

ADMITTED, WHAT'S NEXT?

Once a student has been admitted, they will have to decide if they would like to attend the U of M. If they want to be a #FutureGopher, they will need to **confirm their enrollment**, which includes paying a confirmation fee.

The next couple of months will be full of tasks to complete and important deadlines to remember. At the *U of M*, we want you to know the following information before your student officially becomes a college student:



Find out admission decision

Before a student can confirm their enrollment, they must be *admitted*. Students will receive their *admission decision* depending on when they applied:



- **Early Action I Deadline:** if submitted by November 1, students will get a decision on their application no later than January 31.
- **Early Action II Deadline:** if submitted by December 1, students will get a decision on their application no later than February 15.
- **Regular Deadline Application:** if submitted by January 1, students will get a decision on their application no later than March 31.

Some students are given a decision of *defer* or *waitlist*. These students will receive a final admissions decision by a specific date:

- **Defer:** this decision is only for students who applied by the Early Action I or Early Action II Deadline. This decision means we need more information on the other applicants before we can make a final decision. An update will be given no later than March 31.
- **Waitlist:** the student has been placed on a list of qualified students. This decision means we need to make sure we have enough space and resources at the U of M before we can offer admission. An update will be given no later than the middle of June.

Attend an admitted student event



Admitted student events are an opportunity for students and their families to celebrate their admission at the U of M, get their remaining questions answered, and connect with other incoming students. These events are a chance for students to hear from their *admissions counselor*, learn more about *college life* at the U of M, and take the *next step* of confirming their enrollment. Information on these events is shared with students at the beginning of the calendar year.

Confirm enrollment



After your student has been admitted, it is time for them to save their spot in the *freshman* class. At the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, students must confirm their enrollment by paying a non-refundable *confirmation fee*. This action lets us know that they will be attending. The deadline to submit this confirmation fee is May 1. Payment can be paid online at z.umn.edu/confirm.

Apply for housing



Living on campus is an experience that allows students to live closer to classes, resources, and friends. However, living on campus is not required.

At the University of Minnesota, we guarantee on-campus housing in *residence halls*, for all admitted freshman who apply for housing by May 1. Students who apply for housing after May 1 are not guaranteed a spot in a residence halls.

The *housing application* opens in November, and can be found online at z.umn.edu/housingapp. The deadline to submit a housing application is May 1. By this date, students must:

- Complete and submit their housing application
- Pay the \$50 housing application fee
- Confirm their enrollment with the Office of Admissions

The U of M offers unique housing opportunities in *Living Learning Communities* (LLCs) where students with similar backgrounds or interests live near each other in residence halls. Your student can find a list of LLCs at z.umn.edu/LLCinfo.

The U of M also has programs and resources for students who choose not to live on campus. We strive to ensure *commuter* students have an on-campus network and opportunities to meet others with shared interests.

Submit final documents



After high school graduation, students must submit a final high school transcript to the U of M Admissions Office, which confirms they have completed their senior year and graduated. Students must have their high school submit their transcript to the U of M by July 1.

If your student chose to have a self-reported ACT or SAT score reviewed as part of their application, their official test scores must be submitted by July 1. **Please note:** the University of Minnesota Twin Cities will not require an ACT or SAT score through the 2027 application.

These documents are important for us to validate that students have correctly reported their grades and test scores on their *self-reported academic record*. If a student has incorrectly reported their grades, or does not submit these documents, their admission may be *rescinded*.

Review financial aid



Estimated *financial aid packages* are sent in spring. Students who complete the *FAFSA* by the March 1 *priority deadline* will receive their official financial aid package in the summer. This package includes the following items that help students pay *tuition*:

- **Scholarships:** awarded to students for academic or other personal factors. They do not need to be repaid.
- **Grants:** awarded by the government, companies, non-profits, or colleges. They do not need to be repaid.
- **Loans:** awarded by the government. They must be repaid.
- **Work study:** awarded to students by the government in the form of a guaranteed part-time, on-campus job while attending school. Students must look for, and apply for, work study jobs on their own.

Students who are eligible and have applied for the *MN DREAM Act* will work with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to get an estimate of their financial aid award. Financial aid packages from the U of M, which will include the MN DREAM Act, will be sent to eligible students in the summer.

It is important to know that tuition is different from the *cost of attendance*, which is the total cost of going to college and includes tuition, but also adds the cost of *room and board*, books, fees, and other expenses.

KEY TERMS

ENGLISH TERM	TRANSLATED TERM	DEFINITION
Admissions Counselor		Staff member of a college who supports students during their college search journey
Admit		A college has reviewed a student's application and agrees they are prepared to succeed at their school and extends an offer to attend
Applications		Form and documents a student gives to a college to be considered for admission
Commuter		A student who does not live on campus and walks, bikes, takes public transportation or drives to campus to attend classes
Confirmation Fee		A payment a student makes to confirm their enrollment
Confirm Enrollment		Action a student takes to let a school know they will be attending. This action includes paying a non-refundable confirmation fee.
Cost of Attendance		The total cost of going to college, including housing, books, transportation, fees, and other expenses a student typically has while going to school
Defer		A college's response to an early action applicant who has not been admitted yet because more information is needed
Early Action Deadlines		The first deadline for applications which allows students to receive an early admission decision. The U of M has two Early Action deadlines. This decision is non-binding.
FAFSA		Shortened name for Free Application for Federal Student Aid, a government form that calculates how much a student can afford to pay for college. This calculation is used by the University of Minnesota to award financial aid.
Financial Aid Package		Total amount of money a student receives to help pay for college. This includes money awarded from the FAFSA, and given by the university, in the form of scholarships and work study.
Freshman		A student in their first year of college
Housing Application		Actions a student takes to live in on-campus residence halls. This application is different from the admissions application.
Living Learning Communities		U of M housing arrangements where students with similar backgrounds and interests live near each other in residence halls
MN DREAM Act		The MN DREAM Act provides benefits to undocumented students in Minnesota who meet specific criteria
Next Steps		Actions a student takes after their admission
Priority Deadline		Deadline to complete the FAFSA to ensure notification is not delayed
Regular Deadline		The final deadline for applications
Rescind		A choice a college makes to cancel a student's admission
Residence Hall		Dormitories or other living quarters provided by the college
Room and Board		Money a college charges for living and dining in a residence hall
Self-Reported Academic Record		The U of M requires students to report their test scores and high school grades on their application - which means they do not need to provide official documents until after they have been admitted. Please note: ACT/SAT test scores are not required through the 2027 application.
Tuition		Money a college charges for classes and use of on-campus resources. The amount a student pays depends on their financial aid and their in-state or out-of-state status.
U of M		Shortened name for the University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Waitlist		A college has placed a student on a list of other qualified students but has not admitted them yet due to space limitations

