

# Information about Appealing a Waitlist Decision

## 2009-10 FRESHMAN ADMISSION

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### Freshman admission decision overview

Each application is reviewed individually and admission decisions are based on a very careful, overall assessment of the applicant's academic record (primary review factors), the additional information provided in the application (secondary review factors), and the applicant's academic interests. The greatest consideration in the assessment of each application is given to the primary review factors. A complete list of the primary and secondary review factors, in addition to a profile of freshmen admitted this year to-date, are provided below.

Admission to the University of Minnesota is competitive. The competitiveness of admission each year is determined by the academic qualifications of the applicant pool, the number of spaces available in each of the freshman-admitting colleges, and the number of applications received. Applications for fall 2009 have increased 16 percent over last year; more than 33,000 students have applied for a freshman class of 5,350 students. While we are very grateful for the strong interest in the University, the increase in applications is making a competitive admissions situation even more competitive for fall 2009.

When we make admission decisions, we are not trying to keep applicants out of the University. Rather, it is very important that we stay within each college's enrollment limit to ensure that the number of new freshmen is reasonably in line with the resources and services designed to support student success (e.g., course availability, academic advising, and campus housing).

### Academic profile of fall 2009 admitted freshmen by college

This table gives you a general overview of the academic qualifications of the students who have been admitted for fall semester 2009 as of mid-March. 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)
<b>Average High School Rank %ile</b>	<b>95.0</b>	<b>88.5</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>87.7</b>	<b>91.5</b>	<b>92.2</b>
<b>Average ACT Composite</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>30.1</b>

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 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. Each application is reviewed individually and admission decisions are based on an overall assessment of primary and secondary review factors, in addition to the applicant's academic interests and the additional information provided in the appeal.

#### 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.

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### How do I appeal a waitlist decision?

Students appeal a waitlist 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 a final admission decision.

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### What should I include in my 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 individuals who can speak to their academic and personal characteristics.

#### Please submit the following items:

- A completed Waitlist 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)
- Your typed answers to questions A & B on the Waitlist Appeals Form (see last page)
  - A.** Please explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel warrant a admission decision at this time. Include any significant, compelling information not included in your application.
  - B.** What is your intended major, area of study, or college of interest? Why?

### When will I receive a decision on my appeal?

Appeal received/ completed by	Appeal decision mailed by
April 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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### What are my chances of being admitted from the waitlist?

This year, a record number of students have applied for admission to the University of Minnesota. While we are very grateful for the strong interest in the university of Minnesota, the number of applications received and the strength of the applicant pool have made a competitive admissions process even more competitive.

By June 1, 2009, we will know how many students have confirmed their enrollment by the May 1 national enrollment decision deadline and will have assessed if space remains available. If so, the overall strongest applicants would be admitted from the waitlist. Because we do not yet know if space will be available, we must encourage you to continue pursuing your other college options in the event that we are unable to offer you admission for fall 2009.



**Office of Admissions**  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities  
612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000  
(TTY 612-625-9051)

# Waitlist 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.

**A.** Please explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel warrant an admission decision at this time. 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?

**Optional:**

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed  Mailed separately

2. \_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed  Mailed separately

3. \_\_\_\_\_  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 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to:  
University of Minnesota  
Office of Admissions  
240 Williamson Hall  
231 Pillsbury Drive SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55455



\* Submission of Social Security number is voluntary and will be used for positive identification only. There are no consequences for not providing this information.

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Date  
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