

Information about Appealing a Deny Decision

2009-10 FRESHMAN ADMISSION

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What does a deny decision mean?

We have completed a very careful, individual review of your application. Based on an overall assessment of your application, including your coursework, grades, standardized test scores, and the additional information you provided, we sincerely regret that we are unable to offer you a place in the University's fall 2009 freshman class.

Many students transfer to the University of Minnesota after beginning their programs at other institutions. You may wish to consider an alternative college or university where you can complete coursework and possibly transfer later to the University of Minnesota.

Why was I denied admission to the University of Minnesota?

Admission to the University of Minnesota is competitive. Each year, the competitiveness of admission is determined by the number of applications received and the academic qualifications of the applicant pool, and the number of spaces available in each of the freshman-admitting colleges. Last year, we received over 29,000 applications for a freshman class of approximately 5,200 students. Over the last two years, applications have increased 18 percent and while we are very grateful for the strong interest in the University, it has made a competitive admissions process even more competitive.

Each application is reviewed individually and admission decisions are based on an overall assessment of the primary and secondary factors listed on the following page, in addition to the student's academic interests. To learn more about the students admitted last year, check out the academic profile of fall 2008 admitted freshman applicants below.

Academic profile of fall 2008 admitted freshman by applicants

This table will give you an idea of how your high school rank and standardized test scores—two of our four primary review factors—compare with freshman applicants who were admitted last year. This table gives you a general overview of the academic qualifications of last year's admitted freshmen. *The data presented in the table are a composite picture of the freshman class; they are not admission criteria.* Admission decisions are based on an individual, overall assessment of each application.

	Biological Sciences	Design	Education and Human Development	Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Liberal Arts	Management (Carlson School of)	Technology (Institute of)
Average High School Rank %	95.2	85.1	77.3	82.4	85.6	92.8	91.3
Average ACT Composite	29.6	25.6	23.2	25.4	26.2	29.0	29.3
Average SAT Total (out of 1600)	1320.0	1198.4	1119.2	1194.7	1236.0	1295.4	1322.2

We first consider applicants for admission to their first-choice college. If we are not able to offer admission to the first choice, we consider applicants for admission to their second choice, and/or to the college that best matches their academic interests and preparation.

How do I appeal a deny decision?

Ordinarily, students appeal an admission decision in order to bring to light compelling new academic information that was not previously included in their applications, or extenuating personal circumstances that they feel warrant another review of the application.

Components of a complete appeal:

The appeal must be submitted in writing by the applicant, and must include the most recent grades. The applicant may also submit letters of support from teachers, counselors, and other persons who can speak to their academic and personal characteristics.

Please submit the following items:

- A completed *Deny Appeals Form* (see last page)
 - Your current high school transcript or grade report with your most recent grades, including any Post Secondary Education Option or College In the Schools grades
 - Letters of recommendation/support (optional; see description above)
 - Your typed answers to questions A-E.
 - A. Please explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel warrant a different admission decision. Include any new significant, compelling information not previously included in your application.
 - B. What is your intended major, area of study, or college of interest? Why?
 - C. Why do you want to attend the University of Minnesota?
 - D. Is the University of Minnesota your only option for higher education? Please explain.
 - E. Please include any additional information that you want the Admissions Appeals Committee to consider in re-reviewing your application.
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What factors do you consider when someone submits an appeal?

Students appealing a decision would do so on the basis of extenuating personal circumstances or substantial **new** academic information not previously included in their application materials. We consider the following factors when reviewing an application:

Primary review factors

- Strength of curriculum through high school graduation.
- High school rank percentile. (*Students from non-ranking schools and those with GED or other high school equivalency scores are given full consideration.*)
- Grade point average
- ACT or SAT scores

Secondary review factors

- Exceptionally rigorous academic curriculum that may include honors, AP, IB, or college level courses.
- Evidence of exceptional achievement, aptitude, or personal accomplishment including that which may not be reflected in the academic record or standardized test scores
- A pattern of steady improvement in academic performance.
- Participation in extracurricular college preparatory programs (e.g., MEP, PSEO, Talent Search, UMTYMP, Upward Bound, and other programs).
- Evidence of exceptional talent or ability in artistic, scholarly research, leadership, or athletic performance.
- ACT/SAT writing test results.
- Outstanding high school or community involvement.
- Size of graduating class.
- Military service.
- Work experience, paid or unpaid.
- Family attendance or employment at the University of Minnesota.
- First-generation college student.
- Evidence of exceptional motivation, maturity, or responsibility.
- Evidence of having overcome social, economic, or physical barriers to educational achievement.
- Evidence that enrollment would enhance the cultural, gender, age, economic, racial, or geographic diversity of the student body.
- Extenuating circumstances.

When will I hear about the outcome of my appeal?

Appeal received/ completed by	Appeal decision mailed by
Dec 5, 2008	Jan 9, 2009
Jan 9, 2009	Feb 6, 2009
Feb 6, 2009	Mar 6, 2009
Mar 6, 2009	Apr 1, 2009
Apr 1, 2009	May 1, 2009
May 1, 2009	June 5, 2009
June 5, 2009	July 6, 2009
July 6, 2009	Aug 7, 2009



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Deny Appeals Form

FOR 2009-10 FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Name Street address City, state, ZIP * Social Security number Email: Daytime phone Evening phone

Semester and year you wish to enter:

 Fall 2009 Spring 2010**You must submit:**

- **current high school transcript** or grade report with your most recent grades (including any Post Secondary Education Option or College In the Schools grades),
- **answers to the questions** below, typed on a separate sheet of paper.

Please include your name on each additional sheet.

- Please explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel warrant a different admission decision. Include any new significant, compelling information not previously included in your application.
- What is your intended major, area of study, or college of interest? Why?
- Why do you want to attend the University of Minnesota?
- Is the University of Minnesota your only option for higher education? Please explain.
- Please include any additional information that you want the Admissions Appeals Committee to consider in re-reviewing your application.

Optional: I will submit **letters of recommendation/support** from the following person(s):

- _____ Enclosed Mailed separately
- _____ Enclosed Mailed separately
- _____ Enclosed Mailed separately

I understand that my appeal will be reviewed after the appeals form is completed, all of the questions have been addressed, and a current high school transcript (including any Post Secondary Education Option or College In the Schools grades), and any optional letters of recommendation/support that are being sent separately have been received in the Office of Admissions.

Signature_____
Date

* Submission of Social Security number is voluntary and will be used for positive identification only.

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