



Our holistic review focuses on your potential to succeed at Rice. It considers your curriculum and academic performance, test scores, extracurricular activities and achievements outside of class. We understand each person brings a unique set of experiences to the table – different thoughts, values, beliefs and cultural perspectives – and we'll ask you to show those throughout your application. Our evaluation process is designed to provide each student a fair and equitable review.

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.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply to Rice University, transfer applicants must use either the Coalition Application (mycoalition.org) or the Common Application (commonapp.org). Rice does not have a preference between the two.

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 Rice University Enrollment Division.

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

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.

CONFIDENTIALITY

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

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 when applying: 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, 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 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 is not English are required to demonstrate English proficiency, which can be achieved in one of two ways. Those who have received two years of full-time instruction in English at a high school or college are not required to submit English proficiency testing. Applicants who have not received two years of full-time instruction in English must submit official test scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The minimum acceptable score on the TOEFL Internet-based test is 100 or a 75 on the Paper-delivered test. The minimum acceptable score on the IELTS is 7.

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:

arch.rice.edu/apply/undergraduate

MUSIC APPLICANTS

Applicants to The Shepherd School of Music must submit an Audition Request Form by December 1. An audition/interview or preliminary submission is required for all 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:

music.rice.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-studies