

# APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

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To apply for admission as a first-year student, please use the Common Application available at [commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) (<http://www.commonapp.org>), or Coalition Application (powered by Scoir) available at [app.scoir.com/app/signup/1100235](https://app.scoir.com/app/signup/1100235) (<https://app.scoir.com/app/signup/1100235/>). For your application to be complete, you must submit the following:

- Common Application or Coalition Application (powered by Scoir), including the nonrefundable \$50 application fee or fee waiver request.
- All supporting materials, which include:
  - Questions specific to Bucknell University;
  - The personal essay (no supplementary essay is required);
  - Secondary School Report and school counselor evaluation;
  - Official transcript from each high school attended;
  - At least one teacher recommendation, preferably from a core subject; and
  - The Mid-Year Report, when available.
- SAT or ACT scores, if the applicant chooses to include them on the application (SAT/ACT writing sections are not required; ACT science section not required). Applicants may self-report SAT/ACT scores on their Common or Coalition Application (powered by Scoir) for admissions consideration. If an applicant is offered admission and enrolls, an official copy of the SAT/ACT scores will be required.
- In the academic year 2019-2020, Bucknell began a five-year, test-optional pilot program for which students are not required to submit an SAT or ACT score as part of their application. For the 2019-2020 application cycle, home-schooled students, international citizens and recruited athletes were required to submit SAT or ACT scores. Starting in the 2020-2021 application cycle through the remainder of the pilot program, all applicants may choose to be test optional. However, all students who choose to enroll at Bucknell will be required to submit an SAT or ACT score before they begin their first year. These scores will only be used in the assessment of the test-optional program and will not impact the admission decision already made. Note: If you have never taken the SAT or ACT and do not have scores available, you will not be required to submit a score upon enrollment. In the spring 2023 semester, it was determined to extend the test-optional pilot through the 2025-2026 application cycle.
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Pearson Language Tests (PTE), or Duolingo English Test (DET) if English is not your first language or if it was not the primary language of instruction for at least three years of your secondary school education.
- Early Decision applicants must submit the Common Application or Coalition Application (powered by Scoir) Early Decision Agreement form, including all required signatures (applicants, parent/guardian and school counselor).
- CSS PROFILE (<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>) and Free Application for Financial Aid (<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/>) (FAFSA), if you are applying for financial aid.
- The merit scholarship application, if you're applying for merit scholarships (<https://www.bucknell.edu/admissions-aid/tuition-fees-financial-aid/scholarship-programs/>).
- All international applicants must submit a certified bank statement with either the International Student Application for Financial Assistance (ISAFSA) if applying for financial aid, or the Financial Certification Document if not applying for financial aid.

If you are applying as a transfer student, you must submit:

- Coalition Application (powered by Scoir) for transfer students, including the nonrefundable \$50 application fee or fee waiver request.
- All supporting materials, which include:
  - Questions specific to Bucknell University;
  - The personal essay (no supplementary essay is required);
  - Coalition Application Recommendation;
  - Coalition Application Transfer Report;
  - Coalition Application College Curriculum Report;
  - College Coursework in Progress Form;

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- Official transcript for each college attended;
- Official secondary school transcript;
- SAT or ACT scores (optional). Students who choose to submit test scores may self-report them on their Coalition Application (powered by Scoir) for admissions consideration. If an applicant is offered admission and enrolls, an official copy of the SAT/ACT scores will be required; and
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), International English Language Testing System (IELTS), Pearson Language Tests (PTE), or Duolingo English Test (DET) scores, if English is not your first language or if it was not the primary language of instruction for at least three years of your secondary school education.
- CSS PROFILE and Free Application for Financial Aid (FAFSA), if you are applying for financial aid.
- All international applicants must submit a certified bank statement with either the International Student Application for Financial Assistance (ISAFSA) if applying for financial aid, or the Financial Certification Document if not applying for financial aid.

If you applied previously to Bucknell, the application fee may be waived and the official secondary school report may be retrieved.