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ADMISSIONS POLICY

NewU strives to make it easy to apply for college admissions in unison with our mission to eliminate undue college access barriers.

We also aim to make the process fair and immune from discrimination biases and preferential policies as much as practicable.

We do not require, nor do we want our applicants to submit any information or application components that are superfluous, discriminatory in nature, or do not constitute a strong predictor of academic success.

Therefore, NewU only requires applicants to submit an online application form and an electronic copy of their most recent high school transcript, high school diploma, GED certificate, HiSET certificate, or other state-recognized equivalent of a high school diploma. Applicants who completed a homeschool program may submit documentation that the program was conducted in compliance with state homeschool law and resulted in a recognized secondary school completion credential, in lieu of a high school transcript or diploma.

Test-Blind Admissions

Based on the science and data from Higher Education and in concert with our Mission and Vision, we do not require, nor do we take into consideration profoundly deficient, inherently biased, or discriminatory standardized test scores, essays, letters of recommendation, portfolios, resumes, certifications, lists of extracurricular activities, interviews, or any indicator other than the applicant's high school GPA.

NewU makes Admissions decisions solely on the basis of the applicant's high school GPA. NewU uses only high school GPA as the strongest reliable, nondiscriminatory, unbiased predictor of future academic success, and as the basis of determining whether an applicant is equipped and able to benefit from a NewU education. We do not use admissions quotas based on gender, race, age, national origin or any other metric. We do not employ preferential



policies or hidden admissions criteria in admissions. We eliminate the inherent subjectivity and inevitable human bias in our admissions processes and staff by using only GPA as reported by the applicant's high school.

Financial Aid-Blind Admissions

NewU makes admissions decisions without any consideration for financial need or financial aid which may be indicated or requested by the applicant.

High School Completion Verification

NewU verifies the validity of each applicant's high school completion as part of administrative capability under 34 CFR § 668.16(p). For applicants submitting a high school diploma or transcript, NewU confirms that the issuing high school is recognized by the relevant state education agency or by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. For applicants submitting a GED or HiSET certificate, NewU confirms the certificate is issued by the relevant state-authorized testing entity.

If NewU has reason to believe an applicant's high school completion credential is not valid — for example, if the issuing institution is not recognized by any state or accrediting body, if the credential appears to have been altered, or if other indicia of fraud are present — NewU will request additional documentation and may, at its discretion, decline to recognize the credential or rescind any prior admission offer. An applicant whose credential cannot be validated is not eligible for admission and is not eligible for Title IV federal student aid.

This validation occurs during the admissions review process and is conducted by the Director of Admissions or designee, in coordination with the Financial Aid Office where Title IV eligibility is implicated.

Rolling Admissions

NewU processes applications on a rolling basis. Students may apply as soon as they complete grade 11 of high school. NewU stops admitting students for an academic year 2 weeks into the start of the applicable school year.

NewU may stop admitting applicants for each relevant school year once all budgeted available seats have been filled with future students who have signed a NewU student contract and paid their deposits, allowing for an oversubscription of up to a reasonable percentage in anticipation of customary attrition.

Application Fee

NewU sets an application fee of \$150 (one hundred fifty US dollars) per application to cover the administrative and related costs of processing each application. NewU may waive the application fee for one, many, or all applicants at its sole discretion.

Admissions Decisions

NewU does not offer provisional admission or waitlists. Applicants are admitted or denied based on their high school GPA rank relative to the rest of the applicant pool at the time of application.

NewU will inform all applicants of its decision within 7 calendar days of receiving a fully completed application, application fee (if applicable), and any required accompanying documentation. Applicants will be informed via email and text message.

Applicants may check the status of their application at any time by emailing apply@newu.university.

Once an applicant is admitted, the Office of Admissions notifies the Financial Aid Office of the admission decision so that the Financial Aid Office can begin the Title IV eligibility determination process for applicants who have submitted a FAFSA. The Office of Admissions does not communicate financial aid information to admissions reviewers, consistent with NewU's Financial Aid-Blind Admissions policy stated above.

Enrollment Deposit

To secure a spot in the next NewU incoming class, all admitted applicants and transfer students must pay a non-refundable Enrollment Deposit. An offer of admission will become null and void if the admitted applicant does not pay the Enrollment Deposit in full and on time.

Admitted applicants and admitted transfer students are encouraged to apply for financial aid as soon as possible after receiving an admit offer letter. NewU awards scholarships on a rolling basis; earlier applications receive access to the broadest range of available scholarship funds. NewU observes three financial aid priority deadlines each year — December 1, March 1, and June 1 — after which remaining aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis as seats fill. Once NewU issues a financial aid offer letter, students must submit their Enrollment Deposit by the applicable priority deadline to secure their seat and lock in the scholarship offer. NewU may extend any financial aid or enrollment deadlines in response to market and organizational dynamics at its sole discretion.



The Enrollment Deposit is not an extra fee as it is deducted from the first semester bill.

If NewU approves a deferral to a future semester, the Enrollment Deposit will be applied towards that future semester bill. If the applicant later chooses not to enroll at NewU, the Enrollment Deposit is forfeited in full and shall not be refunded.

Application Methods

At this time, NewU only accepts applications electronically via the NewU web-based application form.

Direct Admissions

NewU utilizes Direct (also referred to as Reverse or Flipped) Admissions where the university identifies college-ready students and makes an offer of admission without an application.

Currently, students who are members of or currently enrolled in the following organizations/programs are pre-approved for admission:

- National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS)
- Sage Scholars Tuition Rewards (SSTR)
- College Bound DC

NewU may amend the list of approved Direct/Reverse/Flipped Admissions organizations at the discretion of the Director of Admissions in consultation with the President.

Offer Withdrawals or Amendments:

NewU may, at its sole and absolute discretion, withdraw or amend an offer of admission (freshman or transfer), a financial aid offer, or a student contract for any student or applicant:

- who has materially misrepresented any part of the student's application for admission or financial aid application; or,
- who lied on their application, falsified documents, or otherwise misrepresented themselves in a way that significantly impacts their application; or,
- who fails to respond to the offer by the specified deadline, not completing enrollment steps in time, or not providing required documents by given deadlines; or,
- for international students who fail to obtain the necessary visa or encounter legal or immigration issues that prevent them from attending the university; or,

- if the offer was conditional on achieving certain grades or maintaining a particular GPA or other conditions, and the student fails to meet these conditions; or,
- who is admitted as a first-year/freshman student and has a high school GPA of less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of high school graduation; or,
- who is admitted as a transfer student and has a cumulative college GPA of less than 2.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of transfer.

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