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

There are so many reasons our students choose to call Furman home and why Furman continues to earn such great national recognition. Here are just a few of the reasons we often hear prospective students mention when thinking about Furman!
The Office of Admissions may consider an array of factors in the admissions review process, with academic performance being a key consideration.

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<th>Academic Considerations (average)</th>
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<td>Core Academic GPA: 3.6 – 3.8</td>
<td>The Office of Admissions re-calculates all GPAs to include on core academic courses (Math, Science, Social Science, English, Foreign Language) and will use an unweighted, 4.0 scale when determining core GPA.</td>
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<td>SC UGP GPA: 4.6-4.8</td>
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<td>Curriculum Rigor: <em>Considered within the context of a student’s high school.</em></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>SAT Mid-50% 1270 – 1440</td>
<td>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 times to determine the highest composite score.</td>
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<td>ACT Mid-50% 29-33</td>
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**Additional Considerations May Include:**

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Furman Utilizes both the [Common Application](https://commonapp.org) and [Coalition Application](https://thecollegeboard.org/coa) 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/](https://www.furman.edu/admissions-aid/apply/).

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*Both Early Decision I and II are binding rounds, which means that if admitted, a student agrees to withdraw applications for admission to other institutions and commit to enroll at Furman.*
TUITION EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

- **Two tuition exchange programs**
  - The Tuition Exchange (TE)
    - 672+ Member Institutions
    - Value of the TE Scholarship is either full tuition or an annual set rate (depending on the school).
      - For 2024-25, the set rate is $42,000
      - 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.
  - 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 have to pay a $2,000 fee to ACS each year
      - Furman has to pay a $2,000 fee to ACS each year for each student
      - Student must complete the FAFSA each year


ACS PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

BSC
Birmingham-Southern College

Centenary

CENTRE COLLEGE

No ACS Tuition
DAVIDSON
Exchange

FURMAN

HENDRIX

MILLSAPS COLLEGE

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

Rhodes College

UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND

Rollins

SEWANEE
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Southwestern University

Spelman College

TRINITY UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY
Steps in the Process: First Steps

- The Furman employee initiates the process with Human Resources
  - In early fall of your student’s senior year, complete Furman’s Tuition Benefits Form [docusign](#) at this link:
    - [DocuSign](#)
  - Susan Cooper in HR will certify employee eligibility and notify Nancy Griffeth and Beth Norris in 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**

**The Tuition Exchange**

- Furman employee must complete TE application online at the official [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 applications are 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**

**Associated Colleges of the South**

- **Nancy Griffeth or 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 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 (address on their website) when accepted and committed to the school.
    - ACS will bill parents directly for this fee.
    - If your school is an ACS and TE school, apply to 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.
- The Furman Tuition Benefits 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
  • *Employee, spouse, or dependent children*

• Tuition Exchange and ACS
  • *Eligible dependent children only*

• Tuition Scholarship Grant
  • *Eligible dependent children only*

• Job-Related Tuition Reimbursement
  • *Staff only*
ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• Faculty and Staff Requirements
  • 2 Years Continuous Service
    Family leave and Sabbatical leave are not considered interruptions to continuous service
  • Faculty – ¾ Teaching Load
  • Staff – Minimum of 30 work hours per week

• Dependent Requirements
  • Legal Spouse/Domestic 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 student government fees, room, board, books, application fee, residence hall damage deposits, student insurance, applied music, lab fee, graduation fee, activity fees, late enrollment, ROTC deposit, courses taken on an audit basis, and other special charges related to enrolling in the University.
Click here to fill out the online Furman form
FURMAN UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE PROGRAMS
(AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYEE, SPOUSE, OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN)

- Must be admitted through the Office of Admissions or Office of Graduate Studies
- Tuition benefits do not cover audited courses
- Form:
  - Completed once a year
Eligibility in the exchange programs requires the dependent child meet the admission requirements and be pursuing his/her first undergraduate degree full-time during the regular school year (not summer school).

Eligible until 8 semesters are completed or fulfillment of undergraduate requirements, whichever comes first; not over 24 years of age.

Participating schools
- ACS - www.colleges.org
- Tuition Exchange - www.tuitionexchange.org

Form:
- Completed once a year
TUITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(AVAILABLE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN ONLY)
FOR NON TE/ACS SCHOOLS

• 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 ($1,265 per 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 University

- Eligible courses:
  - Job-related courses which apply to career opportunities available at the University
  - 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 certifications that relate to job opportunities at the University

- Max award amount - $1500 ($750 per semester)

- Form:
  - Completed each semester

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QUESTIONS?