and Planning, School of Business, and College of Engineering. Students may be considered for direct admission into these colleges by selecting their intended major in the Common App.

Early action – Early action dates are **non-binding**. Non-binding means that students are not obligated to attend if admitted.

Fee waivers – **Application fees will be waived for students attending UCAW during the months of October and November.** Applicants should go to the Common Application fee waiver section under the student profile section and select “yes” to the first question about qualifying for a fee waiver; select the last fee waiver option “I can provide a supporting statement from a school official, college counselor, financial aid officer, or community leader.” **High school counselors will not be required to provide supporting documentation to our office.** We will automatically grant a fee waiver to an applicant, if these steps are completed.

Honors College – The Honors College offers a Liberal Arts and Science curriculum and community through intellectual traditions courses, praxis labs, and small learning communities. **The Honors College essay application is included in the Common Application and is optional. Test scores are optional and not required to be considered for admission to the Honors College.** Learn more at honors.utah.edu.

Letters of recommendation – Letters of recommendation are not required and will not be considered in the admissions review process.

Personal essays – Personal essays are not required and will not be considered in the admissions review process.

Proof of residency – To demonstrate residency in Utah, applicants should complete the residency portion of the Common Application and include activities for the last three years. Additional instructions are provided within that section of the Common Application.

Social Security Numbers (SSN) – Students with a SSN are encouraged to add that to their Common Application in order to expedite the processing of their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the U, if admitted.

Transcripts – You may add your counselors name and email in the recommender section of the Common Application. This will trigger an email to your counselor, prompting them to send your transcripts electronically to the U via the Common Application. Please make sure the email address you submit is correct, otherwise your counselor will not receive this email. Check in with your counselor to ensure they received the email request, once you submit your application.



Freshmen Admission Evaluation Process

We evaluate applicants through a holistic review process, which helps ensure we give all students the best opportunity to present a complete picture of their qualifications. Our holistic review includes consideration for the following:

ACADEMIC PREPARATION & PERFORMANCE (PRIMARY FACTORS)

- Rigorous course selection throughout high school career (i.e. AP, IB, Honors and Dual/Concurrent Enrollment courses)
- Grade trends
- Cumulative unweighted GPA
- ACT and/or SAT standardized test scores are not required for admission consideration
- Excellence in academic achievement, intellectual pursuits, and creative endeavors
- Satisfactory completion of all high school core course requirements

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS & CHARACTERISTICS (SECONDARY FACTORS)

- Academic achievement and awards or distinctions
- Involvement in student clubs and organizations, athletics, other extracurricular activities, or work
- Familial responsibilities
- Extenuating circumstances
- Significant commitment to community engagement, citizenship, and leadership
- Ability to contribute to an benefit from a culturally and intellectually diverse learning community

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- Graduate from an accredited high school before entering the U.
- GED is accepted with qualifying scores.



Important Dates & Deadlines

DECEMBER	Admissions Honors College	Dec. 1: Fall 2021 Early Action 1 Application Date Dec. 1: Fall 2021 Priority Application Deadline
JANUARY	Admissions	Jan. 15: Early Action 1 Admissions Decision Release Date
FEBRUARY	Admissions Scholarships & Financial Aid New Student Orientation Housing	Feb. 1: Fall 2021 Early Action 2 Application Date Feb. 1: Financial Aid Priority Date *students may still apply for financial aid after this date New Student Orientation registration opens this month. Visit orientation.utah.edu Housing Application opens this month. Visit housing.utah.edu
MARCH	Admissions Scholarships & Financial Aid Housing	Mar. 1: Early Action 2 Admissions Decision Release Date Scholarships and Financial Aid offer notifications begin Living Learning & Themed Communities Priority Applications due
APRIL	Admissions Housing	Apr. 1: Fall 2021 Final Application Deadline (Rolling admissions notification) Housing Priority Applications due
MAY	Admissions	May 1: Fall 2021 Admission Acceptance & Enrollment Deposit Deadline



University Scholarships & Financial Aid

University of Utah scholarships are awarded to students based on merit, financial need, and the ability to contribute to the overall diversity of the campus. Students should apply for admission by the **February 1 Early Action 2** date to maximize their chances for scholarship money. For need-based scholarship consideration, a FAFSA must be submitted no later than the **February 1 financial aid priority date**. Learn more at financialaid.utah.edu. Scholarships awarded by individual departments and colleges/schools may have an individual process, deadline, and application. Students may apply for other University of Utah scholarships at scholarships.utah.edu. The general application will open in September.



For Utah Scholarship

For Utah Scholarship creates a fully funded path to a University of Utah degree for Utah residents. The scholarship covers four years of tuition and fees for Pell Grant-eligible residents. To be considered, **apply for admission and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than February 1**. Visit admissions.utah.edu/ForUtah for more information.



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Explore the U - Admissions.utah.edu/visit

Meet Your Admissions Counselor - admissions.utah.edu/meet-your-counselors/

Common Application Support

Application guide for first-time students - <https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students>

Common App Solutions Center - <https://appsupport.commonapp.org/applicantsupport/s/>

Contact Common App - <https://appsupport.commonapp.org/applicantsupport/s/contactsupport>