

Admissions and Tuition Benefit Information Session

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Furman University



The Admissions Process



The College Search

- What to do after high school?
 - College
 - Military
 - Employment
 - Which college is right for me?
 - Connect with school counselor
 - Connect with admissions counselor
 - Online Research
 - Campus Tours
 - College Fairs
- *Fit is also important*



Furman University – Admissions Process

The office of Admissions may consider an array of factors in the admissions review process, with academic performance being a key consideration.

Academic Considerations (average)		Comments
Core Academic GPA:	3.72	The Office of Admissions re-calculates all GPAs to include only core academic courses (Math, Science, Social Studies, English, Foreign Language) and will use an unweighted, 4.0 scale when determining core GPA.
SC UGP GPA:	4.81	
Curriculum Rigor:	Considered within the context of a student's high school.	Every high school is distinct in terms of the types of course offerings made available to students. We encourage students to pursue upper level coursework, whether it is AP, IB, Honors Levels, Dual Enrollment, or other upper level coursework determined at the individual school.
SAT Mid-50%:	1300-1435	Furman has been test optional since 2011, so it is up to the student to determine whether test scores should be a factor in review. Should students choose to include test scores for review, we will "super score" both the SAT and ACT. This means we will take the best subsection scores if exams have been taken multiple time to determine the highest composite score.
ACT Mid-50%:	29 - 33	

Additional Considerations May Include:

Extracurricular Involvement	Essay	Letters of Recommendation (not required)
Resume	Honors or Awards	

Furman University – Admissions Process

Furman utilizes both the Common Application and Coalition Application for review. There is no preference and which platform to use may be a recommendation from the student’s school counselor or determined by the other institutions a student may be considering. For more details about our application process, please visit <https://www.furman.edu/admissions-aid/apply/>.

Furman’s Application Rounds – Important Dates & Deadlines				
Application Round:	Early Decision I (Binding)*	Early Action	Early Decision II (Binding)*	Regular Decision
Application Deadline:	November 1	November 1	January 15	January 15
Financial Aid Priority Deadline:	November 1	November 15	January 15	February 1
Admissions Decision Notification:	By November 15	By December 20	By February 1	By February 15
Financial Aid Notification:	By November 15	By January 10	By February 1	By March 1
Enrollment Deadline:	January 5	May 1	March 1	May 1
*Both Early Decision I and II are binding rounds, which means that if admitted, a student agrees to withdraw applications from admission to other institutions and commit to enroll at Furman				



Tuition Exchange Programs



Tuition Exchange Programs

Two tuition exchange programs

1. *The Tuition Exchange (TE)*

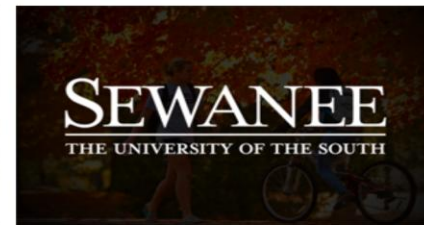
- 700+ Member Institutions
- Value of the TE Scholarship is either full tuition or an annual set rate (depending on the school).
 - For 2026-27, the set rate is \$44,000
 - Check with school about that school's TE value
 - School may use federal and state grant dollars as part of the TE award
- Furman pays the \$45 TE fee on behalf of each student accepted

2. *Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) Tuition Exchange*

- 16 member schools, 15 of whom participate in ACS Tuition Exchange (Davidson does NOT participate)
- Value of ACS is full tuition (less federal and state grants)
 - Parents pay \$2,000 fee to ACS each year
 - Furman pays \$2,000 fee to ACS each year for student
 - Student must complete the FAFSA each year



ACS Participating Schools



Steps in the Process

- The Furman employee initiates the process with Human Resources
 - In early fall of your student's senior year, complete Furman's Tuition Benefits request form
- HR will certify employee eligibility and notify Admissions of that status
- Student applies for admission to TE/ACS Schools
 - Apply for admission early fall (we suggest August/September)
 - Complete the FAFSA (for ACS schools) starting October 1



Steps in the Process - Tuition Exchange

- Furman employee must complete TE application online at the official TE website.
- TE then notifies Furman that your TE application has been received
 - Your TE application is approved if HR has your Furman Tuition Benefits Form, and you are deemed eligible by HR.
 - TE application information is sent electronically to the schools **you** listed on the TE application. You should apply to several schools and can add schools after the initial application is submitted.
 - You and Furman are notified if your student is awarded the TE scholarship by the school(s) to which your student applied.
 - Notification timetable is school-dependent



Steps in the Process - ACS Exchange

- **Beth Norris** completes ACS application online on your student's behalf and according to the schools you listed on the Tuition Benefits Form (Notice that this is different than the TE application)
 - You and Furman are notified **by the importing school** if your student is awarded ACS Tuition Exchange
 - Notification timetable is school-dependent
- Parent pays \$2,000 fee to ACS by July 15 when accepted and committed to school.
 - ACS will bill parents directly for this fee.
 - If your school is an ACS and TE school, apply for both programs.



Remember...

- Admission to TE/ACS schools is not guaranteed.
- TE/ACS awards are not guaranteed.
- If your student is awarded TE, certification of continued eligibility is required each year.
 - Furman does this on your behalf, but you need to submit the tuition benefit form to HR first
- Tuition Exchange programs are valid for **8 semesters** – we recommend **not** using them for summer terms
- If your student takes any college courses after high school graduation but before entering their freshman year of college, they are considered a transfer student and that **may** make them ineligible for the tuition exchange program. Check with the college they want to attend before allowing them to take courses to get ahead.
- The Furman Tuition Benefit form must be completed each year and submitted to HR (August is recommended).
 - You should notify HR of any change in your student's enrollment, i.e. leave of absence, transferring, etc.



Tuition Benefits



Tuition Programs

- Furman University Undergraduate and Graduate Programs
- Tuition Exchange and ACS Exchange
- Tuition Scholarship Grant
- Job-Related Tuition Reimbursement



Eligibility Requirements

- Faculty and Staff Requirements
 - 2 Years Continuous Service
 - Family leave and sabbatical leave are not considered interruptions to continuous service
 - Faculty – $\frac{3}{4}$ teaching load
 - Staff – minimum of 30 work hours per week
- Dependent Requirements
 - Legal spouse/partner
 - Dependent child – biological child, step-child, legally adopted child, child under legal guardianship
 - Under 24 years of age; has not completed a bachelors level program.



Guidelines

- Tuition Scholarships – based on tuition charges identified by the University.
- Scholarship does not include non-tuition charges such as fees, room, board, books, residence halls damage deposits, student insurance, ROTC deposit, courses taken on audit basis, and other special charges related to enrolling in the University.



Tuition Benefit Form
(To be completed by parent/employee)

Student Information

Dependent Name: Last 4 digits of SS#:
Date of Birth: Dependent Email:
Class Year for Tuition Benefit: Academic Year for Tuition Benefit:
Anticipated College Graduation Date: Academic Term: Fall
 Spring
 Summer

Employee Information

Employee Name: Last 4 digits of SS#:
Address: Phone Number:
Date Employed:
Department: Student is my: Dependent Child
 Legal Guardianship
 Spouse/Partner
Employment Type: Faculty Staff Self

Tuition Benefit Options (check all that apply)

Furman University Benefit
 Tuition Scholarship Grant:
(Name of institution student is attending – do not use if attending Furman or Exchange Institution)
 Tuition Exchange:
Name of TE Institution(s) to which student is applying.
(**Student must submit the TE application at <https://www.tuitionexchange.org>)
 Associated Colleges of the South Exchange:
Name of ACS Institution(s) to which student is applying.
(**Furman's Office of Admissions will submit the ACS application on behalf of the student)

Signature of Employee:  Date: 5/15/2024

Human Resources Verification

Verify the following: Employee has two years continuous service starting September 1, 2011
 Dependent is child, legal guardianship, spouse/partner
 Child is under age 24
 Eligible Not Eligible - Comment: _____

Send to: Financial Aid
 Admissions
 Graduate Office

HR Signature: _____ Date: _____

Tuition Benefit form can be found at:
<https://www.furman.edu/offices-services/human-resources/benefits/tuition-benefits/>



Furman Undergraduate & Graduate Programs

(Available for employee, spouse, and dependent children)

- Must be admitted through Office of Admissions or Office of Graduate Studies.
- Tuition benefits do not cover audited courses.
- Form: Completed once a year



Tuition Exchange & ACS Exchange

(Available for eligible dependent children only)

- Eligibility in the exchange programs requires the dependent child meet the admission requirement and be pursuing their first undergraduate degree full-time during the regular school year (not summer school).
- Eligible until 8 semester are completed or fulfillment of undergraduate requirements, whichever comes first; not over age 23
- Participating schools
 - Tuition Exchange – www.tuitionexchange.org
 - ACS – www.colleges.org
- Form: Completed once a year



Tuition Scholarship Program

(Available for dependent children only)

- Dependent must be enrolled full-time in a two-year or four-year accredited college or university pursuing an undergraduate degree
- Maximum award amount - \$2,530 per year (\$1,265/semester)
- Eligible until 8 semesters are completed or fulfillment of bachelor's degree requirements, whichever comes first
- Tuition awards can be used for either full-time or part-time summer school attendance
- Form: Completed **each** semester



Job-Related Tuition Reimbursement

(Staff Only)

- Available to full-time staff who attend accredited colleges and universities other than Furman.
- Eligible courses:
 - Job-related courses which apply to career opportunities available at Furman
 - Courses that lead to an associate, undergraduate or graduate degree, provided the degree is related to opportunities within the University
 - ‘Long-term’ courses to obtain occupational certification that relate to job opportunities at Furman
- Maximum award amount: \$1,500 per year (\$750/semester)
- Form: Completed each semester

Questions?

