

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY HOME SCHOOL FRESHMAN APPLICANT POLICY

Seattle University welcomes applicants who have received their education through home schooling experiences. At Seattle University we recognize that traditional high school may not be ideal for every student. However, in order to maintain consistency in how we read applications from all students, home school students must supply the additional information noted in this policy. Seattle University Admissions requires the following application requirements in order to thoroughly evaluate whether home school applicants have the necessary foundation of skills and academic credentials to be successful students at Seattle University.

All freshman applicants, regardless of home school status, are required to submit the following:

- Completed Common Application with essay and application fee
- Completed Seattle University Supplemental Application with Personal Statement
- Official transcripts for all completed or in-progress coursework
- Official SAT or ACT scores
- One teacher recommendation
- One counselor recommendation/secondary school report

In addition to the general application requirements listed above, all freshman home school applicants are also required to submit the following:

1. The **Common Application Home School Supplement** completed by the home school supervisor (person responsible for education plan and overseeing instruction).
2. All **official transcripts, including a detailed official home school transcript** signed by the home school supervisor. The home school transcript should include: detailed course descriptions, texts used, and minimum number of hours per week of instruction. Official transcripts are also required for any additional coursework completed or in progress in a non-home school setting, including traditional secondary schools, colleges, universities, or any other type of school where credit was or will be received.
**Note: This fulfills the "official transcript" requirement all freshman applicants complete. Please also be aware of the minimum secondary school course requirements for all freshman applicants, found under "Admission Requirements" on the Undergraduate Admissions website.*
3. One additional **letter of recommendation** from a non-relative (including requirements for all freshman applicants, this is a total of two letters and one counselor secondary school report/letter). Preferably this additional recommendation will be from a non-relative teacher who has taught the student within the last three years in an academic subject. If this is not possible, other character references are appropriate.
**Note: If the home school supervisor is the only teacher and counselor, two additional letters of recommendation are required from non-relative sources familiar with the student's academic quality, work-ethic, and/or character.*
4. Home school applicants are required to show additional non-home-school-setting **assessments in three academic areas: English, mathematics, and laboratory science**. The following options

note the methods through which these assessments may be displayed based on which standardized test (SAT or ACT) was taken as part of the general freshman requirements.

- If the student took the SAT as part of the standard freshman admissions requirements, he or she must show additional assessments in English, mathematics, and laboratory science (laboratory science constitutes natural sciences such as biology or chemistry but does not include social sciences such as psychology). This can be completed through one of these options:
 - i. ACT results (writing portion recommended).
 - ii. AP test results in math, lab science and either English literature or English language.
 - iii. IB test results in math, lab science, and English.
 - iv. SAT Subject Test results in math, lab science, and English literature.
 - v. CLEP exam results in math, lab science and either English literature or English composition.
 - vi. At least one course in each area – math, lab science, and English – completed with an official transcript from a traditional, accredited secondary school.
 - vii. At least one course in each area – math, lab science, and English – completed with official transcripts from a regionally accredited college or university (includes Running Start credits at Washington State community colleges).
 - viii. A sufficient combination of options i-vii showing assessments in English, math, and lab science. For example, an appropriate display of assessments could include: an AP test score in English Language, an SAT Subject Test score in Mathematics Level 1, and an official college transcript with credits in a 100-level Biology course.

- If the student took the ACT (writing portion recommended) as part of the standard freshman admissions requirements, he or she must show additional assessment in English and mathematics. This can be completed through one of these options:
 - i. SAT results.
 - ii. AP test results in math and either English literature or English language.
 - iii. IB test results in math and English.
 - iv. SAT Subject Test results in math and English literature.
 - v. CLEP exam results in math and either English literature or English composition
 - vi. At least one course in each area – math and English – completed with an official transcript from a traditional, accredited secondary school.
 - vii. At least one course in each area – math and English – completed with an official transcript from a regionally accredited college or university (includes Running Start credits at Washington State community colleges).
 - viii. A sufficient combination of options i-vii showing assessments in English, math, and lab science. For example, an appropriate display of assessments could include: an AP score in Calculus I and an official college transcript with credits in a 100-level English course.

**Note: While taking both the SAT and ACT does fulfill the requirement for additional academic assessments, taking either the SAT or ACT multiple times alone will not fulfill this requirement.*



For home school students, academic merit scholarships will rely heavily on SAT and/or ACT scores. In addition to submitting all required application materials, we also encourage home school applicants to arrange an individual appointment with an Admissions Counselor by contacting the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Because every home school student's situation is unique, it is our goal to be consistent and balance accommodation with our commitment to a holistic application review.



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