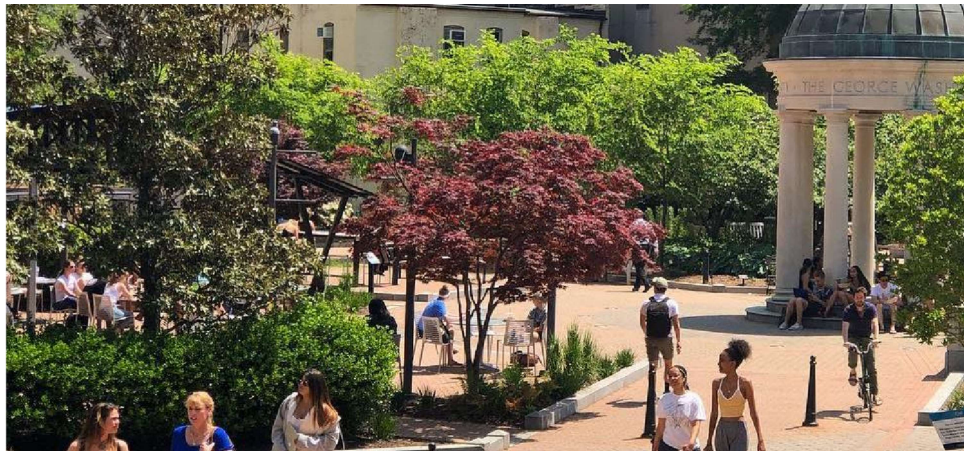




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First Year Applicants

You should apply to the George Washington University (GW) as a first-year applicant if you are currently in your senior year of high school or have earned a GED or completed high school but never enrolled in college courses. We are looking for students who have the academic preparation, personal qualities, and motivation to thrive in GW's dynamic environment.

The GW Admissions Committee carefully reviews each applicant based on academic background, the rigor of high school coursework, and GPA. In addition, the committee takes into consideration essays, letters of recommendation, and extracurricular activities. Submitting standardized test scores is optional for most applicants.

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When to Apply

	First-Year Application Dates	First-Year Notification Dates	Binding

Early Decision I	November 1	By Late December	Yes
Early Decision II	January 5	By Late February	Yes
Regular Decision	January 5	By April 1	No
<u>Seven-Year B.A./M.D.</u>	November 15	Interview Status: Mid-January Program Decision: By April 1	No
Spring Admission	October 1	By Early December	No

If admitted to Early Decision I or II, you agree to attend GW, submit a non-refundable enrollment fee by your deposit and withdraw applications submitted to other colleges.

First Year Application Steps

► Submit an Application

Complete and submit the [Common Application](#) online.

Note that there are multiple decision plans at GW. We offer Early Decision I, Early Decision II, and Regular Decision. Early Decision plans utilize a binding agreement, meaning that you are required to attend should you be admitted to the university. The Early Decision agreement form can be found on the Common App website. Be sure to pay attention to application deadlines.

The essay portion of the application provides an opportunity for applicants to demonstrate their English language writing skills. Applicants will choose one of two specific prompts that best allows them to share their story with the Admissions Committee. Detailed instructions can be found in the [Common Application](#).

In addition to the Common Application essay, the applicant can complete the optional Writing Supplement. The GW supplemental essay question is a chance to show their personality and make connections between your experiences and GW's institutional values.

Please note: The application is not complete and we cannot begin the application review until we receive all required forms. Be sure to complete the last step after Summary and Review, which finalizes payment of the fee, and be certain it is successfully submitted. The application requires a nonrefundable application fee of \$80 for students. **The Common Application opens in early August for fall and spring admission.**

Supporting documentation, including School Report, transcripts, and letters of recommendation, can be submitted electronically via the Common Application, via email to gwadm@gwu.edu, or via mail to our office:

The George Washington University
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
800 21st St NW Suite 214
Washington, D.C. 20052

Please note that electronic submission is preferred and will allow us to complete your application in a timely manner.

Please allow us several weeks from the time the application is submitted to process all documents and post them in the GW Admissions Portal. During the busy application period, the portal is the best resource, as we are continually updating students' applications and documents. You will receive a link to the portal with instructions on how to log in after your application is submitted.

On the Common Application and corresponding documentation, please ensure the applicant's name is written as it appears on their passport or government identification. If the applicant uses a name that differs from their legal name on official identification, please use the Common Application's Preferred Name field to include the chosen name or nickname. All international applicants must provide a permanent, physical mailing address (that is not a post office box).

► **Submit a Writing Supplement (Optional)**

All applicants have the option to submit the GW Supplement as a part of their Common Application.

First-Year Special Programs

If you are applying to any of the special programs listed below, you must submit the required supplemental essay(s) or portfolio and/or schedule an audition. Further information about these programs can be found on our undergraduate admissions website.

- [Seven-Year B.A./M.D. Program](#)
- [University Honors Program](#)

► **Send Official Transcripts**

Applicants must submit official transcript copies representative of their entire secondary school career. We consider secondary school to be four years of academic study including the current year in progress. Transcripts are required from each secondary school they have attended as well as marks from any national examinations.

Also, applicants are expected to submit a mid-year report from their senior year which includes grades for all classes. For Early Decision I students, first quarter or first trimester grades will fulfill this requirement.

Your School Counselor or other School Official may upload your transcript along with your School Report via the [Common Application](#). They may also email your transcript along with your School Report to gwadm@gwu.edu. The transcript must be sent directly from the sender's school email address in order to be considered official.

► **Send Optional Test Scores**

GW is test-optional, meaning students applying for first-year or transfer admission are not required to submit standardized test scores (SAT or ACT). GW requires SAT/ACT scores from the following groups:

- Applicants applying to the accelerated Seven-Year B.A./M.D.
- Program Applicants who are homeschooled
- Applicants who attend secondary schools that provide only narrative evaluations rather than some form of grading scale

Should you submit SAT or ACT scores, please be mindful of GW's test score codes:

SAT Code: 5246

ACT Code: 0664

Note, GW considers only the critical reading and math sections of the SAT for admission.

Because we take a holistic approach to the application review process, we have no minimum GPA or SAT/ACT requirements for admission. However, admission to GW is competitive; admitted students are typically strong academic students in their high school graduating class.

GW's member screen on the Common Application asks applicants whether they would like test scores considered as part of their application. Once that selection has been made and the application submitted, **it cannot be changed**. If an applicant has previously submitted test scores to our office but indicates on the application that they would not like their scores

considered, test scores will not be viewed during application review. Please note that following the release of our admissions decisions, we will ask admitted students to submit test scores for research purposes.

► **Submit a Letter of Recommendation/Teacher Evaluation**

GW requires a letter of recommendation from both your high school counselor and from at least one academic teacher. Both letters can be submitted directly by the recommender online through the Common Application's Teacher Evaluation form, emailed to gwadm@gwu.edu, or mailed to our office.

► **Submit a Portfolio (Corcoran Only)**

Portfolio reviews are required for our BFA programs, with the exception of the BFA in Interior Architecture. Your portfolio should tell your story in a way that makes sense to you. We have no restrictions or requirements on what should be in your portfolio other than what you believe to be your strongest work. It is important to make sure that this is the best representation of you as an artist, and of your work up to the point of your application. Here are a few portfolio guidelines:

- All students are required to submit 12-20 completed works of art.
- The included work should be your best and most recent work.
- If possible, the work should be related to your area of interest.

Important Note When Selecting Your Intended Major in the Application

It is very important that the majors match in both the CommonApp and [SlideRoom](#). Please take care when selecting the program (e.g., BA in Fine Arts vs. BFA in Fine Arts), and make sure you've selected the same major in both locations.

► **Submit College-Level Coursework**

You may receive credit for college-level coursework through International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, allowing you to skip introductory courses, enter higher-level classes, and fulfill general education requirements.

Find out if you can [bring credits to GW](#).

► **Check Your Application Status**

After submitting your application, please allow 7-10 business days for GW to receive it. Upon receipt, we'll send you an acknowledgment email with instructions about how to log in to your GW Admissions Portal where you can track application materials and view your admission decision.

Please allow several weeks from the date you submit your application to process your documents and post them in your GW Portal. During the busy application period, your GW Portal is your best resource, as we are continually updating students' applications and documents.

If you have any questions about the application process, [visit our contact us page](#).

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