Our individualized, holistic admission review process examines each applicant’s academic prowess, creativity, motivation, unique talents, leadership potential, and life experiences. Admission decisions are need-blind for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, DACA students and undocumented students who have lived in the U.S. for an extended period of time. For international citizens who live outside the U.S. and for those living in the U.S. with a valid visa, admission decisions are need-aware.

Read the following instructions thoroughly. Feel free to contact our office should you have any questions about our application process. We are pleased that Rice is among your college choices, and we look forward to reading your application soon.

**APPLICATION COMPONENTS**

Rice strongly encourages online submission of the Transfer Coalition Application or the Common Application and Rice Writing Supplement.

A complete application to Rice University consists of the following:

- The Coalition Application or the Common Application and Rice Writing Supplement
- $75 nonrefundable application fee
- Final official high school transcript
- All official college transcripts
- Official test scores sent directly from the testing agency: Either the SAT or the ACT
- The College Report
- Two College Instructor Evaluations
- Music applicants must submit an audition request form

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 must submit a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) to the Office of Admission with their application.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, matriculated students have access to their permanent records.
REAPPLICATION
All previous applicants to Rice must complete a new application to be considered for admission. The only materials that do not need to be resubmitted are SAT or ACT scores already on file with Rice.

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 the music program for at least one year before changing schools.

Visit http://admission.rice.edu/Academics for more information on the Rice curriculum.

STANDARDIZED TESTING
Rice requires all undergraduate applicants to submit an SAT or ACT score. 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.

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS
Transcripts must be submitted to Rice directly from your high school and all colleges attended by mail. Transcripts will not be accepted by fax or email.

ARCHITECTURE APPLICANTS
Please note that the School of Architecture does not typically admit transfer students. If you have questions about admission to the School of Architecture, contact them directly at Rice University, School of Architecture-MS 50, P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892; telephone 713-348-4864; email: arch@rice.edu.

For more information: http://arch.rice.edu/Admissions/Undergraduate-Admissions/

MUSIC APPLICANTS
Applicants to The Shepherd School of Music must submit an Audition Request Form by December 1. An audition 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