

WHAT CAN I DO NOW TO START PREPARING FOR BYU?

New freshmen are high school or home school graduates with no college credit or with college credit completed prior to high school graduation. Students who are high school age and will not be completing high school are also considered new freshmen.

Comprehensive Admission Review (What we look at...)

Every new freshman applicant undergoes the following review process:

1. The first consideration in the review process is the ecclesiastical endorsement. **Each applicant must be endorsed by his or her ecclesiastical leaders** as one who is worthy to attend BYU and is living in harmony with the Honor Code and the Dress and Grooming Standards ([BeSmart.com/honocode](https://www.byu.edu/honcode)). Applicants who are not members of the LDS Church must be interviewed by either their own ecclesiastical leader or an LDS bishop in addition to the university chaplain.
2. Each student's academic record—consisting of high school GPA and ACT/SAT scores—is then considered as the foundation and central focus of admission decisions. However, BYU is looking for students who are accomplished in a variety of areas—not just academics. **Thus, a certain GPA or ACT score alone does not guarantee admission.** Currently, BYU does not require the ACT Writing Test. The admissions committee will, however, pay particular attention to applicants' writing ability as demonstrated by the essay portion of the admission application.
3. Each application is then reviewed and evaluated according to the following elements: **seminary attendance, service, leadership, personal essays, individual talents, creativity, AP/IB courses taken, unique or special circumstances**, and other factors showing a student's ability to strengthen the BYU community.

College Prep Checklist

- Live the standards of the LDS Church
- Attend and graduate from LDS seminary
- Enroll in quality coursework (recommendations)
 - Four years of **mathematics**
 - Four years of **English**
 - Two to three years of **laboratory science**
 - Two years of **history** or **government**
 - Two or more years of **foreign language**
- Take ACT/SAT in junior year and again the fall of senior year (recommended)
- Get involved with extracurricular activities
- Keep in mind the cost—save money!
- **Be mindful of deadlines**

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Admissions Statistics

The following table shows the number of prospective freshmen that applied and the number accepted over the past three years

New Freshman Applications vs Students Accepted			
Year	Applicants	Students Accepted	Rate
2012	11,260	7,139	55.9%
2013	12,705	7,101	56.2%
2014	12,921	7,259	55.0%

Admission by GPA and ACT

The charts below show the average **unweighted GPA and ACT of admitted freshmen:**

Average New Freshman GPAs	
2012	3.81
2013	3.82
2014	3.83

Average New Freshman ACT Scores	
2012	28.35
2013	28.52
2014	28.81

BYU Freshman Profile

Four year seminary graduate -----96%

Earned Duty to God/YW Recognition awards--83%

Participated in high school arts or sports-----95%

Employed during high school-----77%

Helpful Websites

AP/IB Guide: apib.byu.edu

Transfer Credit: transfer.byu.edu

Scholarships: scholarships.byu.edu

Admissions: admissions.byu.edu