

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for your interest in Bucknell University. To apply for admission, please complete the Common Application, which you can find online at www.commonapp.org. When you apply online, you can pay your application fee by credit card, debit card or electronic check. After you submit the Common Application, you will receive a confirmation letter and e-mail from Bucknell. If you do not receive these, please call us to inquire about your application status.

Admissions Process

Bucknell University seeks students who can best take advantage of the University's academic and residential learning opportunities. Members of the Admissions Committee consider candidates for admission based on a thorough evaluation of each application, including:

1. The quality of the written application
2. The courses taken in secondary school — both content and the student's performance in them*
3. SAT and/or ACT scores
4. The quality and originality of essays in the Supplemental Application
5. Written recommendation from one secondary school counselor and one teacher
6. Special talents and school/community service
7. Evidence of quality in personal character and leadership

**Please note that students with more rigorous academic preparation in high school are viewed more favorably by the Admissions Committee.*

Filing an Application

To apply to Bucknell, complete the online Common Application at www.commonapp.org. You should file the application by Jan. 15, 2012, for fall 2012 enrollment. If you are applying for financial aid, you should apply for that at the same time. (See next page.)

As you prepare your application materials, please follow these steps:

1. Complete the Common Application at www.commonapp.org and pay the \$60 non-refundable application fee by credit card, debit card or electronic check. To request a fee waiver, select that as your payment option and have your guidance counselor submit a separate request to us at admissions@bucknell.edu.
2. Complete the Bucknell Supplemental Application form available for electronic submission at www.commonapp.org.
3. Your Social Security number is requested on the application form. If you do not have a Social Security number and you are a citizen or permanent resident of the United States, you may obtain one by contacting the Social Security Administration Office. (See www.ssa.gov/ssnumber for details.)
4. Submit the School Report Forms to your guidance counselor or principal as soon as possible (during the beginning of the school year is an optimal time). School Report forms can be found at www.commonapp.org.

5. Ask your counselor to send a midyear report as soon as it becomes available.
6. Read and complete the top section of the Teacher Evaluation form and forward the form to a teacher who has taught you preferably in a core academic subject. Only one teacher evaluation is required. Teacher Evaluation forms can be found at www.commonapp.org.
7. You are responsible for arranging to take the College Board Examination (SAT) or the American College Tests (ACT), and for instructing the testing agency to report your scores to Bucknell.

SAT CODE: 2050

ACT CODE: 3528

8. Applicants to the bachelor of music or bachelor of arts in music program are required to audition in person with the music department, provided that they have passed a prescreening process. Please visit www.bucknell.edu/admissions/arts for more information.

Early Decision

You may apply for early decision if Bucknell is your first choice school. If you are offered early decision admission to Bucknell and have applied to other colleges, you must withdraw those applications. The application and all required materials must be filed before Nov. 15, 2011, for Early Decision I or Jan. 15, 2012, for Early Decision II. Submit an early decision agreement form, which must be signed by you, your high school counselor and your parent. We will notify you within 30 days of the application deadline of our decision; if you are accepted early decision, you will be required to make a \$500 nonrefundable deposit within 30 days after notification.

Advanced Placement and Credit

Bucknell grants University credit, advanced placement and reduction of distribution requirements to qualified students. If you qualify, you may enroll as a first-year student in advanced courses in the subjects in which you have received the advanced placement, or you may elect courses in other subjects. This will allow you to begin work at a higher level and may reduce the time you need to complete your undergraduate degree.

Your performance on the Advanced Placement Tests of the College Board will determine whether advanced placement and credit will be granted. If you achieve a score of 4 or 5 on a test, you may receive credit and advanced placement in the subject of the test.

Bucknell reviews and evaluates the International Baccalaureate (IB) higher-level courses on an individual basis. Normally, credit is granted for scores of 5 and higher in courses comparable to Bucknell courses and appropriate to the degree program. Bucknell gives credit for standard-level courses only to IB diploma recipients.

Costs

The 2011-12 comprehensive cost (which includes tuition, student activity fee, room and board) is \$54,240. In addition to these billed costs, students should be prepared to meet expenses for books, supplies, personal items, travel, etc. A typical amount for these costs ranges from about \$1,500 to \$2,000. The 2012-13 comprehensive cost should be available in February 2012.

A \$60 non-refundable application fee is required. A \$500 non-refundable enrollment deposit is required and is credited toward the tuition bill.

Financial Aid

Bucknell understands that many families may need financial assistance for their child to attend college. The University is committed to providing need-based financial aid to as many eligible enrollees as possible — students who might otherwise be unable to attend because of financial reasons.

Applying for Financial Aid

To apply for financial aid from Bucknell, you must file a 2012-13 **College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE** online at www.collegeboard.com using Bucknell's CSS code number 2050. International students who are not U.S. citizens should refer to the International Student Checklist (page 3).

Deadlines for filing the CSS PROFILE:

Early Decision I applicants

Early Decision I applicants should file the completed CSS PROFILE no later than Nov. 15 of their senior year in high school.

Early Decision II applicants

Early Decision II applicants should file the completed CSS PROFILE no later than Jan. 15 of their senior year in high school.

Regular Decision applicants

Regular Decision applicants and all other first-year applicants should file the completed CSS PROFILE no later than Jan. 15 of their senior year in high school.

IMPORTANT NOTES: Please note that these dates are deadlines: Earlier submission of the CSS PROFILE is encouraged. Typically, applicants may begin submitting the CSS PROFILE in mid-October.

Student who are citizens of nations other than the U.S. are not required to submit a CSS PROFILE.

It is critical that you comply with the deadline in applying for financial assistance. Students who do not file the CSS PROFILE in a timely manner will jeopardize their opportunities for University funding.

Determining and Awarding Financial Aid

When Bucknell receives the processed CSS PROFILE, the Office of Financial Aid will be able to determine any institutional, federal and/or state financial aid eligibility that a student may have. Aid packages usually consist of three different types of aid: grants/scholarships, which are gifts that do not have to be repaid; student loans, which must be repaid after college; and student employment, which offers students the opportunity to work on campus.

If you have applied for financial aid by the appropriate deadline, you can expect to be notified of your financial aid eligibility shortly after you receive your letter of admittance to the University.

Other Required Financial Aid Documentation

If you decide to enroll at Bucknell, you must also submit the following by April 15:

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to include Bucknell's FAFSA code number 003238. (Submit FAFSA after Jan. 1, but by April 15.)

Submit the following documents to Bucknell's Office of Financial Aid by May 10:

1. Signed copy of all pages and schedules of parents' 2011 federal income tax return, including all W-2 and 1099 forms.
2. Signed copy of all pages and schedules of student's 2011 federal income tax return. (Student W-2 forms are not required.)
3. Completed and signed 2012-13 Bucknell University Verification Form.

Information regarding these and other requirements will be included in the students' financial aid award letter packets.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY GRADUATION RATES

Class Entering	Expected Grad. Year	Four-Year	Six-Year	Class Entering	Expected Grad. Year	Four-Year	Six-Year
Fall, 1993	1997	83.4%	87.7%	Fall, 2000	2004	84.6%	89.3%
Fall, 1994	1998	81.2%	86.5%	Fall, 2001	2005	85.9%	89.5%
Fall, 1995	1999	82.4%	86.2%	Fall, 2002	2006	85.2%	89.1%
Fall, 1996	2000	85.9%	91.2%	Fall, 2003	2007	87.6%	90.0%
Fall, 1997	2001	83.8%	89.5%	Fall, 2004	2008	89.5%	91.3%
Fall, 1998	2002	82.0%	89.0%	Fall, 2005	2009	87.0%	NA
Fall, 1999	2003	85.0%	89.5%	Fall, 2006	2010	85.9%	NA

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY POLICY

Bucknell University provides equal opportunity without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, marital status, veteran status, or disability in admissions, employment and in all of its educational programs and activities.

It is the policy of Bucknell University that in the process of recruitment of faculty and staff, regular procedures are to be followed, which ensures that qualified candidates have been fully considered. The policy of equal employment opportunity applies in all employment relationships. All University personnel policies, procedures and practices are intended to further this employment policy.

Under University policy, equal opportunity is provided to all persons in the delivery of educational programs and services, in the sponsorship and conduct of any student activities, including athletic opportunities, and in the offering of other University services.

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, Public Law #101-542, requires all colleges and universities in the United States to provide literature to prospective students, upon request, which relates crime statistics and the nature of the protection afforded students and their property at that college. This law also requires each institution to provide every person who submits an application, and to all enrolled students and employees, information regarding the institution's security policies and procedures. Bucknell is in full compliance with this law and such information is available to you in writing, upon written request, or on the Bucknell University Public Safety website at www.bucknell.edu/publicsafety.

Application Checklist

- Common Application (Nov. 15 for Early Decision I; Jan. 15 for Regular Decision and Early Decision II)
- \$60 application fee (may be submitted with online application)
- Official high school transcript including first quarter, first trimester or other marking period grades from senior year
- Secondary school report with counselor evaluation
- One teacher evaluation form, preferably in a core academic subject
- Personal essay
- Bucknell Supplemental Application form
- SAT or ACT scores. *Bucknell institutional codes:* SAT College Board: 2050; ACT: 3528
- Midyear or second trimester report due as soon as available
- If you are applying for financial aid, the completed CSS PROFILE (Nov. 15 for Early Decision I; Jan. 15 for Regular Decision and Early Decision II)
- If you are applying for bachelor of music or bachelor of arts in music program, please visit www.bucknell.edu/admissions/arts for more information on our prescreening process, which you must pass in order to arrange an audition.
- Early Decision Agreement form, including all required signatures (for Early Decision applicants only)

International Student Checklist (for non-U.S. citizens)

- Common Application (Nov. 15 for Early Decision I; Jan. 15 for Regular Decision and Early Decision II)
- \$60 (U.S. dollars) application fee (may be submitted with online application)
- Official secondary school transcript in certified English translations, including first quarter, first trimester or other marking period grades from senior year
- Secondary school report with one college counselor or principal evaluation
- One teacher evaluation form, preferably in a core academic subject
- Personal essay
- Bucknell Supplemental Application form
- SAT or ACT scores. *Bucknell institutional codes:* SAT College Board: 2050; ACT: 3528
- TOEFL or IELTS (If English is not your first language) *Bucknell institutional code:* 2050
- Midyear or second trimester report due as soon as available
- If not applying for financial aid, the certified original bank statement, including U.S. dollar amount, and the completed Confidential Statement of Finances (www.bucknell.edu/documents/admissions/csf.pdf) by Nov. 15 for Early Decision I and by Jan. 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision
- If applying for financial aid, the certified original bank statement, including U.S. dollar amount, and the completed International Student Financial Aid Application (www.bucknell.edu/documents/admissions/bucknell_ISFAA.pdf) by Nov. 15 for Early Decision I and by Jan. 15 for Early Decision II and Regular Decision
- Early Decision Agreement form, including all required signatures (for Early Decision applicants only)

Any supplemental material (e.g., CD, DVD, video, slides) will not be returned. Do not send originals.



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