

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

Bucknell University's admissions process is highly selective, as the University receives many more well-qualified applicants than it has spaces available in each incoming class. The admissions committee's review process includes:

- Quality of the admissions application.
- Secondary school record, including rigor and performance.
- SAT or ACT test scores, if the applicant chooses to include them on the application. 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. Please note homeschool students, international citizens and recruited athletes are required to submit SAT or ACT scores. However, for the 2020-23 application cycles, homeschooled, international and recruited athlete applicants may choose to be test-optional because of challenges applicants may face in taking standardized tests during the COVID-19 pandemic. This policy change will be reevaluated at the end of the 2022-23 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) 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.
- Written recommendations.
- School and community activities.
- Indication of special talents.
- Evidence of strong personal qualities of character and leadership.

The admissions committee is interested in applicants with the intellectual capabilities, academic preparation and sincere interest in contributing to Bucknell's residential and diverse learning community.