

Information about Appealing a Scholarship Decision

2017-18 FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

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Please read the following instructions carefully. The Freshman Scholarship Appeals Committee cannot review an appeal until all of the required information is received by the Office of Admissions.

Scholarship appeal description:

Freshman academic scholarship awards are highly competitive. All admitted students are considered for freshman academic scholarships. Each admission application is carefully reviewed and scholarship decisions are based on an overall assessment of the information contained in the original application materials. We have had to make very difficult decisions to select the overall strongest applicants from an extremely competitive applicant pool. For Fall 2016, we received more than 49,000 applications for a freshman class of approximately 5,800 students. While we are very grateful for the strong interest in the University, the competitiveness of the applicant pool has made for a highly competitive scholarship situation.

Students appealing a scholarship decision should provide new and compelling academic information that was not previously included in their applications, or extenuating personal circumstances that they feel warrant a change in the scholarship decision.

Please note: Due to the highly competitive applicant pool and competitive number of scholarship awards, it is uncommon for us to be able to change our original decision. Only rarely, when presented with extremely compelling new information, are we able to change a student's scholarship decision.

Instructions for submitting a scholarship appeal:

A complete appeal must be submitted in writing by the applicant (not an applicant's legal agent, parent, counselor, or other advocate), and must include the student's most recent official transcript or grade report. The applicant may also submit letters of support from teachers, counselors, and other persons who can speak to their academic and personal characteristics. 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 scholarship decision that was rendered in our original holistic review of the application.
 - A completed *Scholarship Appeals 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.
 - Submit letters of recommendation/support (optional; please see description above).
 - Your typed answers to questions A-C. Each question listed on this form must be addressed as *specifically and completely* as possible. Be sure to include your name on each additional sheet. The scholarship committee will conduct an overall reassessment of your admission application and the information included in this appeal.
- A. Please explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel warrant a different scholarship decision. Include any new significant, compelling information *not previously included* in your application.
 - B. If your application for admission was submitted after the December 15, 2016, deadline, please explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel warrant special consideration.
 - C. Please include any additional information that you want the Freshman Scholarship Appeals Committee to consider in re-reviewing your application.

Please return all requested materials to:

Freshman Scholarship Appeals Committee
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Office of Admissions
240 Williamson Hall
231 Pillsbury Drive SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455-0213

What factors do you consider when a student submits a scholarship appeal?

Students appealing a scholarship 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

Because academic preparation is key to student success in college, the strongest consideration in the decision is given to student's academic preparation, or primary review factors.

- Coursework through high school graduation. (Admitted students typically exceed the University's high school requirements. See course requirements)
- Grades in academic coursework
- Class rank/Grade Point Average
- ACT or SAT scores

Secondary review factors

Individual circumstances listed below are also considered as part of the overall assessment of each application. Enrolling a diverse student body—with students bringing differing experiences, talents, and perspectives to their scholarly community—is essential to achieving the development outcomes of a University of Minnesota education. Our university community is strengthened by our students representing different races, economic backgrounds, geographic origins, genders, religions, ethnicities, sexualities, talents, and beliefs.

Our holistic review takes into consideration the individual circumstances that make each individual student unique. We consider the following secondary factors in our decision review.

- Outstanding talent, achievement, or aptitude in a particular area
- An exceptionally rigorous academic curriculum (enrollment in honors, AP, IB, or college-level courses)
- Strong commitment to community service and leadership
- Military service
- Contribution to the cultural, gender, age, economic, racial, or geographic diversity of the student body
- 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
- Personal or extenuating circumstances
- Information received in open-ended questions

When will I hear about the outcome of my appeal?

Appeal received/ completed by	Appeal decision mailed by
March 20, 2017	April 3, 2017
April 4, 2017	April 18, 2017
April 18, 2017	April 27, 2017



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(TTY 612-625-9051)

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Scholarship Appeals Form

FOR 2017-18 FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Name

Street address

City, state, ZIP

U of M student ID #

Email

Daytime phone

Evening phone

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 a different scholarship decision. Include any new significant, compelling information not previously included in your application.
 - B. If your application for admission was submitted *after* the December 15, 2016, deadline, please explain any extenuating circumstances that you feel warrant special consideration.
 - C. Please include any additional information that you want the Freshman Scholarship Appeals Committee to consider in re-reviewing your application.

Optional:

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

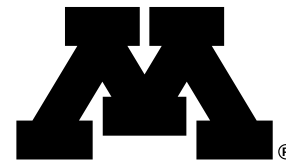
1. _____ Enclosed Mailed separately
2. _____ Enclosed Mailed separately
3. _____ Enclosed Mailed separately

I understand that my scholarship appeal will be reviewed after my completed appeal is submitted. A complete appeal includes this form, answers to questions A-C above, a current high school transcript (including any Post Secondary Education Option or College In the Schools grades), and any optional letters of recommendation/support. I understand that my appeal will not be reviewed until all of these items have been received by the Office of Admissions.

Signature

Date

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