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APPLICATION HIGHLIGHTS

We are so excited to work with you and your students this year! Here are some features about our application process.

Your students have a choice of how they will apply to Baylor: **Baylor Web Application** or the **Common App**. Regardless of their application, their goBAYLOR account will be important for tracking their application status and any next steps they might have. Students applying through the Common App will receive a post submission email with distinctive instructions that will tie their application to their goBAYLOR account. Students are strongly advised against completing more than one application, as it will result in significant delays in processing.

To be considered for the maximum amount of federal and institutional need-based aid, your student must submit BOTH the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at studentaid.gov and the **CSS Profile** at cssprofile.collegeboard.org. Submitting these applications early allows your students to be considered for the most available funds based on their eligibility. For dates, deadlines and details, please visit baylor.edu/typesofaid.

Recommended items, which include a **résumé**, **two letters of recommendation**, **short answer response** (required for November 1 (Binding) Early Decision applicants) and **STARS**, allow us to get to know your students better and can enhance their application file. Submitting the STARS will allow Baylor to process them more holistically. These items can be submitted through goBAYLOR after submitting the admission application.

Baylor will continue to be **test optional for 2026-2027**. For more details, visit admissions.web.baylor.edu/testoptional.

As a reminder: An **essay is required** as part of the application process. If students apply via the Baylor Web Application, they can submit their essay through goBAYLOR. For Common App applicants the essay is part of the application.

WAYS TO CONNECT

► **Visit Baylor:**
baylor.edu/waystoconnect

► **Meet Your Counselor:**
baylor.edu/meet



STAY IN THE KNOW

If you haven't already, stay up-to-date on Baylor news and sign up for our monthly newsletter: apply.baylor.edu/register/CounselorNewsletter.

Sign up for **Slate.org**, a free tool for counselors that helps you schedule visits with college representatives, know where students are in the admissions process and submit materials directly to institutions.

Admission File Deadlines:

- **Nov. 1:**
Binding (Early Decision)
Non-Binding
- **Feb. 1:**
Non-Binding

FAFSA and CSS Profile:

- **October:** CSS Profile Opens
FAFSA Opens
- **Nov. 1:** Binding and Non-Binding
Priority Deadline for the CSS Profile
- **Feb. 1:** Final Deadline to submit
the CSS Profile for all Freshman
Completion Deadlines and the
Priority Deadline to submit the
FAFSA for all Freshman Completion
Deadlines.

Admissions Notification:

- **Dec. 15:** November 1 (Binding)
- **Feb. 1:** November 1 (Non-Binding)
- **Apr. 10:** February 1 (Non-Binding)

ELITE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

As an R1, Fulbright top-producing institution, academics at Baylor are highly competitive. Baylor's elite academic programs allow highly motivated students to achieve their ambitious academic and career goals by offering them individualized, in-depth advising from faculty, immersing them in research and giving them better opportunities for flexibility within their major. Student can apply for these programs through the Elite Academic Programs application in their goBaylor after submitting their admissions application. *Please note: Computer Science Fellows and Engineering Fellows require a separate application.* Opportunities include:

- **Baylor Business Fellows**
- **Baylor Business Scholars**
- **Honors College Programs**
- **Science Research Fellows**
- **Computer Science Fellows**
- **Engineering Fellows**

For more info, visit baylor.edu/eliteacademicprograms



SCHOLARSHIPS

Admitted students are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships upon admission based on a full review of their comprehensive high school academic performance and a completed Baylor application. No additional application is required for this! Learn more at baylor.edu/typesofaid.

SCHOLARSHIP EVENTS

Each year, Baylor University awards more than \$6 MILLION OF GENEROUS SCHOLARSHIPS to high-achieving attendees at the following scholarship programs:

- **Gettman Scholars Program**
- **Invitation to Excellence**
- **Baylor2Baylor Medical Program**
- **Baylor2Baylor Law Program**
- **Baylor Scholars Day**

Learn more at baylor.edu/scholarshipevents.

GET AHEAD WITH THESE PROGRAMS

Students can jump start their college careers with the help of our innovative programs!

- ▶ **Accelerate**, Baylor University's pre-college program, allows high school juniors and seniors to get a jump start on college courses and prepare for college-level rigor. High school students can earn conditional acceptance to Baylor's incoming Fall 2026 or 2027 class through two pathways!^{*} **Update for this year: Accelerate courses are now offered exclusively during the summer.** Learn more at baylor.edu/accelerate.
- ▶ Baylor University has partnered with **Trinity Western University** (British Columbia, Canada) to create international opportunities for students of Business and Engineering students. Through this partnership, students can experience living and studying in both the US and Canada. Learn more at baylor.edu/twupartnership.
- ▶ **Coming soon:** A transfer pathway program with our preferred partner, McLennan Community College! Be on the lookout for more information as the year progresses.
- ▶ Students can begin their college journey abroad with our partner, **Verto**, a unique study abroad program that allows students earn Baylor credit, stay on track for graduation and transition to Baylor's Waco campus in spring: admissions.web.baylor.edu/verto-bears.
- ▶ Accepted freshmen can begin classes during the summer before their fall semester with our discounted **Summer of Discovery** courses while getting ahead in their core course requirements and moving more quickly into their selected major: baylor.edu/jumpstart.

^{*}Learn more about the Early Admission Tracks to gain conditional acceptance into Baylor. Track 1 starts the summer prior to your senior year, and Track 2 starts your junior year: [accelerate.web.baylor.edu/about](https://baylor.edu/about). Full admission is contingent upon a holistic application review and approval.