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and a Nationally Ranked
Research 1 Institution.**

*The mission of Baylor University
is to educate men and women for
worldwide leadership and service
by integrating academic excellence
and Christian commitment within a
caring community.*

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

WACO, TEXAS

We're excited to work with you and your students this year! **Here are a few key reminders about Baylor's application process:**

THE APPLICATION:

Students may apply for **FREE** through the **Baylor Application** or **Common App**. After applying, students will use goBAYLOR to track their application and complete required next steps.

Common App applicants will receive instructions to connect their application to goBAYLOR. Students should submit only one application to avoid processing delays.

REQUIRED ITEMS:

An **essay** and **unofficial transcript** are required to be considered for admission. Students may submit these items as part of their application or later in goBAYLOR to complete their file.

Baylor will also continue to be test optional for **2027-28**. Learn more at admissions.web.baylor.edu/testoptional.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS:

Submitting a **résumé**, **two letters of recommendation**, **short answer response** (required for November 1 Binding Early Decision applicants) and **STARS**, allows us to get to know your students better and enhances their application. These items may also be submitted through goBAYLOR.

APPLICANT TYPES:

Binding (Early Decision)

- Nov. 1 App Deadline
- Dec. 15 Decision Notification

Non-Binding (Early Action)

- Nov. 1 App Deadline
- Feb. 1 Decision Notification

Binding (Regular Decision)

- Feb. 1 App Deadline
- Apr. 10 Decision Notification

NEW THIS YEAR:

Students admitted through **Early Decision**, who meet all application requirements and deposit deadlines, will receive:

1. First Choice Housing Preference
2. Priority Academic Advising Registration
3. A \$3,000 Non-Renewable Scholarship



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For the Church, For Texas, For the World

NEED-BASED AID:

To maximize federal and institutional need-based aid, students should complete the appropriate financial aid application(s).

Beginning with **Fall 2027**, Baylor is simplifying the process and phasing out the CSS Profile.* U.S. citizens, permanent residents and eligible non-residents will only need the **2027–28 FAFSA** to be considered for need-based aid.

Students who cannot submit the FAFSA should complete the new **Baylor International Financial Aid Application (BIFAA)** instead. If also a Texas resident, they should also submit the **Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)**.

These applications open on **October 1**.

- **November 1** – Early Deadline for all applications
- **February 1** – Priority Deadline (FAFSA/TASFA) and Final Deadline (BIFAA)

*Students entering in **Spring or Summer 2027** must still complete the 2025–26 CSS Profile.

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 **\$8 MILLION of generous scholarships** to high-achieving attendees at the following programs:

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

Learn more at baylor.edu/scholarshipsevents.

ELITE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS:

Learn more at baylor.edu/eliteacademicprograms

As an R1 and Fulbright top-producing institution, Baylor offers highly competitive academic opportunities for motivated students. These **Elite Academic Programs** provide individualized faculty advising, research opportunities and greater flexibility within the major to help students reach their academic and career goals. Students may apply through the single **Elite Academic Programs application** in goBAYLOR after submitting their admission application. *Opportunities include:*

- Baylor Business Fellows
- Baylor Business Scholars
- Honors College Program
- Science Research Fellows
- Computer Science Fellows*

*Requires separate application

GET AHEAD WITH THESE PROGRAMS:

ACCELERATE:

High school juniors and seniors can earn college credit and prepare for college-level rigor through summer courses, with pathways to conditional admission* to Baylor's Fall 2027 or 2028 class.

SUMMER OF DISCOVERY:

Accepted freshmen can take lower-cost summer courses, get ahead on core requirements and move more quickly into their major.

MCC START PROGRAM:

Students can begin at McLennan Community College with flexible online or in-person coursework, personalized advising and a supported pathway to transfer to Baylor.

VERTO BEARS:

Start the college journey abroad, earn Baylor credit, stay on track for graduation and transition to Baylor's Waco campus in spring.

Learn about these programs at admissions.web.baylor.edu/admission/baylor-pathways

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*Full admission through Accelerate's Early Admission Tracks requires holistic application review and approval.