




COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

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KNOW WHERE YOU'RE AT

EVALUATE AND BEGIN YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH



HOW DO YOU WANT TO APPLY?

KNOW YOUR TIMELINE

Different institutions have different application dates, different notification dates, different priority dates, etc. I'll include Baylor's in the timeline section.

DECISION PLANS

Please do Early Action unless you're waiting for Fall grades

What is Early Decision?

TEST OPTIONAL VS TEST REQUIRED

Ask for them early and ask the right people

EARLY DECISION

- Application deadline: October/November
- Can only apply ED to one school
- If you receive an acceptance letter and commit, you must withdraw any applications to other schools
- Make sure you get your counselor's opinion before you apply with Early Decision.
 - Some schools will require signed statements from student, teacher, counselor.
- Earlier deposit deadline.
- Some schools will offer Early Decision 2, but not all.

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DECIDE HOW YOU WANT TO APPLY

3 options:

- goBAYLOR (freshmen and transfers)
- Common App (freshmen only)
- ApplyTexas (freshmen only)

Deadlines:

- November 1
- February 1

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CREATE A goBAYLOR ACCOUNT



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SUBMIT REQUIRED ITEMS

- Decide if you are going test-optional
 - ACT/SAT Scores
- Transcripts
- Essay

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SUBMIT RECOMMENDED ITEMS

- Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Short Answer
- Self-Reported Academic Record (SRAR)

HOW TO BECOME A BAYLOR BEAR



BUILD YOUR APPLICATION

START EARLY

This will allow you to go ahead and start accruing SATs and ACTs to use if a school Super Scores.

ESSAY ADVICE

Workshop several different prompts and find out which one you write best. *insert general tips here*

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Ask for them early and ask the right people



BUILD YOUR APPLICATION PT. 2

- Do everything! –do not be content with the bare minimum to these schools
- Take advantage of optional items and take advantage of places that are holistic reviews
- The more you give us, the more we can use for your application



KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE



AUTOMATIC ACCEPTANCE?

TIER SYSTEM

Hybrid of automatic acceptance and holistic review for those that do not qualify. Ex. Top 10% or SAT/ACT scores

Examples include UT Austin – Top 6%, Texas Tech – Top 10% or Top 25% with certain scores

HOLISTIC REVIEW

Every student regardless of rank will be reviewed holistically and no auto acceptances

Most private schools will fall into this bracket



TEST OPTIONAL VS TEST REQUIRED

- What are the benefits of applying test opt?
- Any detriment?
- How strong is your application without the test scores?
- Know the average of the institution you're applying to
- Does the school you're applying to even offer test optional?

TIMELINE

- Know the time line of different institutions
 - Know if they have multiple with planned notification dates, or if they're rolling admissions
- Do not wait until the week of to figure everything out
 - Many places have digital portals that access is essential.
 - Processing times can be brutal near the deadline
- Beat the two-week rush
 - We get around 50% of all the documents we will get in one year in the 2 weeks before our EA deadline

IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 1

Early Decision 1 (Binding)
App deadline



Receive decision by
December 15
Deposit Deadline
by **February 15**

NOVEMBER 1

Early Action
App Deadline



Receive decision by
January 15
Deposit Deadline
by **May 1**

FEBRUARY 1

Regular Admission
App Deadline



Receive decision by
April 10
Deposit Deadline
by **May 1**



WE'VE
APPLIED, NOW
WHAT?

REFINE YOUR SEARCH

- Now that you're looking ahead, your list of schools may change!
- The more you get into the application process, you'll see some schools pop up you never thought of, and you'll lose some schools you never thought you would
- In State vs Out of State
- Do not price any institution out

HAVE CONVERSATIONS

THE COLLEGE APPLICATION AND ENROLLMENT PROCESS IS NOT MEANT TO BE A ONE-PERSON JOB!

- Talk to representatives from various institutions
 - Universities of all sizes have representatives because your questions matter.
 - Use your counselor at the Cypress high schools!
- Learn more from departments
 - See if you can interact with your specific school of choice!
- Have a conversation with your parents about what's possible

VISIT

- Nothing will give you the best insight into what a school means to you like a visit to campus.
- Visiting during different times of the year means different things to you.
 - **The more you get into the process, the more you really start to see the institution as a home versus a school or stats.**
- Don't just visit the school, visit the area, do what will be your routine.
- Maximize your visit
 - **Tour guides, department visits, housing visits, etc.**
- The intangibles matter!



HOW CAN WE MAKE IT POSSIBLE?



After assessing financial aid packages, where do you stand?



We can all use more money, so why stop applying to 3rd party scholarships now?



Make sure you submit FAFSA and CSS (if available).



THE WORLD OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

- This is a big topic that will be very individualized to the school you're applying to. KYD!
- What are some possibilities for free money?
 - FAFSA, CSS, and scholarships
- Extra scholarship events by school
 - Invitation to Excellence, Distinguished Scholars Day, etc., KYD!
- Departmental Scholarships
- Third-Party
 - Scholarship Universe (shout out to Baylor)
- Tuition Freeze/Guarantee Programs
- High Cost of Attendance First Year

WE'RE OKAY IF IT'S NOT US

Do what is best for you!

WE ALL GET ALONG



WE'RE ALL HERE TO SUPPORT YOU





QUESTIONS?

BAYLOR'S MAILING LIST

