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Introductions and agenda

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Interim Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management

**Damon Jaggars, Vice Provost and
Dean of University Libraries**



New associate director

Welcome, Dan Kieffer

Associate Director, Domestic
Recruitment





New York/New Jersey Regional Recruitment Manager

Welcome, Melissa Bubelis





Texas Regional Recruitment Manager

Welcome, Eura Miles



TIME AND CHANGE

2025 Updates from Undergraduate Admissions

Changes to admission and decision release deadlines

AU26 first-year applicants	Application completion deadline	Decision release
Early action	Nov. 1	Dec. 12, Jan. 23*
Regular decision	Jan. 15	March 6

* December 12: Ohio residents and Stamps Eminence applicants; January 23: non-Ohio residents and international applicants

ACT/SAT test update

Ohio State now requires official ACT or SAT scores from applicants to the Columbus campus for all 2026 semesters.

- **ACT Science changes:** With the ACT Science section now optional, Ohio State will not require students to submit it.
- **Superscoring:** Ohio State will now superscore ACT and SAT scores if a student has tested more than once.

Last test dates

The last test dates that will meet our November 1 early action deadline are **October 4 (SAT)** and **September 6 (ACT)**. Students testing on these dates must request that Ohio State receive scores when they register. Students testing on these dates will not be able to view the scores prior to submitting them.

Note: If students have already tested, they should request scores by October 10.

Submitting documents

Counselors should use electronic sources like the Common Application, Naviance, Scoir or Parchment to submit documents for students. If you have something you can't send electronically, email it to ugdocs@osu.edu (replaces esue-studugt@osu.edu) directly from a school address. For Ohio counselors: Email CCP-related documents to ccpdocs@osu.edu. Please don't send us multiple copies.

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. There is no additional essay.

- If a student indicates an interest in Honors and is not offered Honors, 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 by November 10.

Details: honors-scholars.osu.edu

Morrill Scholarship Program

To be considered, students should check the box on the Common Application to indicate interest in MSP and complete the essay prompt. We recommend they apply by the early action deadline.

Details: go.osu.edu/msp

Financial aid key date: February 1

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 about financial aid:

1. The 2026 FAFSA will open by December.
2. Ohio State's priority date for filing the FAFSA is **February 1**. Students can still submit their FAFSA after that date, but filing before will give them priority aid consideration.
3. Ohio State's school code is 003090.
4. Students should complete a profile and apply for scholarships using ScholarshipUniverse (more on back).
5. Financial aid notifications are emailed to students by early March.

Time and Change

- Summary of updates
- Available in the chat and will be located on hscounselors.osu.edu

Enrollment Highlights and Admissions Updates

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AU25 Entering Class Highlights

By the numbers



New First Year

Columbus Campus

	Autumn 2018	Autumn 2024	Autumn 2025	Difference
Applications	52,542	79,266	88,544	+9,278
Complete Applications	48,033	72,784	81,377	+8,587
Admits	24,945	44,079	40,025	-4,053
New First Year Class	7,851	9,530	8,210	-1,320

AU25 numbers as of 9/21/2025

New First-Year Residential Status Columbus campus

Ohio residents

86 Ohio counties represented

Top 5:

- Franklin
- Cuyahoga
- Delaware
- Hamilton
- Summit

Domestic non-residents

Top 5:

- New York
- Illinois
- New Jersey
- Pennsylvania
- Maryland

International

- 38 countries of citizenship

Top 5:

- China
- India
- Canada
- Republic of Korea
- Taiwan



Application updates



Common Application completion requirements

- \$60 application fee or application fee waiver; \$70 fee for international applicants
- Official high school transcript(s)
- Official ACT or SAT scores (required for SP26 and beyond)

Application components must be received by the application deadline to be considered on time



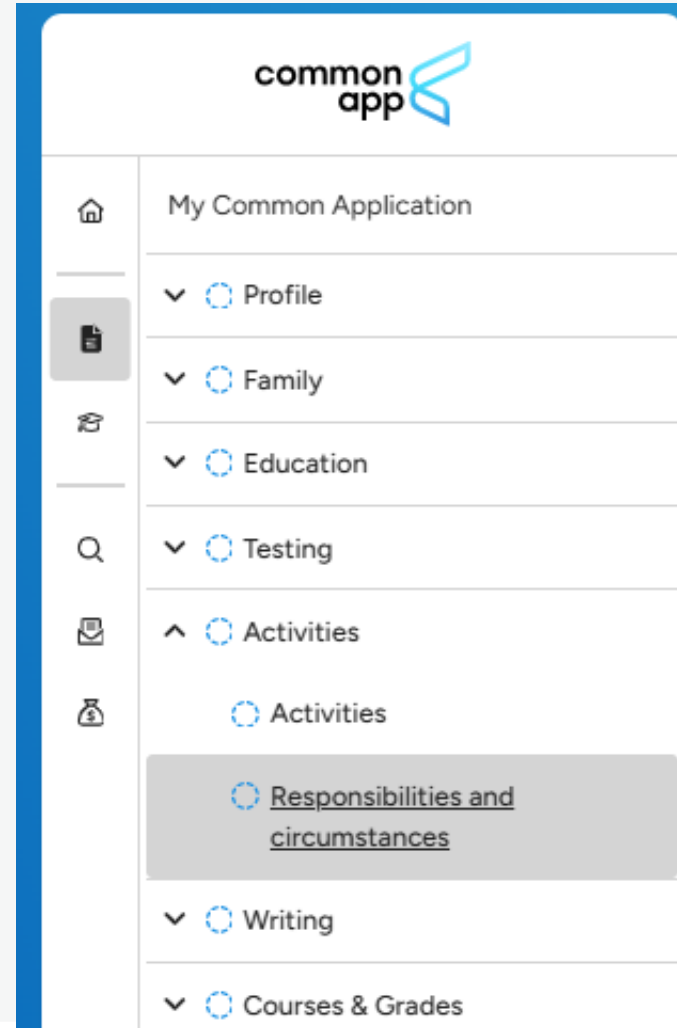
Changes to the Common Application:

- [New look and feel](#) to the application!
- There have been no changes to the Common Application essay prompts for the 2026 application cycle.
- Applicants are still able to elaborate on “community disruptions” such as Covid-19, natural disasters, or other personal events (optional).



Changes to the Common Application:

- New section called “Responsibilities and circumstances” to allow students to share household responsibilities or other circumstances.



Responsibilities and circumstances

Preview

 In progress

Sometimes academics and activities are impacted by household responsibilities or other circumstances. Sharing this information with colleges can help them better understand the context of your application. You may repeat information you already provided elsewhere in your Common App.

Please select which responsibilities you spend 4 or more hours per week doing.*

- ☐ Assisting family or household members with tasks such as doctors' appointments, bank visits, or visa interviews
- ☐ Farm work or unpaid work for a family business
- ☐ Interpreting or translating for family or household members
- ☐ Managing family or household finances, budget, or paying bills
- ☐ Providing transportation for family or household members
- ☐ Taking care of sick, disabled, and/or elderly members of my family or household
- ☐ Taking care of younger family or household members
- ☐ Taking care of my own child or children
- ☐ Working at a paid job to contribute to my household's income
- ☐ Other
- ☐ None of these

Please select which circumstances you've experienced.*

- ☐ Commuting 60 minutes or more to and from school each day
- ☐ Experiencing homelessness or another unstable living situation
- ☐ Living without consistent heat, power, water, or access to food
- ☐ Living without reliable or usable internet
- ☐ Living independently or living on my own (not including boarding school)
- ☐ None of these



My Common Application



▼  Profile



▼  Family



▼  Education



▼  Testing



^  Activities

 Activities

 Responsibilities and circumstances

▼  Writing

▼  Courses & Grades
1 college(s) require



Changes to the Common Application:

Ohio State questions

- Added back the DACA question we had on the Ohio State member page in previous years.
- Addition of Associate's degree question
- Removal of SAT/ACT opt-in/opt-out question
- Updated Morrill Scholarship Program essay prompt
- Test Score Requirement acknowledgement statement



Changes to the Common Application:

Ohio State questions: DACA

Do you have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status, or are you in the process of seeking DACA approval?

No

X



Yes

✓ No



Changes to the Common Application:

Ohio State questions: Associate's degree

Will you complete an associate's degree on or before high school graduation?*

☒ Yes

☐ No



Changes to the Common Application:

Ohio State questions: Morrill Scholarship Program Prompt

The Morrill Scholarship Program encourages students to lead with character while making a positive impact on their communities. In what ways have your life experiences and/or endeavors prepared you to be an active Morrill Scholar who will champion scholarship, leadership, and civic engagement while investing in Ohio State's culture of service reflective of its land grant mission? Please answer fully, and when possible, provide specific examples.



Changes to the Common Application:

Ohio State questions: Acknowledgment of Test Score Requirement and Timing

I understand that Ohio State requires first year applicants to send official ACT or SAT scores directly from the testing agency, and test scores must be received by The Ohio State University before the Early Action (Nov 1) or Regular Decision (Jan 15) deadline. I know I am responsible for requesting test scores. *



I have read and understand the above.



Application deadline dates

Early action

- **November 1, 2025**, required to apply and complete the application to be considered for most university merit scholarships, including Stamps Eminence Scholarship Program, President's Ohio Scholarship Program, and College of Nursing Direct Enrollment Pathway
- **Highly recommend to apply by November 1** to be considered for the Morrill Scholarship Program, the Honors and Scholars Programs, Land Grant Opportunity Scholarship, and consideration for majors within the College of Engineering

Regular decision

- **January 15, 2026**, is the final submission deadline



Application deadlines and decision release dates (NFYS):

Columbus campus

	Application Completion Deadline	Notification Dates	Reply Date
Early Action	November 1	Dec 12 – Ohio Residents and Stamps Eminence applicants Jan 23 – Non-residents and International	May 1
Regular Decision	January 15	March 6	May 1



Application deadlines (transfers)

Columbus campus

	Spring 2026	Summer 2026	Autumn 2026
Application completion deadline	November 1, 2025	March 1, 2026	May 15, 2026

International deadlines are October 1 for spring and March 1 for Autumn; Summer entry is not an option.

Return to testing – effective Spring 2026

Common Questions

- Test scores must be sent from the testing agency
- Score reports must arrive by application deadline
- Latest tests for early action and regular decision
 - **October 4** (SAT) or **September 6** (ACT)
 - **October 10** – recommended deadline to request scores for EA
 - **December 31** – recommended deadline to request scores for regular decision

Return to testing – effective Spring 2026

Common Questions

- Test scores will be used as one factor in application review
- Test scores will be used in determining university merit scholarships
- Test scores are not used in selecting Morrill Scholars
- **New for ACT:** Science section is now optional. Ohio State will not require students to take the science section of the ACT (similar to the optional writing).

Return to testing – effective Spring 2026

Common Questions

- Middle 50% of admitted students for AU25:
 - ACT: 29-33
 - SAT: 1360-1500
- Number of students admitted in AU20 with test score below 29 (or SAT equivalent):
 - 12,625 admitted (38%)

New: Superscoring test scores

- **What is superscoring?**
 - Superscoring uses the highest subscore from each test and creates a new composite score for ACT or SAT when a student takes the test more than one time
- **How do we determine the superscore?**
 - ACT will deliver a superscore for a student who has tested more than once
 - Ohio State will calculate a superscore for students who have taken an SAT more than once and sends us the scores

New: Superscoring test scores

- **What should students send us?**
 - Sending all score reports is most beneficial to the student. Since we always look only at the highest, lower scores does not negatively impact a student.
- **If the choice is only one send, what should a student do?**
 - Ensure that the scores sent include the highest superscore for ACT and the highest reading and writing and highest math for SAT.

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[See the Counselor Portal Job Aid for more information](#)

Prospective student resources

Build your Ohio State

Tell us about you

- If you are **new** to the Portal, you'll want to request access in advance of your deadlines to allow time for access to begin.
- If you already have access, you'll receive a reminder 30 days before your expiration so you can **renew** access annually.

Upload Student Documents

- Upload student documents in the **High School Counselor Portal**
 - HS transcripts
 - Recommendations
 - Final HS transcripts
- You will receive an email confirmation after submitting the form and attachments
- This is a great *alternative* to emailing ugdocs@osu.edu

The screenshot shows a web portal titled "Counselors and Advisors" with a dark header. Below the header is a navigation bar with eight buttons: "Counselor portal", "Admissions counselors", "Admissions News", "Counselor events", "Advisory board", "Our campuses", "Additional resources", and "Contact us". The "Counselor portal" button is highlighted. Below the navigation bar, the page content includes the heading "Student reports" in red, followed by two links: "[Application status glossary](#)" and "[Upload student documents](#)". The "Upload student documents" link is highlighted with a yellow background. Below this, the heading "Reports" is shown, followed by three links: "[Academy student classes](#)", "[Academy student grades](#)", and "[Application status](#)".



Application review updates



New First Year Student Admission factors (Columbus campus applicants)

- Successful completion of Ohio State's **minimum college prep requirements**
- **High school performance** (class rank or GPA), including participation in accelerated programs like Honors, AP and IB; Ohio State does not have minimum requirements for class rank or GPA
- **Standardized test score** (ACT or SAT); Ohio State does not have minimum requirements for ACT or SAT scores. Required beginning SP26

More: [*undergrad.osu.edu*](https://undergrad.osu.edu)



New First Year Student Admission factors (Columbus campus applicants)

- Experiences that demonstrate **leadership or engaged involvement** (e.g., co-curricular activities, work experiences or military service)
 - Status as a **first-generation college student**
 - Demonstration of **outstanding talent in a particular area**
 - Ability/commitment to **contribute to and engage with a campus community** of people with a wide variety of experiences
 - Demonstrated personal qualities of **collaboration, determination and resilience**
 - **High school performance if adversely affected** by physical, mental or learning environment factors
 - Eligibility for and likelihood of **benefiting from organized support services** at Ohio State
- More: [*undergrad.osu.edu*](https://undergrad.osu.edu)



Proof of English proficiency

- TOEFL (internet-based test or **internet-based test Home Edition**): 79 or higher
- IELTS or **IELTS Indicator**: 6.5 or higher
- ACT: 21 or higher on the English section
- SAT: 27 or higher on the Reading Test
- **Duolingo**: 120 or higher

English proficiency exemption

- Completed three full years of school at a U.S. regionally accredited high school
- Citizen of, or have received a bachelor's degree from, Australia, Belize, British Caribbean, British West Indies, Canada (except Quebec), England, Ghana, Guyana, Ireland, Liberia, New Zealand, Nigeria, Scotland, Singapore, the United States or Wales.

Advising international students in your schools

1

Review appropriate deadlines and requirements

Deadlines, notifications, and application requirements can vary depending on applicant status

2

Academic and immigration records

Have student send copies of immigration documents. If there are international academic credentials, originals preferred.

3

University Registrar and Residency

Student may be eligible for Ohio residency pending visa status and years enrolled at Ohio high school. *Regional campus eligibility



Admissions decisions

- **Admit** to the Columbus campus
- **Deny** to the Columbus campus (non-residents and international)
- **Defer** to be considered again during the Spring review once all applications are received
- **Wait list** for decisions in March for students who still wish to be considered

Major updates

Additions:

Experiential Media Design (College of Arts and Sciences major)

Leadership (College of Arts and Sciences major)



Major updates

Major pauses/elimination*:

Health and Wellness (College of Nursing)

Insurance (Fisher College of Business)

*any changes due to state legislation will be announced when finalized

College of Engineering NFYS enrollment

- 10 majors open for direct enrollment
 - Admit to OSU = directly enroll as majors
- 4 majors remain competitive for enrollment and students apply/admitted as pre-majors:
 - Aerospace Engineering
 - Biomedical Engineering
 - Computer Science and Engineering (ENG) /
Computer and Information Science (ASC)
 - Mechanical Engineering
- **Year 2** - pathways

Engineering- Explore Paths

Business Analytics, Computation and Systems Integration	ANLYCP-PRE
Biotechnology, Biosystems, PreMed	BIOENG-PRE
Robotics, Space Systems, and Materials	ROBSPC-PRE
Sustainability, Energy, and Infrastructure	SUSTAI-PRE

These pathways are not available for international students, regional campus or transfer students.

engineering.osu.edu/undergraduate/future-students/admissions/new-students



College of Nursing Direct Enrollment Pathway

Top first year applicants interested in nursing will be considered for early admission to the BSN program. No longer an additional application or essay.

Minimum Criteria for consideration:

- Must be in top 5% of their graduating class
- Have 26 ACT or 610 SAT or higher.
- Admitted to the Columbus campus as a pre-major in nursing
- Students selected based on their admissions application

With the limited number of seats available for this option, we may not be able to offer Direct Enrollment to nursing for all qualified applicants.

College of Nursing Direct Enrollment Pathway

Process managed by Undergraduate Admissions, in collaboration with the College of Nursing

Outcomes:

- Goal: fill 80-100 seats
- Offered early admission: 340 offers
- Enrolled for AU25: 126



Key updates for AU26



Campus visit opportunities

1

Daily visits

9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

New times posted on
the 1st of each month

2

Buckeye Preview Programs

Oct. 10

Transfer Open House

Oct. 31

3

Virtual options

Available several
times a month

campusvisit.osu.edu



Honors and Scholars Programs

<https://honors-scholars.osu.edu/>

1

University honors:

- University wide program that provides choice of more than 200 honors courses, faculty engagement, concludes with honors thesis

2

Scholars programs:

- 16 1-year residential programs center around a theme or area of study
- Open to all 1st year students regardless of major

Indicate interest on Common Application
Honors invitations offered December – March
Scholars invitations offered December - April

3

Scholars programs – 2 steps

- Invited to Scholars (either through direct interest or as a no to Honors)
- Student submits top 3 preferences



Merit scholarship and financial assistance updates



FAFSA open - October

ScholarshipUniverse open – Dec. 1

FAFSA Priority Deadline – Feb. 1

ScholarshipUniverse priority deadline – Feb. 1

osu.scholarshipuniverse.com



University Merit Scholarships

<https://undergrad.osu.edu/cost-and-aid/merit-based-scholarships>

Maximus, Provost and Trustees Scholarships ^

Award amount: \$1,000–\$3,000 (\$4,000–\$12,000 four-year value).

Criteria: Those considered are Ohio and non-Ohio residents (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) who are highly competitive as demonstrated through grade point average, class rank (if available), rigor of high school curriculum, and ACT or SAT scores.

How to apply for Maximus, Provost and Trustees

Applicants who apply to the university by November 1 will automatically be considered.



University Merit Scholarships

<https://undergrad.osu.edu/cost-and-aid/merit-based-scholarships>

National Buckeye Scholarship for non-Ohio residents ^

Award amount: Up to \$13,500 (\$54,000 four-year value); can be combined with the Maximus, Provost or Trustees Scholarship.

Criteria: Those considered are non-Ohio residents (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) who are highly competitive as demonstrated through grade point average, class rank (if available), rigor of high school curriculum, and ACT or SAT scores.

How to apply for National Buckeye

Applicants who apply to the university by November 1 will automatically be considered.



Morrill Scholarship Program

go.osu.edu/msp

1

Seeking students who are academically talented and dedicated to scholarship, leadership, service and civic engagement.

2

In AU25, 352 registered students are part of MSP

3

Early action application strongly encouraged. Short answer question is part of the Common Application



Land Grant Opportunity Scholarship for Ohio residents



The Land Grant Opportunity Scholarship is awarded to students who are Pell-eligible and demonstrate academic merit. 176 Ohio students are awarded each year, with an attempt made to award two students from each county.

Award amount: Full cost of attendance.

How to apply for Land Grant

Ohio residents who apply to the university will automatically be considered. **We strongly recommend that applicants meet our November 1 early action deadline.**



Stamps Eminence Program

1. Applicants must apply to the university by the **November 1** early action deadline. When completing the Ohio State admissions application, applicants must indicate their interest in the **University Honors Program** or **Ohio State Scholars Program**.
 - a. *Note: All students that receive the Stamps Eminence Scholarship must be Honors students. If a student has applied for the Ohio State Scholars program and the Stamp Eminence Scholarship Program and is selected as a finalist for the Stamps Eminence program, they will be moved into the Honors program.*
2. Within 1-5 days, the applicant will receive an email that acknowledges Ohio State's receipt of the student's admission application and provides a unique Ohio State username (lastname.#), along with instructions on activating this username and setting up a password.
3. Applicants must then complete and submit the Stamps Eminence application by the **Monday, November 10, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. EST** deadline. The applicant's Ohio State username and password are required to apply. The applicant does not need to wait for an Ohio State's admission decision to submit the Stamps Eminence application.





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(check status of students)
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campusvisit.osu.edu
- Explore majors
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