Admissions and Financial Aid Overview For First-Year Applicants

The University of New Hampshire’s admissions process is an individualized, comprehensive review of all credentials submitted in support of a student’s application. This process is designed to answer one important question: has the student developed and demonstrated through past achievement the necessary skills needed to be academically successful at UNH? As we seek to answer this question, the Admissions Office commits itself to supporting students and families as they examine the issues involved in a successful college selection process. Students are reviewed individually and in the context of their own high school environments. Consistent with our desire to seek out students capable of academic success at UNH, primary emphasis is placed on a student’s academic record; personal qualities, the essay, involvements outside the classroom, recommendations and standardized testing are also considered.

Admission Criteria

Competitive applicants have historically demonstrated:

- B/B+ grades in the core subject areas. The average GPA is a weighted 3.4 on a 4.0 scale.
- College prep level coursework, but more rigorous coursework (honors/AP) makes a student more competitive for admissions

Students should also complete the following sequences of college preparatory coursework to be minimally qualified. A majority of our competitive applicants have completed at least 4 years in each core subject area.

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics, including Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II
- 3 years of science, two of which must be laboratory sciences
- 3 years of social sciences, including U.S. History
- 2 years of a single foreign language (3 years is preferred)

*Some of our academic programs require an additional year of preparation in subject areas beyond what is listed above. Please visit this website for more information: http://admissions.unh.edu/apply/first-year

How to Apply

Application for admission to the University of New Hampshire must be made online using the Common Application. Learn more about applying to UNH at: www.admissions.unh.edu/apply

Application Requirements

- The Common Application
- Official High School Transcript and/or GED
- 1 Letter of Recommendation from a teacher or guidance counselor
- Official SAT/ACT Scores**

**UNH requires all first year applicants to submit their SAT/ACT scores electronically. There are no “cut-offs” for standardized test scores in the UNH admission process

Important Deadlines

- October 15– First-year and transfer application deadline for Spring Semester
- November 15– Non-binding early action review deadline for first-year applicants applying for Fall semester
- February 1– Regular decision deadline for first-year applicants for Fall semester
- March 1: Financial Aid application (FASFA) received by federal processor
- March to May– Admitted students will receive Financial Aid packages electronically
- May 1– Enrollment and housing deposit deadline for first-year applicants

Financial aid on reverse
A college education is the best investment you can make in your future. It is also an expensive commitment. Many families must look beyond their own resources for assistance when financing a college education. With appropriate planning, financing a UNH education is indeed possible. In the past, 65% of undergraduate students have received need-based aid; 72% have receive some form of aid. The University's Financial Aid Office assists families as they look to pay for and achieve their goals for higher education. The guiding principal in financing a college education is that it is the family's responsibility to pay for a child's education. Financial Aid from the federal or state government and the institution is available to those families who, through the financial aid application process, have demonstrated financial need in meeting the expenses associated with a college education.

### What is Financial Aid?

There are two common types of financial aid: grant aid and self-help.

Grant aid is need-based financial aid awards that do not need to be re-paid. Grant aid is provided by federal and state governments and the institution.

Self-help aid includes loans. Loans require the borrower to repay funds provided to a student. Typically repayment does not begin until a student ceases to be enrolled as a full-time student. Self-help aid might also include work-study, a federal program that allows eligible students to work part-time on campus.

### Financial Aid at UNH

To apply for financial aid at UNH, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) must be completed and received by the federal processor by March 1. This will allow you to be considered for all forms of need-based aid awarded by the University. If you submit the necessary materials on time, you will receive notification of your financial aid eligibility no later than April 30. The FASFA is available in your high school guidance office, online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, or through the UNH Office of Financial Aid. **Do not wait to receive your notice of admission to apply for financial aid! March 1 is the deadline for all students at UNH.**

### Net Price Calculator

UNH offers a Net Price Calculator—a tool that will help you determine how affordable UNH may be for you and your family. The calculator will present you a sample of the kind of need-based award you may receive once you are admitted and have applied for financial aid.

[https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/unh](https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/unh)

### 2014-2015 Expenses

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*In figuring the total cost of attending UNH, we encourage you to also add factors such as books, supplies, transportation and miscellaneous expenses.

### Merit Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded by the Admissions Committee based on materials submitted with the application for admission; **no additional application is required**. The credentials evaluated include academic achievement, class rank (if available), program of study, and SAT/ACT results. Criteria for scholarships are posted on the admissions website starting in the fall. Outside scholarships will be used to reduce unmet need.

2013-2014 Criteria (subject to change):

- Director's Scholarship—top 30% of graduating class and SAT score of 1670+ or ACT score of 25+
- Dean's Scholarship—top 15% of graduating class and SAT score of 1760+ or ACT score of 26+
- Presidential Scholarship—top 10% of graduating class and SAT score of 1970+ or ACT score of 29+

[http://admissions.unh.edu/merit-scholarships](http://admissions.unh.edu/merit-scholarships)

### For Additional Information

- Office of Admissions: 3 Garrison Avenue, Durham, NH 03824 (603)862-1360 admissions.unh.edu
- Financial Aid Office: 11 Garrison Avenue, Durham, NH 03824 (603)862-3600 financialaid.unh.edu

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