2024 Updates from Undergraduate Admissions

Changes to admission and decision release deadlines

AU25 first-year applicants	Application completion deadline	Decision release
Early action	Nov. 1	Dec. 13, Jan. 24*
Regular decision	Jan. 15	March 7

* December 13: Ohio residents and Stamps Eminence applicants; January 24: non-Ohio residents and international applicants

Test optional update

Ohio State remains test optional for applicants to the Columbus campus for all 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.

- A decision regarding ACT and SAT requirements for 2026 will be made early in 2025.

Last test dates

The last test dates that will meet our November 1 early action deadline are October 5 (national SAT) and October 26 (ACT). Students testing on these dates must request that Ohio State receive scores when they register. Note: They will not be able to view the scores prior to submitting them by the November 1 deadline.

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 12.

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: 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 about financial aid:

1. The 2025 FAFSA will open by December.
2. 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.
3. Ohio State's school code is 003090.
4. Financial aid notifications are emailed to students by April.

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Fee waivers

For first-year students requesting an application fee waiver for 2025 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 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 alerts 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 U.S.

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. Students *must* indicate their interest on the CA for:

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.

- NEW! Columbus campus applicants may also choose one of four engineering pathways. Learn more at go.osu.edu/eng-pathways.

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 math (610+ SAT math) and choose nursing as a major on the Common App 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.

For Ohio counselors and CBOs

New for regional campus applicants

Beginning in spring 2025, students applying as first-choice, first-year applicants to a regional campus or ATI/Wooster will receive an admissions decision upon submitting their application and application fee (or approved fee waiver). On the application, the student will certify the following:

Admitted incoming first-year students must show successful completion of high school course work. You must submit an official final high school transcript with graduation date or a completed high school equivalency exam, such as GED, prior to your enrollment. Not doing so may result in revocation of the offer of admission.

Students in this cohort who wish to be considered for a merit scholarship will be required to send a transcript by the scholarship deadline. This will not delay receiving an admissions decision.

How to reach us

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