

Sweet Briar College

Application for Admission for Undergraduate Women

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Admission Plans

FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

Early Decision — Deadline December 1

If Sweet Briar is your first choice, consider applying Early Decision. All credentials are due by December 1 and notification of acceptance is made on December 15. Please submit all required signatures in the shaded section marked For Early Decision. Sweet Briar's Early Decision plan is binding. If accepted, you will be expected to withdraw all other college applications and submit your enrollment deposit of \$500 by January 15.

Regular Decision — Deadline February 1

Applicants must submit their completed application, supporting credentials, and application fee by February 1.

REQUIRED CREDENTIALS

- Completed application form.
- Essay
- \$40 application fee. Checks should be made payable to Sweet Briar College.
- Official high school transcript including senior year courses.
- Recommendation from school guidance counselor.
- Recommendation from an 11th- or 12th-grade teacher, as defined on the recommendation form.
- Official SAT I or ACT scores.

ADVANCED STANDING APPLICANTS

Fall Deadline May 1; Spring Deadline November 1

All students who have completed secondary school, have previously enrolled in another college or university, or are over the age of 24 years old are defined at Sweet Briar as Advanced Standing Students. All Advanced Standing Applications will be considered for appropriate merit scholarships if received by the appropriate deadline.*

REQUIRED CREDENTIALS

- Completed application form.
- Essay
- \$40 application fee. Checks should be made payable to Sweet Briar College.
- Official high school transcript.
- Official transcript(s) of all college work, if applicable.
- Recommendation from dean/academic advisor of present college.
- Recommendation from an academic professor.
- Official SAT I or ACT scores.

** Students interested in transferring who applied to Sweet Briar within the last two years should contact the Admissions Office to reactivate their original application and to receive a simplified list of Required Credentials. A second application and application fee are not required.*

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Deadline February 1

Any student who is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. is required to apply as an International Applicant. All International Applications received by February 1 will be considered for international scholarships.

REQUIRED CREDENTIALS

- Completed application form.
- Essay
- \$40 application fee. Checks should be made payable in U.S. dollars to Sweet Briar College.
- Statement of Financial Confirmation. Please visit www.sbc.edu/admissions/international_finaid.html for additional information and download this form.
- Official results of the TOEFL exam and official results of the SAT, if offered in your country. Photocopies of any test score will not be accepted and your application will not be considered unless your test results are official. The ETS exam code for Sweet Briar College is 5634.
- Official copies of all secondary school records with course listings and grades, translated when necessary.
- A recommendation from the headmaster, principal, or college counselor at your school, stating expected date of graduation.

If you are applying as an International Transfer Student, you must also submit the following:

- An official transcript as well as a catalog with translations, showing descriptions of courses taken in college or university.
- A recommendation from an academic dean, professor, or advisor of the present college or university.

INTERVIEWS, TOURS, OVERNIGHT VISITS

The Office of Admissions welcomes you to visit campus to talk with students, faculty, and admissions staff. Interviews are strongly encouraged. Interviews may also be arranged with an alumna in your area. If you visit campus during the academic year, we invite you to stay with a current student in a residence hall any Sunday-Thursday night, attend classes, and meet with faculty members, athletic coaches, and administrators.

The Office of Admissions is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. until noon by appointment on Saturdays while the College is in session. Please contact the Office of Admissions at least two weeks in advance to arrange your visit by calling 434.381.6142, or 1.800.381.6142. You may also e-mail us at admissions@sbcc.edu.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

Sweet Briar offers numerous scholarships based on academic achievement, areas of interest, or geographical origin. Most awards are renewable provided you maintain a specified minimum grade-point average. The awards range in value from \$1,000 to \$15,000, depending on the category of award. You are automatically considered for scholarships when you complete your application for admission.

The Scholarship Committee of the College selects scholarship recipients on a rolling basis. If you are chosen for one of these awards, you will receive a letter of notification with your admission letter. If you also qualify for need-based assistance, your scholarship becomes part of the need-based award.

NEED-BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A college education is one of the most valuable investments you can make for your future. If Sweet Briar College is your choice, we will work closely with you to help you manage this investment. Once you qualify for admission, you may also qualify for need-based assistance, academic awards, or both. Your family's ability to pay is not a consideration as we evaluate your application for admission, and the determination of need-aid eligibility occurs after you have been admitted to the College.

Need-based financial aid is offered to families who demonstrate need for additional resources to afford Sweet Briar's total cost. After you have been admitted to the College, your application for need-based assistance will be evaluated, and if your family demonstrates need, the College's Office of Financial Aid will send you an award letter and packet of explanatory information detailing the full amount and individual sources of your assistance.

Typically a need-based award is composed of:

- scholarships and/or grants (money which does not have to be repaid);
- a loan or loans (which must be repaid);
- a job, which is money that you must earn in a campus work/study job and is intended to help you pay your personal expenses.

You may obtain an estimate of need-aid eligibility before you apply for admission by submitting the Sweet Briar College Early Estimator Form between September 1 and December 15.

EARLY DECISION APPLICANTS

We encourage you to complete the Early Estimator by November 15. Then, after January 1 and before March 1 of the year in which you apply for admission, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

REGULAR DECISION APPLICANTS

You must complete the FAFSA after January 1 and before March 1 of the year in which you apply for admission.

If you are a legal resident of Virginia who will be enrolled full time (12 hours per semester, fall and spring), you qualify automatically for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG), irrespective of your eligibility for need-based assistance.

International Applicants are not eligible for need-based aid, but are eligible for merit scholarships based on the strength of the applicant's academic record.

Call the Office of Financial Aid, 1.800.381.6156, if you need an Early Estimator Form, FAFSA, or a VTAG application.

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