About the deny appeal

An appeal of a deny decision is a request for a different decision, on the basis of new information that was not initially included in a student’s application.

Please note: While we greatly respect and appreciate that many of our applicants are passionate about their interest in the University of Minnesota, demonstrated interest is not the basis for a successful appeal. Submitting an appeal, visiting campus, or demonstrating interest in other ways will not impact the committee’s decision because ‘demonstrated interest’ is not a factor considered in our holistic admission review.

Instructions for submitting a deny appeal:

A complete appeal must be submitted in writing by the applicant (not an applicant’s agent, parent, counselor, or other advocate) and must include the student’s most recent official transcript or grade report. A complete appeal includes:

- Discussion with a University of Minnesota admissions counselor at 612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000 (TTY for hearing impaired: 612-625-9051). A discussion is required to review the appeal process and to explain the admission decision that was rendered in our original holistic review of the application.
- A completed Deny Appeal Form.
- Most recent, official high school transcript or grade report with most recent grades, including any Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) or College in the Schools (CIS) grades.
- Typed answers to questions A-C on the Deny Appeals Form.

If you choose to submit a letter of recommendation, the committee will review it. However, we must note that letters of recommendation speaking to an applicant’s personal qualities will be considered as only one component of an appeal review. Decisions are not made solely on the basis of an individual letter of recommendation or a specific recommender.

Academic profile of fall 2015 admitted freshman applicants

This table provides a general overview of the high school rank percentile and standardized test scores of freshman applicants admitted for fall 2015. The data presented in the table are a composite picture of admitted freshman applicants; they are not admission criteria. Admission decisions are based on an individual, overall assessment of each application.

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<td>Average High School Rank %ile</td>
<td>93.8</td>
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<td>Average ACT Composite</td>
<td>30.5</td>
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<td>Average SAT Total</td>
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Admission to each of the University’s seven freshman-admitting colleges is very competitive, and the number of spaces available varies by college. Applicants are automatically considered for admission to all U of M colleges that are a good fit with the academic interest(s) listed on their applications. Admission decisions are based on a comprehensive, individualized review of a student’s application, the overall strength of the applications received, and the number of spaces available.
Frequently Asked Questions

What factors do you consider when making an admission decision?

We believe that selecting students from a highly talented group of applicants requires an individual assessment of all application materials submitted for each student; every application is read in its entirety.

Admission decisions are based on a very careful, overall assessment of each student’s academic preparation and performance, as well as the additional information provided in the application, based on the primary and secondary factors listed below. The strongest consideration in the decision is given to the primary factors, and no single factor is the deciding factor in the decision. Applicants are automatically considered for admission to all U of M colleges that are a good fit with their academic interests and preparation.

Primary review factors
• Coursework through high school graduation (Admitted students typically exceed the University’s subject requirements).
• Grade point average
• Class rank (if available)
• ACT or SAT scores

Secondary review factors
Individual circumstances listed below are also considered as part of the overall assessment of each application.
• Outstanding talent, achievement, or aptitude in a particular area
• An exceptionally rigorous academic curriculum (enrolled in honors, AP, IB, or college level courses) through the senior year
• Strong commitment to community service and leadership
• Military service
• Evidence of having overcome social, economic, or physical barriers to educational achievement
• First-generation college student
• Significant responsibility in a family, community, job, or activity
• Family employment or attendance at the University of Minnesota
• Contribution to the cultural, gender, age, economic, racial, or geographic diversity of the student body
• Extenuating circumstances

When will I receive a decision on my appeal?

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Office of Admissions
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
612-625-2008 or 1-800-752-1000
(TTY for the deaf and hearing impaired: 612-625-9051)
Deny Appeals Form
FALL 2016 FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Name  
U of M ID#  
Street address  
City, state, ZIP  
Date of birth  Email  
Daytime phone  Evening phone  

Please provide the name of the admissions counselor you contacted to discuss your appeal.  

You must submit:
• Current high school transcript or grade report with your most recent grades (including any Post Secondary Education Option (PSEO) or College in the Schools (CIS) 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 a different decision on your application. Include any new significant or compelling information not previously included in your application.  
  B. What is your intended major, area of study, and college of interest? Why?  
  C. Is the University of Minnesota your only option for higher education? Please explain.  

Optional:
☐ I will submit a letter of recommendation/support from the following person:  
__________________________________________________

☐ Enclosed  ☐ Mailed separately

I understand that my appeal will be reviewed after the appeals form is completed, all of the questions have been addressed, 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

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