

ARE YOU KNOX?

application instructions

FIRST-YEAR AND TRANSFER APPLICANTS

(Applicants who are not citizens or permanent residents of the United States should request instructions for applying as an international student.)

At Knox, we welcome applications from students who value the challenges and rigor of a liberal arts education. Students with initiative, imagination, eagerness for learning, and personal maturity are best able to benefit from the opportunities at Knox. We also appreciate the varied perspectives that students of diverse backgrounds, talents, and interests bring to our campus community.

In evaluating your application for admission, we will carefully review the information presented by you and your recommenders. The greatest weight will be given to your academic transcripts. The difficulty of the courses you selected, the quality of your grades, and the consistency of your academic performance are good predictors of future achievement at Knox. Beyond your transcripts, we will assess your written communication skills, your motivation and maturity, your ability to make a contribution to the Knox community, and other personal qualities. Your recommendations, admission interview, application, and personal statement all provide valuable insights that assist the Admission Committee in making a decision.

COMMON APPLICATION

Knox College is an exclusive user of the Common Application. This form can be used to apply for admission at Knox and more than 300 highly selective colleges and universities.

All Knox applicants should complete the Common Application as well as the Common Application Supplement for Knox College (attached). You can submit the Common Application and the Supplement in any order as long as both are mailed by the dates listed in the Application Checklist.

The Common Application is available at most secondary schools. It can also be downloaded from the Knox website at www.knox.edu/apply or from www.commonapp.org. The Knox website also contains all forms needed to apply for admission, scholarships, and financial aid.

APPLY ONLINE

It's easy to apply online. Both the Common Application and the Knox College Supplement can be submitted electronically at www.commonapp.org.

EARLY ACTION *(first-year applicants)*

Nearly one-third of enrolling students are admitted under the Early Action option. If you determine in the fall that Knox is among the colleges you are seriously considering, you can receive the benefit of an early notification of an admission decision. As an Early Action candidate, you may apply to other colleges and have until May 1 to make your final college selection.

To apply, mail all portions of your application for admission by December 1. You will be notified of a decision by December 31. If you are not admitted, your application will automatically be considered for Regular Decision and you will receive a decision by March 31.

REGULAR DECISION *(first-year applicants)*

Regular Decision candidates are encouraged to mail all portions of their applications for admission by February 1. Regular Decision candidates will receive an admission decision by March 31 and must reply to our offer by May 1.

EARLY ADMISSION *(for high school juniors)*

Exceptionally qualified and mature students may apply for admission after three years of secondary school work. To apply for early admission, you must complete all procedures and satisfy all expectations for regular first-year admission. You should include a letter explaining your reasons for entering college early, and your college counselor must also submit a statement supporting your early admission.

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Knox welcomes applications from students who seek to transfer after a semester or more of full-time work at another college or university. Applications are accepted for entrance in fall, winter, or spring terms. You should mail all portions of your application by the dates indicated on the Application Checklist. Applications received after these dates will be considered as long as spaces in the class remain available.

INTERVIEWS

An interview with an admission counselor is strongly recommended for all applicants. Interviews generally take place on the Knox College campus or at off-campus locations during the fall. To schedule a campus visit and interview, or to inquire about the availability of an interview in your area, contact the Office of Admission.

TEST SCORES

The submission of SAT I or ACT scores is optional for most applicants. Knox adopted this policy so that you can decide for yourself if your scores adequately reflect your abilities and potential for success in college. There is no score above which you should decide to submit your scores. If you elect to provide your scores, they will be considered and can sometimes help us in assessing your abilities more fully. Scores can be submitted either directly from the testing agency or on your official secondary school transcript.

Note: Home-schooled applicants or candidates applying from secondary schools that do not provide grades are asked to submit results from one or more standardized tests, such as SAT I, SAT II, ACT, AP, or IB examination results, or grades from college courses.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Knox offers scholarships that recognize the talents and achievements of students applying for admission to the College. Academic scholarships are awarded on the basis of the application for admission; an additional application is not required. Scholarships recognizing talents and/or leadership in the visual arts, performing arts, creative and critical writing, and community service require portfolios, auditions, and/or additional submissions.

If you plan to present a portfolio or complete an audition on campus, you should do so by the application date listed on the Application Checklist. If you are mailing a scholarship submission, portfolio, or audition tape, it should be included with your application for admission.

Scholarships are available to United States citizens or permanent residents. For a complete list of scholarships, eligibility requirements, and application procedures, contact the Office of Admission or visit www.knox.edu/scholarships.

FINANCIAL AID

To be considered for need-based financial assistance, including grants (from federal, state, and Knox College sources), loans, and campus employment, you and your family should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Instructions and forms for applying for financial aid are mailed to all applicants who indicate an intention to apply for financial aid. You can file your FAFSA electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA can be filed anytime after January 1, and you should file it no later than February 15 for priority consideration from Knox College. Additional documentation may be requested by the Office of Financial Aid. More information about applying for financial aid can be found at www.knox.edu/finaid.

POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

Knox College does not discriminate on the basis of sex, gender, race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation or affectional preference, age, marital status, disability, or other irrelevant factors in admission, financial aid, employment, athletics, or any of its educational policies and programs. Questions and comments concerning this policy should be addressed to the Affirmative Action Officer, Gina Zindt.

CONSUMER INFORMATION

In compliance with federal law, information about the College, its practices and financial aid programs is available on our website at www.knox.edu/consumerinfo. In addition to general information about accreditation, degree programs, faculty, and facilities, the site provides reports on Students' Rights Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), Campus Safety and Security, Financial Aid Programs, Completion and Graduation Rates, Special Services for Disabled Students, and Athletic Programs. A paper copy of any of these reports may also be obtained by calling the Office of Admission at 309-341-7100.

All portions of your application, including any scholarship submissions, should be mailed by the appropriate date below.

FIRST-YEAR CANDIDATES:

- December 1 – Early Action option
- February 1 – Regular Decision option

TRANSFER CANDIDATES:

- April 15 – Fall Term Entrance
- November 1 – Winter Term Entrance
- January 15 – Spring Term Entrance

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Common Application with personal statement and \$40 application fee
- Common Application Supplement (attached)
- School Report form (or, for transfer students, a College Official's Report for Transfer Admission form)
- Secondary school transcript
- Teacher Evaluation form
- Transcripts from each college or university attended
- Optional: Scholarship portfolios, audition tapes, or other scholarship submissions*
- Optional: ACT or SAT I scores*
(If you choose to submit scores, you may have the testing agency send your scores directly to Knox or your scores may be included on your official secondary school transcript.)

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