

# ARE YOU KNOX?

## application instructions

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

At Knox, we welcome applications of students from around the world. 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 records. 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 academic record, 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, application, and personal statement all provide valuable insights that assist the Admission Committee in making a decision. The Committee also considers a family's ability to afford the cost of a Knox education in offering admission to international students.

### 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 in the United States.

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 can be downloaded from the Knox website at [www.knox.edu/apply](http://www.knox.edu/apply) or from [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). The Knox website also contains all forms needed to apply for admission 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](http://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 for priority consideration. Regular Decision candidates will receive an admission decision by March 31 and must reply to our offer by May 1. Applications submitted after February 1 will be considered as long as spaces in the class remain available.

### 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.

### ONE-YEAR STUDENTS

Students who wish to spend only one year studying in the United States often find a residential liberal arts college especially suitable to their needs. One-year applicants will be given consideration based on academic background, interests, and educational need as well as the financial ability to assume the full costs for the year of study. One-year students are expected to be competent in English and have the appropriate prerequisites for the courses they wish to study.

## 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.

## FINANCIAL AID FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Knox offers limited scholarship and financial aid programs for international students who demonstrate financial need and strong academic abilities. The maximum award is approximately one-half of the comprehensive fee. To be considered, you must submit a Knox College Financial Aid Application for International Students and a Proof of Financial Support with your application for admission.

When making plans to attend Knox, a student's family should anticipate annual increases in college costs of three to five percent as well as potential fluctuations in currency exchange rates. To be eligible for the non-immigrant student (F-1) visa, you must document family or sponsor resources to cover the costs of attendance for each year required to obtain a degree (usually four years). The ability to afford a Knox education may be a factor in determining the admission of international students who are academically qualified but do not meet financial qualifications.

Scholarships and financial assistance will be renewed each year until completion of the requirements for a bachelor's degree from Knox, provided that the student maintains satisfactory academic progress.



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## 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](http://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
- Common Application Supplement (attached)
- Proof of Financial Support form
- Knox College Financial Aid Application for International Students, if you are seeking financial aid
- School Report form (or, for transfer students, a College Official's Report for Transfer Admission)
- Secondary school transcript
- Teacher Evaluation form
- Transcripts from each college or university attended

### REQUEST OFFICIAL EXAMINATION RESULTS BE SENT TO KNOX, WHICH COULD INCLUDE:

- GCE (General Certificate of Education), IGCSE (International General Certificate of Education), or the results of any other comparable standardized examinations you have taken.
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores, if English is not your first language. The minimum acceptable score is 80 on the Internet-based exam, 213 on the computer-based exam, or 550 on the paper exam. If TOEFL results are not available, we will also accept APIEL, IELTS, or SAT II ELPT exam scores to assess your proficiency in English.
- Optional: SAT I or ACT scores.*

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