



Test Optional Policy-Dillard University

As a result of test cancellations due to COVID-19, Dillard University effective November 20, 2020 will be test optional for the 2021-2022 academic year. This option is another avenue for students to be considered for admission into Dillard University. It is the responsibility of the student to indicate their interest to be considered under the test optional policy.

Requirements: Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average **3.0 on a 4.0 scale** (Reflected from grades 9-11).

Opting In/Out: Applicants applying via our online application or the Common Application must select the “test optional” choice. Those applicants applying via the Common Black College Application must complete our **Test Optional Policy Form** once their application has been submitted.

If an applicant decides to opt out of test optional consideration, they must submit ACT or SAT test scores meeting our minimum admissions requirements (*18 ACT composite score or 960 SAT combined score*) by March 1.

If an applicant indicates that they are applying as test optional, previously submitted test score or test scores submitted on their high school transcript will not be considered.

Non Eligible Applicants: Those first year students who have not maintained at least a 3.0 unweighted cumulative grade point average, **home schooled** applicants and **international** applicants who cannot demonstrate English proficiency will not be eligible to be considered for test optional acceptance.

Test Optional Definition: Test optional means that we are allowing all first year applicants to decide whether to submit ACT or SAT scores as a part of their application for admission into Dillard University.

Enrollment Process: All first year applicants wishing to be considered for admission under our test optional policy will not be required to submit ACT or SAT scores, but will be required to take placement tests for Math and English course placement before or during New Student Orientation.

Applicants that submit their official dual enrollment coursework of college level Math and English with a grade of C or higher or official passing scores for AP/IB/CLEP for Math or English will not be required to take placement exams in said courses.

International Applications: Per federal regulations, international students are still required to provide proof of English Proficiency and therefore not eligible to be considered for admission under our test optional policy.



Transfer Applicants: Transfer student applicants are not required to submit ACT/SAT scores unless they have less than 12 credit hours. Said applicants will still be required to submit ACT/SAT scores to complete their application for admission into Dillard University.

Louisiana Resident Applicants: LOSFA, the state agency that administers the TOPS scholarship program requires a test for eligibility. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for additional information and deadlines.

Honors Program consideration: Those students wishing to obtain our University or Presidential Scholarship that grants automatic acceptance into our Honors Program must submit ACT/SAT scores by December 1.

Student Athletes: All interested student athletes are encouraged to review the updated information on the NAIA website. Please visit the [NAIA Eligibility Center](#) for the most current information.

Scholarships: Applicants wishing to be considered for a merit-based scholarship must submit ACT/SAT scores meeting our minimum scholarship criteria. The highest level of merit-based scholarship a test optional applicant can be offered is our DU Grant II, with a value of \$3,500 per academic year, pending appropriate renewal status. Test optional applicants may also be considered for need-based aid up to the amount of \$2,000 upon completion of their FAFSA and listing Dillard University (002004).