Freshmen Application Process

APPLY – Apply online at admissions.utah.edu/apply or on the Common Application

PAY THE APPLICATION FEE – The $55 application fee is non-refundable. Application fees will be waived for students participating in a UCAW during the months of October and November. Student must complete the Common App section first, and then proceed to the My Colleges section and fill out the questions/general section. Students should respond to the school-specific fee waiver question by selecting UCAW in the drop down menu and will be prompted to add a coupon code: UTAHUCAW22

TEST OPTIONAL FOR FALL 2022 ADMISSIONS – The University of Utah will not require SAT or ACT scores for students applying to the U for Fall 2022 admission.
• Students graduating from a non-accredited high school, home school or with a GED are required to submit official ACT/SAT test scores.
• Students applying by the December 1 early action/scholarship deadline must have their official test scores in their admissions file by December 1 for us to guarantee their consideration.
• Official test scores must be submitted to the U by the testing agency:
  • ACT – www.act.org (Code: 4274)
  • SAT – www.collegeboard.com (Code: 4853)

TRACK YOUR 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. Official test scores are required for Business Scholar Scholarship consideration. 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.

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.”

Honors College – The Honors College offers a Liberal Arts and Sciences 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 (Optional for admissions, required for merit scholarship consideration and direct admission to the College of Engineering)
- 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.

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**Important Dates & Deadlines**

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**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 December 1 Early Action deadline 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](http://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](http://scholarships.utah.edu). The general application will open in September.

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**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 by the December 1 Early Action deadline and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than February 1. Visit [admissions.utah.edu/ForUtah](http://admissions.utah.edu/ForUtah) for more information.

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Explore the U – [Admissions.utah.edu/visit](http://Admissions.utah.edu/visit)
Meet Your Admissions Counselor – [admissions.utah.edu/meet-your-counselors/](http://admissions.utah.edu/meet-your-counselors/)

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**Common Application Support**

Application guide for first-time students - [https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students](https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students)
Common App Solutions Center - [https://appsupport.commonapp.org/applicantsupport/s/](https://appsupport.commonapp.org/applicantsupport/s/)
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