Decision release deadlines

For the 2024 application cycle, our early action application deadline is November 1. Our decisions will be released on the following dates:

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Test optional update

The submission of ACT or SAT test scores will remain optional for applicants to the Columbus campus for all 2024 (and 2025) semesters.

- We recommend applicants take the ACT or SAT and submit test scores if they are available, as we believe that standardized test scores provide useful information and predictive value about a student's potential for success at Ohio State.
- If students choose to submit scores as part of their application, their application will be incomplete until official scores are received from the testing agency. A student may change their mind about the use of test scores as part of their application until the early action or regular decision deadline.

Last test dates

The last test dates that will meet our November 1 early action deadline are October 1 (national SAT), October 7 (SAT) and October 28 (ACT). Students testing on these dates must request that Ohio State receive scores when they register for the test. Note: They will not be able to view the scores prior to submitting them by the November 1 deadline.

Honors, Scholars and Eminence

Students should indicate their interest in being considered for Honors or Scholars on the Common Application, and are encouraged to apply by the early action deadline. No additional essay is required.

- If a student indicates an interest in Honors and is not accepted, they will automatically be considered for Scholars.
- Students interested in the Stamps Eminence Scholarship Program must apply for that program separately from the Common Application and by November 15, 2023.

Details: [honors-scholars.osu.edu](http://honors-scholars.osu.edu)

Morrill Scholarship Program

Students should indicate their interest in being considered for the Morrill Scholarship Program on the Common Application, and are encouraged to apply by the early action deadline.

- The supplemental essay prompt is on the Ohio State member page of the Common Application and has been revised:

  "In what ways have your life experiences and/or endeavors prepared you to be an active Morrill Scholar who will champion OSU’s Shared Values (www.osu.edu/shared-values) of ‘diversity and innovation’ and ‘inclusion and equity’ while investing in our culture of service reflective of our land grant mission? Please answer fully, and when possible, provide specific examples."

Details: [odi.osu.edu/msp](http://odi.osu.edu/msp)
Financial aid

Every applicant is highly encouraged to file the FAFSA to be considered for the most aid (grants, loans, scholarships and Federal Work-Study).

Five things to know:
1. Students must file the FAFSA each year.
2. NEW! The redesigned FAFSA will open in December this year.
3. NEW! Ohio State’s priority date for filing the FAFSA is February 15. Students can still submit their FAFSA after that date, but filing before will give them priority aid consideration.
4. Ohio State’s school code is 003090.
5. Financial aid notifications are emailed to students by the end of February/early March.

For first-year students requesting an application fee waiver for 2024 due to financial hardship or need, we welcome documentation from the school counselor or CBO, and we will no longer hold applications incomplete for documentation.

ScholarshipUniverse

ScholarshipUniverse is a scholarship-matching tool that simplifies the process of finding and applying for scholarships from Ohio State as well as from external sources.

Once students create their profile, the tool will alert them to possible scholarship matches. They’ll need their Ohio State username and password — which they will activate after they apply for admission — to get started.

ScholarshipUniverse is also used to apply for Cooperative Scholarship Housing on the Columbus campus (the Stadium Scholarship Program and Alumnae Scholarship Housing for women), which is based on need and merit, as well as for the Alumni Scholars Program, which offers financial support to exemplary students through local alumni clubs located across the US.

Encourage your students to apply for their ScholarshipUniverse matches by February 15.

Two important college updates

Engineering

Students interested in our four oversubscribed engineering majors have a different process this year. For the following majors, students must indicate their interest on the Common Application:

1. Aerospace engineering
2. Biomedical engineering
3. Computer science and engineering (in the College of Engineering) or computer and Information science (in the College of Arts and Sciences)
4. Mechanical engineering

For these majors, students enter as pre-majors and apply to their respective major at the end of their first year. (Only students in these pre-majors may apply to their respective major.)

- Students interested in the other 10 majors in the College of Engineering (listed here: engineering.osu.edu/undergraduate/future-students/admissions/new-students) will be directly enrolled if admitted to Ohio State.

- Admitted students may change into any of these 10 majors by May 1.

- Be sure to check out the Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology program, offered only on our regional campuses for Ohio residents: engineering.osu.edu/engineering-technology.

Nursing

High achieving students interested in nursing have the opportunity to be considered for early admission into the BSN program.

- Applicants must meet the Nov. 1 deadline.
- Those in the top 5% of their high school class who have at least a 26+ ACT (1240+ SAT) and choose nursing as a major on the Common Application will be automatically considered.
- Strength in high school curriculum, especially in math, will be important in the review of applicants. Students without test scores considered will have extra consideration of the academic record.
- Notification about admission to this program will be sent in January and February.

How to reach us

Find your admissions counselor on our School Counselors website: hscounselors.osu.edu.
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