



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS TRANSFER ADMISSION 2018

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.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply to Rice University, transfer applicants must use either the Coalition Application (www.mycoalition.org) or the Common Application (www.commonapp.org).

Students must choose **only one** of these application methods. Rice does not have a preference between the two. Applicants may not mix components from either option. Choose one application, and submit all required materials through that method.

Note: A comprehensive application checklist (with accompanying deadlines) can be found on the last page of this document.

APPLICATION STATUS

You will be notified via email how to access your Rice Admission Student Portal which is designed to assist you in tracking our receipt of your application materials and to communicate your final admission decision. The only valid notification of an admission decision is a formal communication from the Dean for Undergraduate Enrollment.

ELIGIBILITY

Transfer admission to Rice is possible on a competitive basis for students with superior college records. To apply, candidates should have a grade point average of at least 3.20 in their most recent college work.

Students are considered transfer applicants if they have

completed high school, earned at least twelve semester hours of college credit after graduating high school and have not been enrolled in high school for at least one year. Transfer applicants should be aware that a student must complete at least four semesters of course work (60 semester hours) as a full-time student at Rice to be eligible for a bachelor's degree.

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.

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 scores, 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

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>



APPLICATION CHECKLIST TRANSFER ADMISSION 2018

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPLICATION REQUIREMENT	FALL 2018
<input type="checkbox"/> The Application (Coalition Application or Common Application)	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Rice Supplement (Common Application)	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> \$75 Application Fee (or waiver request)	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Final Official High School Transcript	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> All Official College Transcript(s)	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> An Official Transcript Listing Courses in Progress	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> The College Report	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Two College Instructor Evaluations	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Last Date to take SAT (Rice code: 6609)	12/2/2017
- or -	
ACT (Rice code: 4152)	2/10/2018
MUSIC APPLICANTS ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Shepherd School Audition Profile Form	12/1/2017
INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ONLY	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rice International Student Financial Statement	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial Supporting Documents	3/15/2018
<input type="checkbox"/> TOEFL or IELTS score	3/15/2018
NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS	
Go to http://financialaid.rice.edu/undergraduates/applyforaid/ for more information on financial aid application requirements.	
Admission decision notifications from Rice University can be expected on a rolling basis between mid-April and mid-June.	