After graduating high school and have not been enrolled in high school for at least one year.

Official transcripts of all academic work undertaken are a required part of the application; therefore, students may not reduce their academic credits in order to qualify as freshman applicants.

CONFIDENTIALITY
In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, only matriculated students have access to their permanent records.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS
A complete application file to Rice University consists of the following:

• The Coalition Application, the Common Application and Rice Writing Supplement or the Universal College Application and Rice Supplement
• $75 nonrefundable application fee or approved fee waiver
• Official high school transcript(s)
• Official test scores sent directly from the testing agency. All freshman applicants for Fall 2017 must submit at least one of the following:
  » The old SAT (Reading, Math, and Writing) and two SAT Subject Tests in fields related to their proposed area of study
  » The new, redesigned SAT (Reading/Writing/Language and Math - SAT Essay is optional) and two Subject Tests in fields related to their proposed area of study
  » The ACT (Writing is optional)
• School Report
• One Teacher/Instructor Evaluation
• Official Transcript and Midyear Report Form (as soon as senior midyear grades become available)
• Architecture applicants must submit a Microsoft PowerPoint portfolio of artwork
• Music applicants must submit an Audition Profile Form

Early Decision applicants must also submit:
• The Rice Early Decision Agreement
• Official high school transcripts including grades from first marking period

International applicants must also submit:
• The Rice International Student Financial Statement
• Supporting Financial Documentation
• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for students whose first language or language of instruction is not English

APPLICATION FEE
The $75.00 application fee is due along with your application for admission. Fees must be paid online.

Students requesting a fee waiver may submit proof of a fee waiver for the SAT or ACT, or eligibility for the federal school lunch program, or a letter from your school counselor.
Admission Policies and Guidelines

High School Curriculum Requirements

Enrolling students must complete a high school diploma (or equivalent). Sixteen college preparatory credits are required, including a minimum of four years of English, three years of math, two years of the same foreign language, two years of social studies, two years of laboratory science (excluding physical science), and three additional years of college preparatory courses of the student’s choosing. Applicants to the natural sciences and engineering schools must take advanced high school math (either trigonometry, elementary analysis, or precalculus) and chemistry and physics (a second year of chemistry or biology may be substituted for physics).

Successful applicants generally have taken 20 or more college preparatory courses in high school, many at the college level.

Decision Plans

You are required to select Early Decision or Regular Decision when you apply. Any change in your decision plan requires immediate notification in writing to the admission office.

Early Decision applicants are required to submit an Early Decision Agreement along with their application, as well as an official high school transcript which includes grades from the first marking period.

Schools of Study

All applicants must indicate an intended school of study from among the following: architecture, engineering, humanities, music, natural sciences, or social sciences.

You should apply to the school that most accurately reflects your strengths and interests. Keep in mind that the choice of school you make as an applicant does not limit the courses you can take at Rice, and transfers from one division to another are common. (Transferring into the music or architecture schools requires faculty approval.)

Students admitted to The Shepherd School of Music must pursue music study for at least one year before changing schools. Visit http://admission.rice.edu/Academics for more information about Rice’s schools of study.

Standardized Testing

All freshmen applicants for Fall 2017 must take one of the following: (a) the old SAT (Reading, Math, and Writing) and two SAT Subject Tests in fields related to their proposed area of study or (b) the new, redesigned SAT (Reading/Writing/Language and Math - SAT Essay is optional) and two Subject Tests in fields related to their proposed area of study or (c) the ACT (Writing is optional).

Rice uses the highest scores from any sitting on the same version of 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. Therefore, we require all applicants submitting the SAT to submit all scores to Rice.

The ACT’s definition of a composite score 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 from a single administration.

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.

Applicants whose first language and language of instruction is not English are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

If you are submitting IELTS score(s), the minimum acceptable score is 7. If you are submitting TOEFL score(s), the minimum acceptable score is 600 on the paper-based test or 100 on the Internet-based test. TOEFL uses Rice’s College Board code, which is 6609.

Official Transcripts

Official high school/secondary school transcripts must include grades from ninth through eleventh grade as well as courses being taken in the senior year.

Transcripts must be submitted by your high school, preferably online via the Coalition Application, the Common Application or the Universal College Application, or by mail. Transcripts will not be accepted by fax or email.

Homeshooled Students

Rice welcomes applications from students who have been homeschooled. To ensure that our evaluation process is fully informed, each homeschooled applicant is encouraged to provide clear, detailed documentation of his or her curriculum, assessment tools, and learning experiences. Rice requires the School Report and one Teacher Evaluation. Either the School Report or the Teacher Evaluation must be completed by someone not related to the student.

Interviews

Although an interview is not a requirement, we recommend it as an excellent opportunity to communicate your interests and questions about Rice. Interviews are only offered to (rising) high school seniors, and it is the student’s responsibility to request an interview.

Interviews are conducted on campus and off campus. The Admission Committee views on- and off-campus interviews equally in the admission review process. Interviews are subject to availability. Inability to have an interview will not negatively impact your application.

On-campus interviews:

Reservations are required for all on-campus interviews and spaces are limited. (For any student completing high school in less than four years, an on-campus interview with an admission
Architectural applicants

A portfolio of creative work is required for all applicants to the School of Architecture. The portfolio should demonstrate creative aptitude and potential and is not expected to be architectural in focus. The materials can include a variety of media, including freehand drawings/sketches, paintings, sculpture, photography/film, printmaking, graphic design, ceramics, theater design, installations, fashion design, etc. The work may have been produced as part of a formal course or independently. With the exception of work completed at college architecture discovery programs, the inclusion of drafting or CAD drawings is discouraged. In that regard, art courses are typically better preparation for architecture at Rice than drafting/architecture courses.

The School of Architecture does not accept CDs or DVDs. Submission is limited to a 15 MB PDF file of up to ten pages plus cover/title page with the applicant’s name. More than one image per page is acceptable with JPEG, JPEG, or GIF images only. Page size should be horizontally oriented A4 or Letter (8.5”x11”) and images should be between 150dpi and 300dpi in jpeg or tiff format. Captions of images with title, year of execution, media and size are encouraged. A one to two sentence description is also acceptable. All text should be in Arial or Helvetica typeface and background color should be either white or black. Sound and animation are not permitted. The file should be labeled with the applicant’s name (example: JohnDoe.pdf).

The preferred method of submission is directly to the Rice Admission Student Portal using the Upload Materials tool. If submission through the Student Portal is not an option, you may email it to riceapps@rice.edu.

Music applicants

Applicants to The Shepherd School of Music must apply and request an audition by December 1. An audition or preliminary recording is required for all performance music applicants.

To arrange appointments and obtain further details, contact Phyllis Smith, Admissions Assistant (email: pws2@rice.edu) or Geoffrey Scott, Director of Music Admissions (email: geoffrey.scott@rice.edu), Rice University, Shepherd School of Music–MS 532, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892; telephone 713-348-4854.

For more information: http://music.rice.edu/undergraduate/index.shtml
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**ARCHITECTURE APPLICANTS ONLY**

| Electronic Portfolio | 11/1/2016 | Not Applicable | 1/1/2017 |

**MUSIC APPLICANTS ONLY**

| Shepherd School Audition Profile Form | Not Applicable | 12/1/2016 | Not Applicable |

**RICE/BAYLOR APPLICANTS ONLY**


**INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ONLY**

| Rice International Student Financial Statement | 11/1/2016 | 12/1/2016 | 1/1/2017 |
| Financial Supporting Documents | 11/1/2016 | 12/1/2016 | 1/1/2017 |
| TOEFL or IELTS score | 11/1/2016 | 12/1/2016 | 1/1/2017 |

**NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS**

Go to [http://financialaid.rice.edu/undergraduates/applyforaid/](http://financialaid.rice.edu/undergraduates/applyforaid/) for more information on financial aid application requirements.

**NOTIFICATION**

Admission decisions from Rice University by: Mid-December 2016 4/1/2017 4/1/2017