Frequently Asked Questions

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What are your admissions requirements?

Dual Enrollment Students (Current high school juniors/seniors)
- Application for Admission
- $40.00 Application Fee
- 3.25 Cumulative Unweighted GPA
- 20 Composite ACT Score or 1030 Combined SAT Score (Evidence Reading/Writing and Math)
- One Letter of Academic Recommendation

First Year Students - Never attended college (excludes dual enrollment)
- Application for Admission
- $40.00 Application Fee
- 2.5 Cumulative Unweighted GPA or GED Score of 450 or higher
- 18 Composite ACT Score or 960 Combined SAT Score (Evidence Reading/Writing and Math)
- Students over the age of 23 are not required to submit ACT or SAT scores.
  *Dillard University is test optional for first year applicants. Please click here to review our test optional policy.
  *Two Letters of Recommendation (only for students who do not meet the GPA and test score requirements)
  *Personal Statement/Essay 3-5 paragraph essay outlining why you wish to enroll at Dillard and your future aspirations and goals. (only for students who do not meet the GPA and test score requirements)

Transfer Students - Attended College after graduating from high school
- Application for Admission
- $40.00 Application Fee
- Official Transcripts for all College Attended
- 2.0 cumulative GPA (last college attended)

Special/Visiting Students - Consortium or Non-Degree seeking students
- Application for Admission
- $40.00 Application Fee
- Permission to take the course/Proof of Academic Good Standing

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Readmit Students-Previously attended Dillard (Includes students who attended another college after leaving Dillard)
- Application for Admissions
- $35.00 Application Fee
- Dillard University cumulative 2.0 gpa or Official Transcripts for all College Attended

International Students-Students who seek an F-1 Visa
- Application for Admissions
- 605.00 Application Fee
- Official Transcripts for all College Attended or High School (Must be translated if not in English)

**What methods of payment do you accept?** Check, money order or online web payments are acceptable made payable to Dillard University.

**What forms of fee waivers do you accept?**
- NACAC
- College Board
- Free or Reduced Lunch
- Letter of financial hardship from high school guidance counselor or administrator

**What entrance examinations do you accept?**
- SAT-Scholastic Aptitude Test (960 Combined Evidence Reading/Writing & Math)
- ACT-American College Testing (18 Composite)

**What placement examinations do you accept?**
- AP-Advanced Placement (score of 3-5 for college course credit)
- IB-International Baccalaureate (score of 4 or higher for college course credit)
- CLEP-College Level Examination Program (score of 50 or higher for college course credit)

**Do you superscore ACT or SAT scores?**
No, we do not superscore test scores. Students are encouraged to submit all ACT or SAT score reports as it assists with the course placement. The highest composite/combined score from ACT or SAT is used to determine acceptance.

**Are you test optional?**
Yes, Dillard University has implemented a test optional policy for 2021-2022 first year applicants. Those students who have maintained at least a 3.0 cumulative unweighted grade point average can be apply as test optional by completing our [Test Optional Policy Form](#).

**When is your application deadline?**
Dillard has rolling admission so there is no true deadline to apply, but we encourage all students to submit all documents prior to July 1st for the Fall semester and prior to December 1st for the Spring semester.

**What forms of application do you accept?**
- Common Application
- EDU Inc/Black Common Application

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Online/Web Application
Paper Based Application

Do you offer early acceptance?
The office of Recruitment, Admissions and Programming offers early acceptance to those students who have completed 9th-11th grade and supplied their high school transcript through the completion of grade 11. And who also meet the required ACT/SAT score and unweighted gpa. If students are graduating early, they are required to provide written notification from your high school.

I am interested in visiting your campus, how do I do so?
We conduct tours on weekdays at 10am and 2pm by appointment and with 2-week notice. Email admissions@dillard.edu to schedule your visit.

Important University Contact Information:

- Academic Affairs: universitycollege@dillard.edu
- Admissions: admissions@dillard.edu
- Financial Aid: financialaid@dillard.edu
- Residential Life: residentiallife@dillard.edu
- Student Accounts: bursar@dillard.edu
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