

Information about Appealing a Waitlist Decision

FALL FRESHMAN ADMISSION

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Use this appeal form if you are a fall freshman applicant appealing a waitlist admission decision.

About the waitlist appeal

Students on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities waitlist will *automatically* be re-reviewed for admission, and will receive an email update on the status of their applications by April 15.

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

1. New information that was not previously shared at the point of application.
2. Compelling information that an additional review and new decision is warranted earlier than the prescribed April 15th timeline. (All waitlisted applicants will automatically be re-reviewed by April 15th based on the number of spaces available.)

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 an appeal:

A complete appeal must be completed *by the applicant* (not an applicant’s agent, parent, counselor, or other advocate) and mailed in. It 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 Waitlist 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 and B on the Waitlist 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.

Freshman admission decision overview

Admissions 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 review factors listed below. Although the strongest consideration is given to primary factors, no single factor is the deciding factor in the decision.

Admission to the University of Minnesota is highly competitive. For example, last year we received more than 43,000 applications for a freshman class of approximately 6,200 students. This strong interest in the University—combined with the academic qualifications of the applicants—has resulted in a very competitive admission situation.

Academic profile of fall 2017 admitted freshman applicants

This table provides a general overview of the high school rank percentile and standardized test scores of freshman applicants admitted for last fall. *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.

	Biological Sciences	Design	Education and Human Development	Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences	Liberal Arts	Management (Carlson School of)	Science and Engineering
Average High School Rank %ile	94.5	83.5	83.5	83.5	81.0	92.0	95.5
Average ACT Composite	30.5	27.0	25.5	27.0	28.0	30.0	32.0
Average New SAT Total (out of 1600)	1390	1285	1280	1300	1335	1375	1445

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.

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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
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What are my chances of being admitted from the waitlist?

Your application will be re-reviewed automatically as space allows. In order to ensure that enrolled students have access to the courses, academic advisers, and other important services designed to support and enhance their success, it is very important that we do not exceed each college's enrollment limit. Because we do not know how many admitted students will confirm their enrollment, we do not know how many spaces will become available to students whose applications are on the waitlist and we must encourage you to continue pursuing your other college options in the event that we are unable to offer you admission.

When will I receive a decision on my appeal?

Complete appeal received by	Appeal decision mailed by
Jan 5	Feb 2
Feb 2	March 2
March 2	April 6
April 6	May 1



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)

Waitlist Appeals Form

FALL 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 an updated admission decision at this time. 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?

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 _____

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Mail to:
Admission Appeals Committee
University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Office of Admissions
240 Williamson Hall
231 Pillsbury Drive SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

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