

Information about Appealing a Waitlist Decision

2008-09 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 last year, are provided on the next page.

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 2008 have increased 12 percent over last year; more than 28,000 students have applied for a freshman class of 5,200 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 2008.

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 available to support their success (e.g., course availability, academic advising, and campus housing).

Academic profile of fall 2008 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 2008 as of early 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)
Average High School Rank %	95.6	86.7	83.1	84.9	88.3	95.0	92.1
Average ACT Composite	29.6	26.2	24.4	25.9	26.5	29.4	29.5

Waitlist decision appeal frequently asked questions

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- What should I include in my appeal?
- What factors do you consider when someone submits an appeal?
- What are my chances of being admitted from the waitlist?
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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.

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 persons 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: see description below)
- Your typed answers to question A & B
 - 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?

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

- Successful completion of a college preparatory curriculum.
- 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.
- Strength of the curriculum through high school graduation, including courses that exceed the core subject requirements and any advanced courses (i.e., honors, AP, IB, college level).

Secondary review factors

- Evidence of exceptional achievement, aptitude, or personal accomplishment not 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, leadership, or athletic performance.
- ACT/SAT writing test results.
- Outstanding high school or community involvement.
- Size of graduating class.
- 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.

When will I hear a decision on my appeal?

Appeal received/ completed by	Appeal decision mailed by
Apr 11, 2008	May 9, 2008
May 9, 2008	June 6, 2008
June 6, 2008	July 11, 2008

What are my chances of being admitted from the waitlist?

This year, a record number of students applied for admission to the University of Minnesota. Applications increased 12 percent over last year and while we are very grateful for the strong interest in the university of Minnesota, the increase in applications and the strength of the applicant pool have made a competitive admissions process even more competitive.

By June 1, 2008, we will know how many students have confirmed their enrollment by the Mary 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 2008.



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

Waitlist Appeals Form

FOR 2008-09 FRESHMAN APPLICANTS

Name

Street address

City, state, ZIP

* Social Security number Email:

Daytime phone Evening phone

Semester and year you wish to enter: Fall 2008 Spring 2009

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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