

Frequently Asked Questions — and Answers — for High School Counselors

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

What are the application deadlines?

Dec. 15: Early application deadline (The fee is waived for all freshman applicants who apply by this date.)

Feb. 1: Priority application deadline

May 1: Final application deadline

March 1: Priority deadline to fill out the FAFSA for students entering in the fall

What are the St. Edward's codes for the SAT and ACT?

Our College Board SAT code is 6619; our ACT code is 4156.

Is St. Edward's a member of the Common Application?

Yes. Only freshman applicants (including international students) may use the Common Application to apply to St. Edward's.

Please note that this is the nationwide Common Application, not the Texas Common Application. Note also that while the Common Application website suggests that St. Edward's has an Early Action deadline of Feb. 1, we do not have an Early Action policy. Our priority deadline is Feb. 1.

Do students need to declare a major on their application?

No. There is an application question about the student's intended major, but this is for informational purposes only. Students have until their sophomore year to declare a major. We have several programs geared toward helping students choose a major.

These include:

- Academic Exploration Program – helps undecided students learn about different majors and focus their interests.
- First Year Seminar – students investigate their major and learn more about the expected skills for careers in that field.
- Career Planning and Management Classes – students work directly with a career counselor to find their calling.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Is there a separate scholarship application?

All freshman applicants are automatically considered for scholarships. Applicants in the top quarter of their class with a score of at least 24 on the ACT or 1100 on the Critical Reading and Math SAT are eligible. Students are notified if they have won an award in their acceptance letter. The Moreau and Holy Cross Scholarships require a separate application.

What are the Moreau and Holy Cross Scholarships?

The Moreau Scholarship is a full-tuition award specifically for students graduating from Catholic high schools affiliated with the Congregation of Holy Cross. It requires a separate Moreau Scholarship application in addition to the application for admission.

The Holy Cross Scholarship is a full-tuition award offered to 10 incoming freshmen each year. It is not restricted to graduates of a particular high school, and it requires a separate Holy Cross Scholarship application in addition to the application for admission.

The selection process for the Holy Cross award is highly competitive. Candidates must rank in at least the top 10% of their graduating class and score a minimum of 1250 on the SAT or 28 on the ACT. Winners hold multiple leadership positions and are highly involved in community service activities.

All application materials must be received in the Office of Undergraduate Admission on or before Feb. 1.

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FINANCIAL AID

What is the St. Edward's FAFSA code?

003621

Is there a way for students to estimate their scholarships and financial aid before applying?

Yes. Use our easy online [tuition calculator](#). Simply answer five questions to get a quick estimate.

ACADEMICS

What score does a student need to earn on an AP, IB or CLEP test to earn course credit?

Get details on requirements for each test at:

- Advanced Placement Program (AP) — View the AP Test Score Requirements (PDF) to find out the scores you need to earn course credit.
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) — View the CLEP Test Equivalents (PDF) to find out the scores you need to earn course credit.
- International Baccalaureate Program (IB) — St. Edward's University recognizes the International Baccalaureate Program (IB) and awards credit for higher level courses of 5 or better. No credit is given for subsidiary level courses. Students are granted credit on an individual, course-by-course basis.

Does St. Edward's accept dual credit?

Yes, for most academic courses completed at an accredited institution with a grade of C or higher.

What is the Honors Program?

The Honors Program is a series of interdisciplinary courses taken in the first three years, followed by an independent study project in the senior year. Honors courses satisfy general education requirements, so Honors students take the same number of classes as all other students. The program is open to about 5% of the freshman class each year. Potential candidates are sent an application in their acceptance packet.

RESIDENCE AND CAMPUS LIFE

How many students attend St. Edward's?

Total: 5,300

Undergraduate: 3,535

Do freshmen need to live on campus?

All freshmen live on campus unless they live with their parents in Austin (about 90% of freshmen live on campus). Students who plan to live with their parents must fill out a housing exemption request after they submit their enrollment deposit.

What are Living Learning Communities?

Living Learning Communities (LLCs) are groups of students with a common interest who live on the same floor of a residence hall and take one class together. Freshmen can apply to be part of the Social Justice LLC (Dujarié Hall), Global Understanding LLC (Teresa Hall), Business Leadership LLC (Moreau Hall), Natural Sciences LLC (LeMans Hall) or the Honors LLC (Dujarié Hall). This application should be completed once students have decided to attend St. Edward's and have made their enrollment deposit.

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ATHLETICS

What sports does St. Edward's offer?

St. Edward's participates in NCAA Division II as a member of the Heartland Conference. We field teams in baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's golf, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's tennis, and volleyball.

How should prospective student-athletes contact coaches?

Student-athletes should contact the coach of their sport to inquire about team tryouts and scholarship opportunities. [Contact a coach.](#)

VISITING ST. EDWARD'S

I have a group of students that I'd like to bring to campus. Can we arrange a tour?

We offer group tours during business hours Monday–Friday when classes are in session. Two weeks' advance notice is required. Tours are available for students of high school age or older. Younger students, and groups that cannot visit during business hours during the school year, can have a self-guided tour. For more information or to schedule a tour, call the tour coordinator at 512-448-8509.

Do you have a counselor visit program?

Yes, in February 2011. The program is designed for high school counselors from out of state. Please contact us for details.