

# Sweet Briar College

## Application for Admission for Undergraduate Women

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### Admission Plans

#### FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

Regular Decision — Deadline February 1

To receive the fullest consideration for admission and appropriate academic scholarships, students should submit all application materials by February 1 of the senior year of high school. However, students are encouraged and invited to apply as early as September 1 of the senior year in high school. And in an effort to be responsive to student interest and college choice, Sweet Briar pledges to notify the applicant of its admission decision within one month of the date her application becomes complete.

#### Required Credentials

- Completed application form
- Essay
- \$40 application fee (check should be made payable to Sweet Briar College)
- Official high school transcript including senior-year courses
- Recommendation from school guidance counselor
- Recommendation from an 11th- or 12th-grade teacher, as defined on the recommendation form
- Official SAT I or ACT scores

#### TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Fall Deadline May 1; Spring Deadline November 1

All students who have completed secondary school and have previously enrolled in another college or university should apply as transfer students. All transfer applicants will be considered for appropriate merit scholarships as long as the application has been received by the appropriate deadline.\*

#### Required Credentials

- Completed application form
- Essay
- \$40 application fee (check should be made payable to Sweet Briar College)
- Official high school transcript
- Official transcript(s) of all college work, if applicable
- Recommendation from dean/academic advisor of present college
- Recommendation from an academic professor
- Official SAT I or ACT scores

\* Students interested in transferring who applied to Sweet Briar within the last two years should contact the Admissions Office to reactivate their original application and to receive a simplified list of required credentials. A second application and application fee are not required.

### INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Deadline February 1

Any student who is not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. is required to apply as an international applicant. All international applications received by February 1 will be considered for international scholarships.

#### Required Credentials

- Completed application form
- Essay
- \$40 application fee (check should be made payable in U.S. dollars to Sweet Briar College)
- International Student Financial Aid Application form (please visit [www.financialaid.sbc.edu/international.html](http://www.financialaid.sbc.edu/international.html) for additional information and to download the form)
- Official results of the TOEFL exam or official results of the SAT, if offered in your country. Photocopies of any test score will not be accepted and your application will not be considered unless your test results are official. The ETS exam code for Sweet Briar College is 5634.
- Official copies of all secondary school records with course listings and grades, translated when necessary
- A recommendation from the headmaster, principal or college counselor at your school, stating expected date of graduation
- A recommendation from a teacher who has taught you in the last two years

If you are applying as an international transfer student, you must also submit the following:

- An official transcript as well as a catalog with translations showing descriptions of courses taken in college or university
- A recommendation from an academic dean, professor or advisor of the present college or university

### TURNING POINT APPLICANTS

Fall Deadline May 1; Spring Deadline November 1

Sweet Briar is committed to helping women of nontraditional college age begin or continue their college education. At Sweet Briar, women who are at least 24 years of age or who have been out of formal education for at least four years are classified as “Turning Point” students.

Turning Point students who have never completed any college-level work should apply for admission using the same application process as a traditional first-year student (please refer to the section for First-Year Applicants). Students who have completed some college-level coursework should apply for admission as transfer students (please refer to the section for Transfer Applicants).

Turning Point applicants are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office before applying for admission so that we may connect you with an admissions counselor who can best help you through the appropriate application process.

## INTERVIEWS, TOURS, OVERNIGHT VISITS

The Office of Admissions welcomes you to visit campus to talk with students, faculty and admissions staff. Interviews are strongly encouraged. Interviews may also be arranged with an alumna in your area. If you visit campus during the academic year, we invite you to stay with a current student in a residence hall any Sunday-Thursday night, attend classes and meet with faculty members, athletic coaches and administrators.

The Office of Admissions is open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. until noon by appointment on Saturdays while the College is in session. Please contact the Office of Admissions at least two weeks in advance to arrange your visit by calling 434.381.6142, or 1.800.381.6142. You may also e-mail us at [admissions@sbcc.edu](mailto:admissions@sbcc.edu).

## SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

Sweet Briar offers numerous scholarships based on academic achievement, areas of interest or geographical origin. Most awards are renewable provided you maintain a specified minimum grade-point average. The awards range in value from \$1,000 to \$15,000, depending on the category of award. You are automatically considered for scholarships when you complete your application for admission.

The Scholarship Committee of the College selects scholarship recipients on a rolling basis. If you are chosen for one of these awards, you will receive a letter of notification with your admission letter. If you also qualify for need-based assistance, your scholarship becomes part of the need-based award.

## NEED-BASED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A college education is one of the most valuable investments you can make for your future. If Sweet Briar College is your choice, we will work closely with you to help you manage this investment. Once you qualify for admission, you may also qualify for need-based assistance, academic awards or both. Your family's ability to pay is not a consideration as we evaluate your application for admission, and the determination of eligibility for need-based assistance occurs after you have been admitted to the College.

Need-based financial aid is offered to families who demonstrate need for additional resources to afford Sweet Briar's total cost. If your family demonstrates need, the College's Office of Financial Aid will send you an award letter and packet of explanatory information detailing the full amount and individual sources of your assistance.

Typically a need-based award is composed of:

- scholarships and/or grants (money which does not have to be repaid);
- a loan or loans (which must be repaid);
- campus work/study employment (money that you earn is intended to help you pay your personal expenses).

You may obtain an estimate of eligibility for need-based assistance before you apply for admission by submitting the Sweet Briar College Early Estimator Form between September 1 and December 15.

### REGULAR DECISION APPLICANTS

You must complete the FAFSA after January 1 and before March 1 of the year in which you apply for admission.

If you are a legal resident of Virginia who will be enrolled full time (12 hours per semester, fall and spring), you qualify automatically for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG), regardless of your eligibility for need-based assistance.

International applicants are not eligible for need-based aid, but are eligible for merit scholarships based on the strength of the applicant's academic record.

Call the Office of Financial Aid, 1.800.381.6156, if you need an Early Estimator Form, a VTAG application or help completing the FAFSA.