

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 of curriculum 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. For the 2019-2020 application cycle, home-school students, international citizens and recruited athletes were required to submit an SAT or ACT score. Starting in the 2020-2021 application cycle through the remainder of the pilot program, all applicants may choose to be test optional. 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) 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.