

PRIVATE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

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CATAWBA COLLEGE

BENEFITS OF SMALL PRIVATE COLLEGES

- SMALLER CLASSES
- MORE INTERACTION WITH FACULTY
- PERSONALIZED EDUCATION

Private College IS an option.

- Don't exclude any school due to price.
- Explore institutional scholarships.
- File FAFSA- Available October 1.
- consider out-of-pocket expense, not initial price.
- BEWARE OF "STICKER SHOCK!"

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- ADMISSION STRUCTURE- ROLLING VS. DEADLINE
- ADMISSION TYPE- STANDARD VS. TEST OPTIONAL
- ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Rolling vs. Deadline Admission

When is the application due?

ROLLING

- Generally no firm deadlines.
- Applications reviewed as they become completed
- Admission offered on space-available basis
- Soft deadlines- apply by...decision by...

DEADLINE

- Firm deadlines:
 - Early Decision: binding
 - Early Action: non-binding
 - Regular Decision: non-binding

Standard vs. Test-Optional Admission

Will you submit test scores?

Consider the academic profile

Catawba's Middle 50% Profile:

GPA: 3.11-4.04

SAT:990-1180

ACT: 19-24

*When applying to Catawba, we recommend Test Optional if
GPA is 3.5 or Greater &
Test Score is below SAT/ACT range

Admission Requirements

- GPA & SAT/ACT Requirements
- Required Coursework
 - Foreign Language Requirements
 - Math Requirements- Is math required senior year?

How to Apply

1. Submit Application-

Common Application or Individual College Application

2. Additional Required Materials

Catawba Requirements:

REGULAR

- Official High School Transcript
- Official SAT/ACT Scores

TEST-OPTIONAL

- Official High School Transcript
- Writing Sample
- Letter of Recommendation
- Resume

Extra Tips

Follow for each college you are considering:

- Learn deadlines and requirements.
- VISIT!
- Ask about scholarship process.
- Do not exclude a college due to price until you receive financial aid package and explore options.
- File FAFSA Early.
- Research outside scholarships- CFNC, Fastweb, etc.
- Utilize your Admissions Counselor.
- Notify colleges of plans as soon as you are able.

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