

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE

Admissions: An Overview

Admissions Requirements

High School Record

The student's high school record is the most important factor in the application, but it is not viewed in isolation. We appreciate it when applicants pursue a challenging program, including accelerated and AP courses, as this will provide strong preparation for Bryn Mawr.

Standardized Testing

Bryn Mawr College's Office of Admissions conducts a holistic review of our applicants. Recognizing the individuality of all prospective students, we acknowledge that standardized test scores may not fully reflect academic preparedness or potential. Therefore, applicants may take advantage of the College's test-optional policy by not providing SAT or ACT scores with their application for admission.

Bryn Mawr is interested in your best achievement, so we consider the highest sub scores submitted, irrespective of the test date.

International students (non-U.S. citizens or permanent residents) must submit TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo scores. Students whose first language is English, or whose primary language of instruction has been English during their four years of high school, may have the English proficiency test requirement waived.

More information and updates on [how to apply](#) are available on the Admissions website.

Essays

The Common Application requires one 250–500-word essay and a statement about a meaningful extracurricular activity; the Bryn Mawr College Supplement requires 1 additional essay. Students may also use the Additional Information and COVID-19 sections of the application to provide the College with information they want included with the review of their application.

Recommendations

We require 2 teacher recommendations and 1 recommendation from a counselor.

Interview

A staff, senior student, or alumna interview is recommended, but not required.

Transfer and McBride Applicants

Application requirements are similar to those for first-year admission: a strong high school and college record. More information for [transfer](#) and [McBride](#) applicants can be found on our website.

Advanced Placement (AP) Credit and International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit

If students have questions regarding how their AP or IB credits will transfer to Bryn Mawr, please direct them to the [test credit policy](#) on our website. They can also contact their Admissions Officer with any questions.

College Courses

Bryn Mawr grants a limited number of credits for college courses taken before a student matriculates to the College, provided that those courses were not counted toward high school graduation requirements. For more information, please direct them to the [transfer credit policy](#) on our website.

Placement Exams

Placement into classes can be determined by online placement exams taken the summer prior to attending Bryn Mawr. These scores will be available to the student's dean to assist in the selection of classes.

Admissions Plans and Decisions

[Early Decision Plans](#)

Early Decision I and Early Decision II are both binding. Therefore, Bryn Mawr must be the student's unequivocal first choice. By signing a statement of intent, the applicant agrees to attend Bryn Mawr if admitted and withdraw all other applications.

Note: BMC does NOT have an Early Action plan. Students frequently confuse Early Action and Early Decision. Early Action does not require a commitment to enroll. A student may apply Early Decision to one college and Early Action to another, but if admitted to the Early Decision college, the student is obligated to attend that college and withdraw applications from all others, including the Early Action college.

Regular Decision Plan

Most students apply to the College under the Regular Decision Plan. Regular Decision does not require a commitment to enroll.

Decisions

Early Decision candidates are **admitted, deferred, or denied**. Deferral means that the application will be considered again with Regular Decision applications. Regular Decision candidates are **admitted, waitlisted, or denied**. The waitlist is not ranked.

Application Fee, Deadlines, and Notification Dates

Applications

Bryn Mawr uses the Common Application.

Application Fee

There is no application fee when students apply online.

Plan	Deadline	Notification	Reply
Early Decision I	November 15	Within a month	N/A
Early Decision II	January 1	Within a month	N/A
Regular Decision	January 15	By April 1	May 1
Transfer/McBrides	March 1	End of April	June