

# Admissions

## Application Process

The application process at Taylor University is more than paperwork. Through this process, students are invited to join Taylor's intentional Christ-centered community, developing minds for relentless discovery and a vision for engaging the world.

## Application Procedures

Students may apply to Taylor University anytime after the completion of their junior year, but should apply early in the academic year preceding their desired enrollment. Application materials may be requested by phone, via e-mail at [admissions@taylor.edu](mailto:admissions@taylor.edu), or by writing the Office of Admissions, Taylor University, 236 West Reade Avenue, Upland, Indiana 46989-1001. Students may also apply online at <http://www.taylor.edu/admissions/interested>.

## Application Review

Admission to Taylor University involves a two-stage process:

- During the first stage of the review process, applications are assessed carefully to determine if they meet minimum requirements for admission to the university. Qualified students then continue to the second stage of the review process.
- During the second stage of the process, students from the pool of qualified applicants are selected for admission. Selection is based on a comprehensive review of the materials received. Academic preparedness, spiritual depth, and unique contributions to the community are important factors that are considered.

## Secondary School Preparation

Applicants to Taylor University should have graduated from an accredited secondary school and present satisfactory aptitude test scores. Aptitude test scores are used to help interpret a student's high school transcript, the primary document in the evaluation of academic potential. Applicants should have pursued a challenging college preparatory course load, including four years of English, three or four years of mathematics, three or four years of laboratory science, and two years of social science. Two years of foreign language are recommended. Also encouraged are introductory courses in music and art and skill courses in keyboarding and basic computing.

Required credentials include the application form, a personal statement of faith, official high school transcript (GED may also be accepted), recommendations from a guidance counselor and pastor, personal interview, and aptitude test scores (either SAT or ACT). For test scores to be considered official, they must be sent to the Admissions Office either through a high school guidance counselor or from the College Entrance Examination Board or the American College Testing Service. An official campus visit and personal interview are essential components of the decision making process. Interviews must be completed by April 1, of the applicant's senior year to be considered in evaluating an application for the April 20<sup>th</sup> notification.

Visit <http://www.taylor.edu/admissions/interested/freshman.shtml> for specific admissions requirements or contact the Office of Admissions.

## Decisions and Notification

Prospective students will receive one of three types of notification:

### • Standard Notification

Students are notified of their application status by April 20 of their senior year. To be considered for this notification date, students must have their application completed by April 1. Students are encouraged to complete their application as early as possible. An interview is recommended and required to be considered for special program and specific scholarships. Students who apply after April 1 of their senior year are considered for admission as space permits.

### • Early Notification

A select group of applicants who have completed their applications early in the fall (including an interview) are considered for limited fall acceptances. Early notification deadlines are November 1 and December 1 of the applicant's senior year. A personal interview is required for consideration for specific scholarship and special programs.

### • Denial

The review committee may feel that a student's success at Taylor is in question and that a denial is in the best interest of the student. In such cases, students are notified by mail of the committee's decision. Details regarding this policy may be obtained from the Dean of Enrollment Management.

### **Honors Acceptance**

This admissions classification is designed for the academically gifted. Any incoming freshman awarded this status must have a 3.70 high school GPA, rank in the top 10 percent of his or her graduating class, and have a combined SAT score of 1200 or more or ACT score of 27 or higher.

### **Provisional Acceptance**

This admissions classification is for applicants who, because of unusual circumstances, do not meet the minimum academic standards for regular admission. Students admitted under this classification must earn a minimum GPA of 1.70 during the first year as a full-time student in order to remain at Taylor. Students accepted under this classification are given a prescribed schedule (less than 15 hours) and are assigned an advisor from the Academic Enrichment Center. Please contact the Admissions Office for additional information.

### **Waiting Pool**

Qualified students who have not been accepted by April 1 are placed in a waiting pool. If significant cancellations occur, students are accepted from the waiting pool based on their overall evaluation.

### **Matriculation Fee**

Matriculation fees are required for the following terms:

- **Fall**

All applicants accepted for the fall semester are required to submit a \$200 matriculation fee (\$150 toward tuition and \$50 housing deposit) that secures the student's place in the student body and begins the housing process. Students not living in university housing must submit a \$150 matriculation fee. All new students are required to live on campus unless they are commuting from their parents' home. The matriculation fee deadline for fall admission is May 1. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to May 1 will receive a full refund.

- **Spring**

Students applying for the spring semester may pay their \$200 matriculation fee anytime after they have been accepted. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to November 1 will receive a full refund.

- **Summer**

Students enrolling for summer school may pay their matriculation fee of \$20 upon notification of acceptance. A new or readmitted student who cancels prior to the first day of classes will receive a full refund.

All refund requests must be submitted in writing.

### **International Students**

International students desiring admission should provide the following for consideration:

- TOEFL score of at least 550 on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test. Scores must not be more than two years old. When registering, students should indicate code 1802 to have the scores sent directly to Taylor. The TOEFL may be waived if the student is a citizen of Great Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, or the British West Indies, or if the student has studied in one of the above-mentioned countries or in the United States within the last two years and has a good academic record.
- Certificate showing completion of secondary school, including the results of any examinations. Official English translations of the certificates are required.
- SAT or ACT scores. These scores are recommended for students who wish to be considered for merit scholarships. They are also used to determine proficiency requirements in math, reading, and writing.

An application will not be evaluated until the student submits a completed application (including essays), completed recommendation forms, official academic records and test scores, TOEFL scores, an affidavit of support, and a signed Life Together Covenant.

International students have to show evidence of financial support before full acceptance can be granted. The Form I-20 will not be issued until documentation showing sources of financial support is submitted. International students may work on campus part-time during the academic year; however the income generated will not be sufficient to cover education costs.

### **Transfer Students**

Transfer students must submit the transfer application form, a high school transcript, a pastor's recommendation, an official transcript from each institution previously attended, and the Transfer Verification Form, which includes a request for a report of good standing from the last college attended. Generally, a B- average is required. In addition, standardized test scores are required to determine proficiencies in math, reading, and writing.

See Academic Regulations (pages 26-27) for information regarding the transfer of credit to Taylor University.

### ***Guest Status***

Students are considered guests when they are not seeking a degree from Taylor University and fall into one of the following categories:

- Students who desire to take one or two courses at Taylor for the specific purpose of transferring the credit earned to another institution.
- High school students who wish to take college courses and apply these hours to credits-in-escrow.
- Students who attend one of the Christian College Consortium schools and desire to complement their preparation with course work at Taylor.
- Individuals who wish to take one or two courses solely for the purpose of self-improvement.

Guest students may earn no more than 24 credit hours with this status. Transfer credit is not accepted while the student holds guest status. Students who wish to apply credits toward a degree must apply for regular admission to the University through the Office of Admissions.

### ***Senior Citizen Program***

A senior citizen's discount is available to persons who qualify and complete a guest application with the senior citizen designation. The applicant must register for the desired courses and pay the appropriate charges at the time of registration. Persons 60 years of age or older may have the senior citizen designation and the resulting tuition discount when taking courses at Taylor.

### ***Credits-in-Escrow***

Junior and senior high school students may enrich and expand their educational experiences by enrolling at Taylor University on a space available basis for the fall and spring semesters. Students may take one or two classes per semester. Full college credit is awarded for all courses satisfactorily completed according to the University's established requirements and procedures. Escrow credits earned at Taylor may be transferred to any college.

### ***Advanced Placement and Credit by Examination***

See page 21 for Advanced Placement (AP) and Credit by Examination.