

State Flagship University

Public

Acceptance Rate: 83%

Mid 50% Test scores:

- SAT 1100-1300
- ACT 23-29
- 41% of students submitted SAT and 80% submitted ACT

Admissions Review:

At the time of application, students will share their plans regarding the submission or consideration of ACT or SAT as part of their application.

All students will have their application evaluated in a holistic manner. The State Flagship University considers four parts to a student's application: academic rigor and performance, engagement, essay, and letters of recommendation.

If you apply test optional, your high school transcript will be the primary criteria for determining academic preparedness for State Flagship University. This includes your GPA as well as academic rigor. For example, taking college preparatory, honors, Advanced Placement (AP), or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses increase your rigor score – this is highly important to the admissions committee.

Many students will still provide scores and will be able to self-report their scores at the time of application. Students who submit a test score will be considered in State Flagship University's holistic admission process, which considers several factors that predict academic success. Students who submit self-reported scores will need to have them verified before the point of enrollment at State Flagship University. Providing a test score allows for accurate course placement and maximizes your opportunity for scholarships at State Flagship University. In some cases it also could improve your opportunity to gain admission.

Scholarship Consideration:

The State Flagship University will consider students for scholarships holistically. While test scores are not required for scholarship consideration, they are encouraged. To ensure the highest scholarship and to guarantee the fastest notification of an award, students are encouraged to submit an ACT or SAT score.

Highly Selective University

Private (top 50 in US News and World Rankings)

Acceptance Rate:12%

Mid 50% Test scores:

- SAT 1470-1570
- ACT 33-35
- 45% of students submitted SAT and 56% submitted ACT

Admissions Review:

Application Checklist for First-Year Applicants

All required parts of the Common Application or Coalition, powered by Scoir, including the personal essay and short answer

\$50 nonrefundable application fee, or fee waiver for qualified students

Official high school transcript

Counselor letter of recommendation

Two academic teacher letters of recommendation

Optional for students applying for fall 2023 and fall 2024 entry: SAT or ACT scores

Test-Optional Policy:

Highly Selective University will not require scores from the ACT or SAT exams for students applying to enter the university for fall 2023 or fall 2024. This applies to both first-year and transfer students and includes international and homeschool students.

When applying to Highly Selective University, students will indicate on the application whether they wish to be considered with or without ACT or SAT scores. The applicant's choice regarding ACT or SAT score submission will not advantage or disadvantage the application review. Highly Selective University will consider an applicant's academic record, including rigor of coursework; ACT or SAT scores (if submitted); personal essay; letters of recommendation; the breadth and depth of extracurricular engagement; and other items submitted on a student's behalf. If students self-report scores from AP exams or SAT Subject tests, these may be considered as part of the review process.

Scholarship Policy:

All applicants who apply for merit-based scholarships by the December 1 deadline will be considered whether or not test scores are submitted. Each year Highly Selective University awards merit-based scholarships to applicants who demonstrate exceptional accomplishment and intellectual promise. These students represent the top 1 percent of all freshman applicants to Highly Selective University, and with the limited number of merit scholarships available, the selection process is very competitive.

Selective College

Private

Acceptance Rate:69%

Mid 50% Test scores:

- SAT 1090-1280
- ACT 23-29
- 72% of students submitted SAT and 45% submitted ACT

Admission and Scholarship Review:

Selective College seeks to admit students of various backgrounds, ethnic and national origins who are prepared to gain from the educational challenge they will encounter at the College while also contributing to the overall quality of campus life. Admission decisions are made after a careful review of each applicant's aptitudes, achievements, and character. When you apply, we will look at your academic performance. For First-Year students and some transfer students we will also consider your performance on the college entrance examinations (ACT or SAT), if provided. Students are not required to submit standardized test scores in order to be considered for admission or scholarship.

Application Requirements:

Selective College has two application options: **Early Action** or **Rolling Admission**. Both programs are non-binding and do not require a decision from you until **May 1**.

1. Common Application
2. \$50 Application Fee
3. Official High School Transcript and/or G.E.D. results
4. Admission Recommendation Letter
5. Personal Essay
6. Official ACT or SAT Test Scores (*optional*)
 1. SAT code: 5223
 2. ACT code: 0731

Test Free University

Private

Acceptance Rate:59%

Admission Review:

Test Free University uses the Common Application. To apply, submit the following materials:

- Completed Common Application
- Mid-Year Report (if currently attending high school)
- Current or completed high school transcript(s)
- School report and college counselor recommendation
- One (1) teacher letter of recommendation

Optional Application Materials

Some optional application materials can be submitted through the Common Application. You will also have the opportunity, after applying, to submit additional optional materials such as photos, videos, PDFs, Word documents, and music files through your online application portal.

- Video/media supplement. This could be music, dance, film, animation, monologue, etc. (provide link)
- Project sample: Submit an example of your independent or collaborative project work. This project can be creative, scientific, or otherwise showcase the type of work you've done in high school. Provide a link if necessary.
- Additional letters of recommendation, up to three.
- An interview with a student or counselor.

Why a Test Free Policy?

Test Free University's decision reflects concern for fairness in access to educational opportunities. It is also consistent with Test Free University's mission and academic philosophy.

Fairness in access is particularly important at Test Free University, a university with a reputation for social justice concerns and a mission that includes inspiring students "to contribute to knowledge, justice, and positive change in the world."

Standardized tests more accurately reflect family economic status than potential for college success. It is now widely understood that standardized tests can pose racial, class, gender, and cultural barriers to equal opportunity. The National Center for Fair and Open Testing lists more than 1,500 colleges and universities that are SAT and ACT optional.

Many colleges base financial aid awards largely or partly on test scores. Financial aid should be used to support students who most need assistance, not to reward those who are simply good test takers.

Our scholarship aid is meant to reward consistently strong academic performance, complemented by attributes such as leadership, community engagement, and exceptional creativity. Discipline, passion, and dedication to learning cannot be discerned from a test score.