Application Information and Deadlines

2015-16

This information is supplied so you understand the application process. You should never indicate a student’s chances of admission, or when they should apply. Questions on applications should be directed to the appropriate admission counselor.

Submitting an application

The only application Notre Dame accepts is the Common Application (commonapp.org). A completed application contains:

- Application form
- Biographical information
- Extracurricular activities
- Personal essay
- Notre Dame-specific supplement (short answers to three of five prompts)
- Transcript supplied by high school
- SAT and/or ACT scores
- One teacher evaluation
- $75 Application fee (which can be waived in cases of financial need; students and/or guidance counselors can make this request)

Students will be notified when their application is complete or if any items are missing from their application.

Application Deadlines

Restrictive Early Action
- Deadline: November 1
- Notification: Mid-December
- A student applying Early Action to Notre Dame may apply to other colleges with Early Action programs.
- A student applying Early Action to Notre Dame may not apply to any other college or university in their binding Early Decision process.
- Students do not indicate a first-choice preference by applying early, and still may wait until May 1 to indicate their decision to attend.

Regular Decision
- Deadline: January 1
- Notification: By the first week of April

Possible Admissions Decisions

Restrictive Early Action
- Admission to the University
- Denial of Admission to the University
- Deferral of Decision until Regular Decision

Admitted students have until the May 1 deadline to decide whether they would like confirm their attendance at the University. If a student is denied admissions in Early Action, the process ends and he or she cannot apply later during Regular Action. If a student is deferred, the Admissions Committee has decided to review the application further in the Regular Action process, and the application “rolls over” to Regular Action.

Regular Decision
- Admission to the University
- Denial of Admission to the University
- Waitlist

Students who are waitlisted will receive a final admission decision by the end of June. The Admissions Committee waitlists students who would be viable candidates for admission should additional room become available in the First Year class.