

Southwestern University Admission Application

To the Applicant

First, take a deep breath. Remember: Southwestern is interested in you, too. Some things don't lend themselves to fill-in-the-blank, so keep in mind that this application is just one part of how Southwestern gets to know you.

Southwestern University's Application for Admission is for full-time students only and may be used for the Decision Options listed below. Southwestern requires a two-year campus residency for all students. Please return all completed admission materials to Southwestern University, Office of Admission, P.O. Box 770, Georgetown, TX 78627-0770.

Entry Year *(check one)*

Fall 2010

Fall 2011

Decision Options *(check one)*

Early Decision—Binding
November 1 Deadline

Early Action—Non-Binding
December 1 Deadline

Regular Decision
February 1 Deadline

Late Decision
Space-Available-Basis only
After February 1

Reminder: the deadline for
Brown and Dixon scholarship
consideration is January 15.

Student Information

Please type or print in black or blue ink.

last (family) name first (legal) name middle (complete) jr., etc. gender

nickname/preferred name former/maiden name birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) place of birth (city, state)

home phone (include area code) cell phone (include area code) fax number (include area code)

e-mail address

permanent home address: street and number city state/province zip code/postal code country

mailing address (if different from above) use this address until

name of boarding school (if applicable) telephone at mailing address (include area code)

Preferred method of communication: E-mail Letter Cell phone Home phone

area(s) of academic interest still deciding

possible career or professional plans still deciding

Do you plan to apply for need-based financial assistance? *(optional)* Yes No

Southwestern does not use financial need as a basis to deny admission to students.

If yes, please provide your Social Security Number *(optional)*: _____

Your Social Security Number is used to verify your identity in the financial aid process and will be used according to the guidelines of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Be sure to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid [FAFSA] by the appropriate deadline.

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Optional: Demographic Information

The information requested below is voluntary and optional, including without limitation, information regarding an applicant's race or ethnicity, and will be used in a nondiscriminatory manner, consistent with applicable civil rights laws.

Are you Hispanic/Latino? Yes No

Defined as a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South American, Central American or any other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.

Regardless of your answer to the previous question, please indicate any one or more of the following races that apply:

American Indian/Alaska Native

Defined as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North, Central or South America, who maintains cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian

Defined as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia or the Indian Subcontinent, including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand and Vietnam.

Black/African American

Defined as a person having origins in any of the black racial groups, including Africa and the Caribbean.

Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

Defined as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa or other Pacific islands.

White

Defined as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe.

your first language spoken at home, if other than English

religious denominational preference

Required: Citizenship Information

The information requested below is required and will only be used for the purpose of evaluating this application.

U.S. Citizen

Dual U.S. Citizen; specify other country of citizenship:

U.S. Permanent Resident visa; citizen of:

permanent resident card number

Note: Please submit a photocopy of both sides of your Permanent Resident Card with this application.

Other citizenship; specify country and visa type:

If you are not a U.S. Citizen and live in the United States, how long have you been in this country?

parent 1: country of birth

parent 2: country of birth

Statement of Nondiscrimination: Southwestern University's recruiting of students, awarding of financial aid, and operation of programs and facilities are without regard to sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, national or ethnic origin, or any other impermissible factor. Southwestern University's commitment to equal opportunity includes nondiscrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Campus Safety & Security Act of 1990: Southwestern University, like all colleges and universities which receive any federal funding, is required to record and report the incidence of certain criminal activities which have occurred on campus over the previous three years. In addition, schools will provide information on local counseling services and procedures for campus disciplinary action in sex offense cases, and campus alcohol and drug policies. Southwestern's most recent report may be obtained by writing the Dean of Students, Southwestern University, P.O. Box 770, Georgetown, Texas 78627-0770, or by telephoning 800-252-3166.

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Family Information

Parent 1

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full name gender

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occupation/title employed by

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work phone cell phone

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e-mail

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college (if any) degree/year

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graduate school (if any) degree/year

Parent 2

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full name gender

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occupation/title employed by

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work phone cell phone

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e-mail

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college (if any) degree/year

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graduate school (if any) degree/year

Parent's marital status relative to each other (*check all that apply*):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> Married | <input type="radio"/> Parents divorced |
| <input type="radio"/> Never married | Date: |
| <input type="radio"/> Separated | <input type="radio"/> Parent 1 deceased |
| <input type="radio"/> Parent 1 remarried | Date: |
| <input type="radio"/> Parent 2 remarried | <input type="radio"/> Parent 2 deceased |
| | Date: |

With whom do you make your permanent home?

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Parents 1 & 2 | <input type="radio"/> Parent 2 |
| <input type="radio"/> Parent 1 | <input type="radio"/> Legal Guardian |

Other:

If legal guardian or other, list name and address if different than yours:

Siblings (*if more than four siblings, list on an attached sheet*):

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sibling name age

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grade or college(s) attended degree(s)

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Names and relationships of any relatives who attend or have attended Southwestern University:

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Educational Information

Note: the information provided in this section is not official. Please list the high schools, preparatory schools or colleges you have attended, beginning with the 9th grade. *(attach a separate sheet if needed)*

school name _____ dates attended _____

city _____ state _____ country _____

reason for leaving _____

school name _____ dates attended _____

city _____ state _____ country _____

reason for leaving _____

SAT

date taken/to be taken _____ critical reading _____ math _____ writing _____

date taken/to be taken _____ critical reading _____ math _____ writing _____

date taken/to be taken _____ critical reading _____ math _____ writing _____

ACT

date taken/to be taken _____ composite _____

date taken/to be taken _____ composite _____

TOEFL

date taken/to be taken _____ score _____

GPA and Rank

High school does not rank.

gpa _____ student's rank _____ in a class of _____

Outside Activities

Please list your primary extracurricular, community and personal activities in the order of their importance to you. Be sure to identify the activities in which you have demonstrated leadership. To allow us to focus on the highlights of your activities, please complete this section even if you plan to attach a résumé.

activity _____ grade(s): 9 10 11 12

positions held, instruments played, vocal parts sung, letters earned or honors won _____

hours/week _____ weeks/year _____ plan to continue in college? yes no

activity _____ grade(s): 9 10 11 12

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Honors

- National Merit Finalist
- National Merit Commended
- National Achievement Finalist
- National Hispanic Scholar
- National Hispanic Institute (NHI)
- Other honors:

Names of other colleges to which you are applying (*optional*):

General Information

Please list the names of friends attending Southwestern University:

Have you visited Southwestern University?

Yes. Date of visit: _____

No. I plan to visit: _____

Is there an unusual circumstance, any background data or other pertinent information of which we should be aware? Please provide any additional information that you feel would be useful in our review. (*attach a separate sheet if needed*)

How did you originally hear about Southwestern University?

What influenced you to apply to Southwestern University?

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Application/Scholarship Essay

The essay is your opportunity to tell us more about yourself in ways different from courses, grades, test scores and other objective data contained in your application. While the essay is only one of many factors considered, it is your chance to distinguish yourself from other equally well-qualified applicants. Please indicate your topic by checking the appropriate bubble below. Attach your essay to this application (*same size sheet*) and label each sheet with your full name and address.

- Southwestern is a college that changes lives. How have you influenced or made a difference in another person's life?
- What is your favorite word and why is it significant to you?
- Austinite Willie Nelson said, "I like myself better when I'm writing regularly." What makes you 'like yourself better'?
- If all of ACME's products backfire, why does Wile E. Coyote keep buying them? (*Any responses that include the word "because" will spontaneously combust!*)
- Freestyle. I've come up with my own essay topic, thank you very much!

Commitment

I understand that: (1) it is my responsibility to report any changes in my schedule to Southwestern University, and (2) if I am an Early Decision candidate, I must include the completed Early Decision Commitment form with this application.

I hereby apply for admission to Southwestern University and certify that all of the information herein is my own work and, to the best of my knowledge, complete, factually correct, honestly presented and has in no way been wrongfully appropriated from any other source.

signature

date

- Enclosed is the nonrefundable \$40 application fee made payable to Southwestern University, or approved fee waiver.
Please do not send cash.

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Ad-lib (*optional*)

Since “life’s not a paragraph” and “(*optional*)” is in parentheses (apologies to e.e.), feel free to use this page of your application however you wish.