Rice University considers applications for a limited number of spaces from students currently enrolled at other colleges and universities who wish to study at Rice for a limited period of time. Approved applicants may spend a semester or a year at Rice taking courses for credit to be applied toward their undergraduate degree at another institution. Visiting students are not registered as candidates for a Rice degree. Visiting students must leave Rice for at least one semester before they are eligible to apply for transfer admission.

Visiting students are assigned membership to one of the residential colleges during their stay and are charged the same fees as undergraduates. In a few classes where enrollment is limited because of space or other considerations, candidates for Rice degrees have priority over visiting students for registration. All students attending Rice are full-time students; there are no evening or weekend classes. Please note that financial assistance is not available for visiting students.

Those wishing to enroll as visiting students should apply through the Office of Admission. The following items should be submitted by March 15 for fall enrollment.

**APPLICATION COMPONENTS**

Required application materials include:
1. $75 application fee payable by check or money order (no waivers allowed)
2. Official transcripts* of all college work to date
3. Official final high school transcript*
4. College Instructor Evaluation from a faculty member who has taught the student within the past academic year
5. College Report from current institution
6. Official SAT or ACT Plus Writing scores
7. Completed application for visiting students

*Transcripts will not be accepted by fax or by email.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Undergraduate students in good standing at other accredited colleges and universities are eligible to apply for visiting student status, provided they submit a letter from the Dean or Registrar of their home institution stating that the institution will endorse the application. Students who have earned fewer than 12 credit hours (1 semester) of completed college work are not eligible to apply.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, matriculated students have access to their permanent records. Applicants who are denied or decline our offer of admission are not provided such access.

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**STANDARDIZED TESTING**

Rice requires all Visiting Student applicants to take (a) the SAT or (b) the ACT Plus Writing test. It is our policy to use the highest scores from any sitting on the SAT in order to consider each applicant’s most positive test results. Recognizing that this policy could disadvantage those students who cannot afford repeated testing or expensive test prep coaching, we believe a comprehensive testing history provides us with the appropriate context required for making a fair judgment of what the test scores mean in a holistic admission process. We require all applicants submitting the SAT to submit all scores to Rice.

The only definition of a composite score that ACT recognizes is its own definition: an ACT composite is the average of the four multiple-choice scale scores from a single administration of the exam. Therefore, it is Rice’s policy to use the highest ACT composite score in admission consideration.

If a candidate submits both an SAT and an ACT score, the committee will consider the test that best enhances the application. Rice does not require a minimum score on these tests.

Scores must be sent directly to Rice from the testing agency. Rice’s College Board code is 6609; our ACT code is 4152.

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**APPLYING**

Completed applications for fall term enrollment are due by March 15. Mail all required components to:

Rice University
Office of Admission–MS 17
P.O. Box 1892
Houston, TX 77251-1892

You are responsible for making sure these forms are sent and received by Rice by the deadline.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

If you need further information, please visit our website at [http://admission.rice.edu](http://admission.rice.edu) or call (713) 348-RICE.
2. **Male**  [ ]  **Female**  [ ]

3. Prior Name(s) ___________________________________________________________________________________

4. I wish to attend Rice for (check one):  [ ] one semester  [ ] two semesters  
5. College/Univ. Code Number __________________________

6. Social Security Number __________________________________________ (optional) 

7. Birth Date __________

8. Permanent address __________________________
   **Street Address** __________________________  **City** __________________________  **State** __________________________  **Zip Code** __________________________

9. Telephone at permanent address ____

10. Mailing address (if different from #8) __________________________
    **Street Address** __________________________  **City** __________________________  **State** __________________________  **Zip Code** __________________________

11. Telephone at mailing address ____

12. Cell phone ____

13. Email

   We will use the email address you provide us as the sole means of communication for updates regarding your admission status. If you provide us with an email address, you must check it regularly for information regarding your application to Rice. Please notify us of any address changes as soon as they occur.

14. Primary language spoken at home __________________________  Fluency in other languages? Please specify. __________________________

15. City, State, Country of Birth __________________________

16. Country of citizenship: __________________________

   If not a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent resident of the U.S.?  [ ] Yes  [ ] No

   (Attach copy of permanent residency card)  (Visa type: __________________________)

17. The following demographic information is optional. No information you provide will be used in a discriminatory manner.

   a. Are you Hispanic/Latino?  [ ] Yes, Hispanic or Latino (including Spain)  [ ] No

      Which best describes your background?

      [ ] Central America  [ ] Cuba  [ ] Mexico  [ ] Puerto Rico  [ ] South America (excluding Brazil)  [ ] Spain  [ ] Other __________________________

      Are you enrolled?  [ ] No  [ ] Yes, please enter Tribal Enrollment Number __________________________

   b. Please check any of the following groups in which you consider yourself to be a member:

      [ ] American Indian or Alaska Native (including all Original Peoples of the Americas)

      Which best describes your background?

      [ ] Alaska Native  [ ] Chippewa  [ ] Choctaw  [ ] Cherokee  [ ] Navajo  [ ] Sioux  [ ] Other __________________________

      Are you enrolled?  [ ] No  [ ] Yes, please enter Tribal Enrollment Number __________________________

      [ ] Asian (including Indian subcontinent and Philippines)

      Which best describes your background?

      [ ] China  [ ] India  [ ] Japan  [ ] Korea  [ ] Pakistan  [ ] Philippines  [ ] Vietnam  [ ] Other East Asia  [ ] Other Southeast Asia __________________________

      [ ] Black or African American (including Africa and Caribbean)

      Which best describes your background?

      [ ] U.S. / African American  [ ] Africa  [ ] Caribbean  [ ] Other __________________________

      [ ] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (Original Peoples)

      Which best describes your background?

      [ ] Guam  [ ] Hawaii  [ ] Samoa  [ ] Other Pacific Islands (excluding Philippines) __________________________

      [ ] White (including Middle Eastern)

      Which best describes your background?

      [ ] Europe  [ ] Middle East  [ ] Other __________________________
18. Name of mother ____________________
   City, State of birth ______________________ Living? ________
   Address ______________________________________________
   College(s) (if any; years of attendance, degrees conferred) ______________________________________________________
   Employer ____________________________________________
   Job Title ________________________________________

19. Name of father ____________________
   City, State of birth ______________________ Living? ________
   Address ______________________________________________
   College(s) (if any; years of attendance, degrees conferred) ______________________________________________________
   Employer ____________________________________________
   Job Title ________________________________________

20. Check if parents are
   ☐ married to each other   ☐ divorced from each other   ☐ separated   ☐ other ________________________

21. If not with both parents, with whom do you live and what is their relationship to you? ____________________________________________

22. List names of siblings, their ages, colleges (if any), and years of attendance ____________________________________________________
    ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

23. List other relatives who have attended Rice and their relationship to you. Include their degree(s), years of attendance and graduation date(s).
    ______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

24. Have you previously applied to Rice? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, for which term? Fall of ______________  Spring of ______________

25. List below in chronological order, beginning with the most recent, all high schools and colleges you have attended or are attending.

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26. In the left-hand column, list the courses you completed most recently. In the right-hand column, list the courses in which you are currently enrolled.

**Past Term** ☐ Fall or ☐ Spring of ______________  **Current Term** ☐ Fall or ☐ Spring of ______________

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27. Briefly describe any scholastic distinctions or honors you have won in high school or college.
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28. List your principal extracurricular and community activities, hobbies and work experiences in the order of their interest to you. In the left column, please check (✔) those activities you hope to pursue at Rice. To allow us to focus on the highlights of your activities, please complete this section even if you plan to attach a resume.

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<th>Activity</th>
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29. List any significant summer activities or experiences you have had in the past four years (employment, academic enrichment, travel, etc.).

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30. Describe your most interesting work or educational experience.

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31. On a separate sheet, please account for any periods (except summers) you were not enrolled in high school or college. Also, if you have shown marked improvement or decline in your achievement, please describe and explain.

32. Have you been suspended or expelled from a high school, college, or university? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you ever been arrested? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you answered yes to either question, please explain circumstances on a separate sheet. If you are suspended or expelled at any time after submitting this application, you must notify the Office of Admission in writing as soon as possible.

33. Indicate the dates on which you have taken or plan to take the required standardized testing. If you know your scores, also list them.

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34. In which academic departments do you plan to take the most subjects? Present a detailed list of the courses you wish to study at Rice. Reference the course numbers listed in the Rice University 2015-2016 General Announcements, available at http://ga.rice.edu.
35. What is your intended major? Briefly discuss your academic goals.
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36. Why are you applying for admission to Rice as a visiting student?
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37. Who will be responsible for your financial obligations?
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38. Are you presently employed? _________ By whom?
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39. If you have applied or expect to apply to other colleges or universities this year, please name them.
______________________________________________________________________________________________________
40. The following essay question is designed to demonstrate your writing skills and facilitate our full appreciation of who you are. Attach your response on separate sheets and include your name and birth date on each attached sheet.

The quality of Rice’s academic life and the Residential College System is heavily influenced by the unique life experiences and cultural traditions each student brings. What perspective do you feel you will contribute to life at Rice? Most applicants are able to respond successfully in two to three double-spaced pages.

41. I certify that the information provided on this application is accurate and complete and acknowledge that any omission or inaccurate information could jeopardize my standing with the university. I declare that all essays and responses submitted are my own work. I further certify that I will, if admitted, abide by and support the Honor System at Rice University.

Signature___________________________________________________________ Date __________________________________________

42. $75 Application Fee payable by (choose one):

☐ Check or ☐ Money Order: ___________________________ (Must be drawn on and payable to a U.S. bank.) Staple below.
1. How long have you known the applicant? __________________________ In what capacity? ____________________________________________

2. In which course(s) have you taught the applicant? _______________________________________________________________________

3. List three adjectives that first come to mind when you think of the applicant.
   A. ___________________________________  B. ___________________________________  C. ___________________________________

4. To what extent has the applicant been interested in academic work and made full use of his or her intellectual potential?
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To the Applicant: Please fill in the information requested above. Give this form to a professor who has instructed you in an academic subject for at least one semester. To facilitate processing, please give your professor a stamped envelope addressed to the Office of Admission at the above address.

To the Professor: It would be inappropriate for you to complete this form before the applicant has chosen one of the privacy options above. We offer the following questions to help us choose among many qualified applicants. Feel free to attach a letter on school letterhead. We need and appreciate your assistance. All information provided is strictly confidential. Recommendations are discarded before the candidates enroll.
5. What are the applicant’s chief strengths and chief weaknesses?

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6. Please describe the student’s response to constructive criticism from you. How does the student react to the need to seek help or advice?

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7. How does this applicant interact with his or her peers in your class?

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8. Does the applicant possess any unusual or distinguishing personal or intellectual traits?

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9. How would you compare this applicant to all other college students you have taught? Please check the single most appropriate box.

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10. Remarks: Please include any background data or special circumstances that may be relevant to this student's application.

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Applicant Name _______________________________________ Birth Date

Last          First          mm/dd/yyyy
Return to:
Rice University • Office of Admission-MS 17
P.O. Box 1892 • Houston, TX 77251-1892

☐ Male  ☐ Female  Birth Date ____________________________

Student Social Security #___________________________________________________________
(optional)

To the Applicant: Please fill in the information requested above. Give this form to the Dean of Students at the most recent institution you have attended. To facilitate processing, please give your Dean a stamped envelope addressed to the Office of Admission at the above address.

To the Dean: It would be inappropriate for you to complete this form before the applicant has chosen one of the privacy options above. We need and appreciate your assistance. All information provided is strictly confidential. Recommendations are discarded before the candidates enroll.

The above-named student is applying as a visiting student to Rice University. Please confirm the following:

1. Is the above-named student in good academic standing at your institution? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

2. Is the above-named student in good disciplinary standing at your institution without pending accusation of disciplinary violation or record of probation, suspension, or other disciplinary sanction? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

3. Has this student been or will this student be granted a leave of absence to attend Rice? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

4. Will your institution accept credits from Rice for which this student earns a grade of C or better towards his/her degree? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

5. If you answered no to any of these questions, please explain.

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6. Additional Comments: ________________________

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College/University ____________________________ Telephone (_____)__________________ Email __________________
Dr.

Please print: Ms.  Mr.  Title ____________________________

Signature __________________________________________  Date ____________________________