

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 July 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 sbc.edu/financial-aid/international-students 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 July 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.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Please check appropriate box for application status. All application materials must be received by the appropriate deadline.

Year of Entrance 20_____

- Regular Decision (Deadline February 1)
- International (Deadline February 1)
- Transfer (Deadline July 1)
- Turning Point (Deadline July 1)

- Spring: First Year (Deadline November 1)
- Spring: Transfer (Deadline November 1)
- Spring: Turning Point (Deadline November 1)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please type or print neatly in ink.

Name _____
last first middle preferred name

Permanent Home Address _____
street

Permanent Home Address _____
city state country zip code

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

E-mail _____

Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Place of Birth _____
mo day year

Citizenship: U.S.A. Non-U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident Permanent Resident Number _____

Dual Citizenship: _____

Mailing Address, if applicable _____
street

_____ city state country zip code

Mailing Address Phone (_____) _____

OPTIONAL

Responses to these questions do not affect your chances for admission. They are used for institutional purposes to track our effectiveness in attracting a range of women with diverse backgrounds. If you choose to answer these questions, regardless of your answer to the first question, please answer both questions.

- 1) Are you of a Hispanic or Latino ethnic background? (A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.) Yes No
- 2) Select 1 (one) or more of the following which best describe your racial background.
 - American Indian or Alaska Native (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America, including Central America, and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.)
 - Asian (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian Sub-continent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.)
 - Black or African American (A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.)
 - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.)
 - White (A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.)
 - Non-Resident Alien (A person who is not a citizen of the United States, who is in this country on a TEMPORARY basis, and does not have the right to remain indefinitely. Resident Aliens should also select one or more of the above.)

BOARDING SCHOOL OR COLLEGE INFORMATION

Boarding School or College (if applicable) _____ to _____
years attended

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

High School _____ to _____
school address years attended

_____ to _____
school address years attended

School Phone (_____) _____ Guidance Counselor _____

HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

I will complete a high school degree at/through public HS private HS homeschooling GED
 Under which system does your school operate? semester trimester quarter

FAMILY INFORMATION

Please complete applicable information on all family members.

Check one: Mother Stepmother Guardian
 Living Deceased _____ (year)

Name _____
 Prefix/Suffix _____
 Citizenship _____
 E-mail _____
 Daytime Phone _____
 Evening Phone _____
 Place of Employment _____
 Occupation _____
 Title _____
 Home Address [if different from yours]

College (if any) _____
 Degree _____ Year _____
 Professional/Graduate School _____
 Degree _____ Year _____

Check one: Father Stepfather Guardian
 Living Deceased _____ (year)

Name _____
 Prefix/Suffix _____
 Citizenship _____
 E-mail _____
 Daytime Phone _____
 Evening Phone _____
 Place of Employment _____
 Occupation _____
 Title _____
 Home Address [if different from yours]

College (if any) _____
 Degree _____ Year _____
 Professional/Graduate School _____
 Degree _____ Year _____

Are your parents married? separated? divorced? With whom do you live? _____
 Who is your legal guardian? _____ Relationship _____

List the names and ages of siblings and colleges attended.

List other household members enrolled in college, college they will attend and year of graduation.

List any relatives/friends who attended Sweet Briar.

_____	_____	_____
maiden name	SBC class	relationship to you
_____	_____	_____
maiden name	SBC class	relationship to you

For International Students, please list contact in U.S.

_____ No Contacts in U.S.
 name address phone

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Students who are not U.S. citizens are not eligible for Need-based Aid.

I am a candidate for financial aid. yes no
 The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) was filed/will be filed on _____
 I am a candidate for VTAG (Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant) for Virginia state residents. yes no
(Note: 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 VTAG, irrespective of your eligibility for need-based assistance.)
 I am eligible for the Tuition Exchange Program through my parent's place of employment. yes no
 My parent(s) works at Sweet Briar and I am eligible to receive Tuition Remission at Sweet Briar. yes no
 I am eligible for Veteran's benefits. yes no
 I am eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program through the Post-9/11 GI Bill. yes no
(If you are eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program, please submit to us your Certificate of Eligibility from the Department of Veterans Affairs so that we can begin working with you and the VA on next steps.)
 I plan to: live on campus. live at home.
(Note: Only students from Amherst County, Nelson County or Lynchburg City are eligible to attend Sweet Briar as day students.)



Counselor/Advisor/Headmaster Recommendation

Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595 • (800) 381-6142 • Fax: (434) 381-6152 • admissions@sbc.edu • sbc.edu

IMPORTANT: This form must be completed by a college counselor/advisor/headmaster. Please include the student's official transcript and the most recent high school profile with this form.

APPLICANT SECTION
Please type or print neatly.

Name of Applicant _____ School _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Social Security No. _____

DUE DATE
Please check one. You should supply your counselor with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

February 1 for Regular Decision July 1 for Fall Transfer and Turning Point Applicants
 February 1 for International Applicants November 1 for Spring Transfer and Turning Point Applicants

COUNSELOR/ADVISOR/HEADMASTER SECTION

This student's cumulative grade point average is _____ out of _____.

This gpa is based on _____ semesters.

Use cumulative rank if available. How many students are in the graduating class? _____ What is this student's rank exactly? _____

How many plan to attend college? _____ % A four-year college? _____ %

How long have you known this student? _____

How rigorous has this student's academic program been relative to the opportunities available within your school?

Please check one box.

Most rigorous Most rigorous in certain areas, average or above average in others Average Below average

Please list this student's senior year course load _____

Has this student been enrolled in remedial classes (mathematics, English, reading)? _____

If yes, please list _____

RATINGS

How would you compare the candidate to her entire class? Check the single most appropriate box.

	Outstanding (one of the top few ever encountered)	Excellent (top 10% this year)	Good (above average)	Average	Below Average
Academic Achievement					
Character/Personal Qualities					
Overall					

Please evaluate the candidate in terms of the following characteristics by making a check under the appropriate heading. In making these ratings, please keep in mind that you should compare this student with her entire class.

	Outstanding (top 5% this year)	Excellent (top 10% this year)	Good (above average)	Average	Below Average	No basis for judgment
Academic Motivation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic Integrity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic Self-discipline	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic Growth Potential	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-confidence	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional Maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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CONFIDENTIAL WRITTEN EVALUATION

Sweet Briar College asks for an evaluation of the candidate's academic motivation and promise, as well as any comments you would like to make about her character and personality.

(For purposes of confidentiality, all written recommendations will be used for the admission process only. The student will not have access to this information. No recommendations will become a part of any enrolling student's permanent file.)

SIGNATURE

If you would like to discuss this candidate further, please contact the Admissions Office staff at (800) 381-6142.

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Sweet Briar College
Box 1052
Sweet Briar, Virginia 24595
E-mail: admissions@sbc.edu
Fax: (434) 381-6152

Signature _____ Date _____

Please print name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Title _____

E-mail _____



Teacher/Professor Recommendation

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IMPORTANT: This form must be completed by an 11th- or 12th-grade English, history, math, foreign language or science teacher or college professor.

APPLICANT SECTION
 Please type or print neatly.

Name of Applicant _____ School _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____ Social Security No. _____

DUE DATE
 Please check one. You should supply your teacher with a pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

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 February 1 for International Applicants
 July 1 for Fall Transfer and Turning Point Applicants
 November 1 for Spring Transfer and Turning Point Applicants

TEACHER/PROFESSOR SECTION

Please list the classes in which you have taught this student and/or other capacities through which you know this student. _____

RATINGS
 How would you compare the candidate to her entire class? Check the single most appropriate box.

	Outstanding (one of the top few ever encountered)	Excellent (top 10% this year)	Good (above average)	Average	Below Average
Academic Achievement					
Character/Personal Qualities					
Overall					

Please evaluate the candidate in terms of the following characteristics by making a check under the appropriate heading. In making these ratings, please keep in mind that you should compare this student with her entire class.

	Outstanding (top 5% this year)	Excellent (top 10% this year)	Good (above average)	Average	Below Average	No basis for judgment
Academic Motivation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic Integrity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic Self-discipline	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic Growth Potential	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-confidence	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Written Expression of Ideas	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Effective Class Participation	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Emotional Maturity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect Accorded by Faculty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Respect Accorded by Peers	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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Signature _____ Date _____

Please print name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Title _____

E-mail _____

**APPLICATION
ESSAY**

We are very interested in learning more about you as an individual, and we have chosen essay topics intended to help us get to know you better. In addition to learning about you, we also will be using this essay to evaluate the strength of your writing ability and your readiness to be successful in the academic program at Sweet Briar.

ESSAY QUESTIONS: Choose one from the list below (suggested length is 2-3 typed pages)

1. If you could invite any four women (alive or from history) to dinner, who would they be and why?
2. 50 years from now your local newspaper writes an article about you, your accomplishments, your life. Write that article.
3. Tell us what you do for fun and why that activity is enjoyable/meaningful for you (what makes it fun for you).
4. Identify a significant choice you've made or ethical dilemma you've faced and share with us its impact on you.
5. Describe for us something you've kept for years and why that thing has specific meaning for you.

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS (You may attach additional pages if necessary.)

- How did you first learn about Sweet Briar? _____

- What is the most important factor in your general college decision? _____

- What excites you most about attending Sweet Briar? _____

- What is your greatest concern as you consider attending Sweet Briar? _____

- Please list other colleges to which you are applying. _____

OTHER REQUIRED INFORMATION

- Have you ever been found responsible for any sort of disciplinary violation (academic or behavioral) at an educational institution you have attended that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal or expulsion from that institution? yes no
- Have you even been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime? yes no

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please attach a separate sheet of paper that gives the approximate date of each incident and explains the circumstances surrounding the incident.

**SWEET BRIAR
HONOR PLEDGE**

Sweet Briar women do not lie, cheat, steal, or violate the rights of others. Therefore, I pledge to uphold all standards of honorable conduct. I will report myself and others for any infraction of this pledge.

My signature affirms that the information contained in my application is factually correct, that I am a female, and that this application, including my essay, is my own work.

REQUIRED

Signature _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION Please feel free to attach any additional information you would like to be considered in your application.

**PLEASE SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION WITH A NON-REFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF \$40 IN U.S. DOLLARS.
YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNTIL ALL INFORMATION IS RECEIVED.**

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 (800) 381-6142. You may also e-mail us at admissions@sbc.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, (800) 381-6156, if you need an Early Estimator Form, a VTAG application or help completing the FAFSA.