

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE US WITH EARLY ACTION (NON-BINDING) ADMISSION DECISION PLANS

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ALABAMA

Auburn University
Birmingham-Southern College

ARIZONA

Arizona Christian University

ARKANSAS

Hendrix College
Lyon College
University of Arkansas

CALIFORNIA

Azusa Pacific University
Biola University **[also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans]**
California Baptist University
California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech)
California Lutheran University
Chapman University
Concordia University Irvine
Loyola Marymount University
Menlo College
Mills College
Mount Saint Mary's College
Notre Dame de Namur University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Santa Clara University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Soka University of America
Saint Mary's College of California
Stanford University **[restrictive plan—below is the statement from the website of the university:**

Applicants agree not to apply to any other private college/university under an Early Action, Restrictive Early Action, Early

Decision or Early Notification program; Applicants may apply to other colleges and universities under their Regular Decision option.

Exceptions

The student may apply to any college/university with early deadlines for scholarships or special academic programs as long as the decision is non-binding;

The student may apply to any *public* college/university with a non-binding early application option;

The student may apply to any college/university with a non-binding rolling admission process;

The student may apply to any foreign college/university on any application schedule

The Master's College

University of Redlands

University of San Francisco **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**

University of the Pacific

Westmont College

Whittier College

COLORADO

Colorado College **[also supports an Early Decision and ED II plan]**

Colorado State University

Fort Lewis College

University of Colorado at Boulder

University of Denver

CONNECTICUT

Fairfield University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**

United States Coast Guard Academy

University of Hartford

University of New Haven

Yale University **[restrictive plan—below is the statement from the website of the university:**

If you are a Single-Choice Early Action applicant to Yale, you may apply to another institution's early admission program as follows:

You may apply to any college's non-binding rolling admission program;

You may apply to any public institution at any time provided that admission is not binding;

You may apply to another college's Early Decision II program, but only if the notification of admission occurs after January 1. If you are admitted through another college's Early Decision II binding program, you must withdraw your application from Yale;

You may apply to any institution outside of the United States at any time.

DELAWARE

Delaware College of Art and Design

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Catholic University of America

Georgetown University **[restrictive plan—below is the statement from the website of the university:**

Georgetown's Early Action program is grounded in the belief that students should be free to choose among colleges until the Candidate's Reply Date. Accordingly, accepted students will have the same reply date (May 1) as all candidates. In keeping with this principle, students applying under the Early Action program may not apply to any binding Early Decision programs **[author's note: ED as well as EDII programs are meant here]** since they then would not be free to choose Georgetown if admitted. Students are welcome to apply to other Early Action programs or other Regular Decision programs while at the same time applying to Georgetown's Early Action program.

Howard University

Trinity Washington University

FLORIDA

Eckerd College
Palm Beach Atlantic University
University of Miami **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
University of Tampa

GEORGIA

Agnes Scott College
Brewton-Parker College
Georgia College and State University
Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech)
Georgia State University
Mercer University
Morehouse College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Oglethorpe University
Spelman College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
University of Georgia

IDAHO

College of Idaho
Northwest Nazarene University

ILLINOIS

DePaul University
Illinois College
Illinois Institute of Technology
Illinois Wesleyan University
Knox College
Lake Forest College **[also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans]**
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
University of Chicago
Wheaton College

INDIANA

Butler University
DePauw University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Earlham College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Grace College
Hanover College
Purdue University

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Taylor University
University of Evansville
University of Notre Dame
Wabash College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**

IOWA

Coe College
Cornell College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Wartburg College

KENTUCKY

Bellarmino College
Centre College **[also supports an Early Decision and EDII plans]**
Georgetown College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Transylvania University

LOUISIANA

Centenary College of Louisiana
Dillard College
Tulane University
Xavier University of Louisiana

MAINE

Maine College of Art
Saint Joseph's College of Maine
Thomas College
Unity College in Maine
University of Maine
University of Maine at Farmington
University of Maine at Machias
University of New England

MARYLAND

Goucher College **[also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans]**
Hood College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Loyola University in Maryland
McDaniel College
Mount Saint Mary's University
Salisbury University **[also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans]**

Saint John's College
University of Maryland Baltimore County
University of Maryland College Park
Washington College **[also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans]**

MASSACHUSETTS

Assumption College
Babson College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Bay Path College
Becker College
Bentley University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Berklee College of Music
Boston College **[restrictive plan—below is the statement from the website of the university:**

A student applying Early Action to Boston College may apply to other Early Action programs;

A student applying to a binding Early Decision II program **may** apply Early Action to Boston College;

A student applying to a binding Early Decision program may not apply Early Action to Boston College

Bridgewater State University
Clark University
Curry College
Dean College
Emerson College
Emmanuel College
Framingham State University
Gordon College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Hampshire College **[also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans]**
Harvard/Radcliffe Colleges **[restrictive plan—below is the statement from the website of the university:**

You may apply Early Action to any public college/university or to foreign universities;

You may not apply Early Action or Early Decision to any private institutions in the United States;

Lasell College
Lesley University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Merrimack College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Montserrat College of Art
Nichols College
Northeastern University [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Regis College
Salem State University
Simmons College
Stonehill College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Suffolk University
University of Massachusetts at Amherst
University of Massachusetts at Lowell
Wheaton College [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans**]
Wheelock College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

MICHIGAN

Albion College
Hillsdale College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Kalamazoo College [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans**]
Michigan State University
University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

MINNESOTA

College of Saint Benedict
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Saint John's University

MISSISSIPPI

Millsaps College

MISSOURI

Stephens College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]

MONTANA

Carroll College

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Colby-Sawyer College
Rivier College
Saint Anselm College
Southern New Hampshire College
University of New Hampshire

NEW JERSEY

Bloomfield College
Caldwell University
Georgian Court University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
Princeton University [**restrictive plan—below is the statement from the website of the university:**

You may not apply to an early program at any other **private** college or university, but you may apply early to any **public** institution, as long as the decision is nonbinding;

You may apply to any international institution, as long as the decision is nonbinding;

You may apply to any college with a nonbinding rolling admission process

Ramapo College of New Jersey
Rider University
Rutgers University (all campuses)
Saint Peter's University
Seton Hall University
William Paterson University of New Jersey

NEW MEXICO

Saint John's College

NEW YORK

Adelphi University
Bard College
College of Mount Saint Vincent
College of Saint Rose
Concordia College
Dowling College
Fordham University

Hofstra University
Iona College
Ithaca College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
LIM College
LeMoyne College
Marist College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Mercy College
Molloy College
Nazareth College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
New York Institute of Technology
Pace University, New York City
Pace University, Briarcliff/Pleasantville
Parsons The New School for Design
Pratt Institute
Siena College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
State University of New York (SUNY) College at Cortland
SUNY College at New Paltz
SUNY College at Oneonta
SUNY College at Purchase
SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome
SUNY University at Albany
SUNY University at Binghamton
The King's College
The Sage Colleges
Wells College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**

NORTH CAROLINA

Elon University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Greensboro College
Guilford College
High Point University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Lenoir-Rhyne College
North Carolina State University
Piedmont International University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**
Queens University of Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Asheville
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Western Carolina University
William Peace University

OHIO

Case Western Reserve University [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plan**]

Cleveland Institute of Art

College of Wooster [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans**]

Columbus College of Art and Design

John Carroll University

Miami University of Ohio [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]

Ohio Wesleyan University [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]

University of Akron

University of Dayton

Wittenberg University [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]

OKLAHOMA

University of Tulsa

OREGON

George Fox University

Lewis and Clark College

Linfield College

Oregon State University

University of Oregon

Willamette University

PENNSYLVANIA

Dickinson College [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans**]

Drexel University

Duquesne University [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]

LaSalle University

Lycoming College

Saint Joseph's University

Susquehanna University [**restrictive plan—applicant may apply EA only if s/he has a legacy with Susquehanna; also supports an Early Decision plan**]

Temple University

University of Scranton

Ursinus College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]

Villanova University

Washington and Jefferson College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]

Westminster College

PUERTO RICO

University of Puerto Rico at Aguadilla
University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

RHODE ISLAND

Bryant University [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans**]
Providence College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Roger Williams University
Salve Regina University
University of Rhode Island

SOUTH CAROLINA

College of Charleston
Erskine College
Furman University [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Presbyterian College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
University of South Carolina at Columbia
Wofford College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]

TENNESSEE

Fisk University
Rhodes College [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans**]
University of the South (Sewanee) [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans**]

TEXAS

Abilene Christian University
Austin College
Baylor University
Southern Methodist University [**also supports and Early Decision and ED II plans**]

Southwestern University
Tarleton State University
Texas Christian University [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Trinity University [**also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans**]
University of Dallas
University of Saint Thomas

UTAH

Neumont University

VERMONT

Bennington College **[also supports an Early Decision and ED II plans]**

Green Mountain College

Lyndon State College

Marlboro College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**

Saint Michael's College

Sterling College

University of Vermont

VIRGINIA

Christendom College

Christopher Newport University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**

Emory and Henry College

George Mason University

Hampden-Sydney College **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**

Hampton University

Hollins University **[also supports an Early Decision plan]**

James Madison University

Longwood University

Old Dominion University

Patrick Henry College

Radford University

Randolph College

Randolph-Macon College

University of Mary Washington

University of Virginia

University of Virginia College at Wise

WASHINGTON

Gonzaga University

Northwest University

Seattle Pacific University

Seattle University

Whitworth University

WEST VIRGINIA

Shepherd University

WISCONSIN

Beloit College [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Lawrence University [**also supports an Early Decision plan**]
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design

This list was compiled by Cigus Vanni, a member of the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling Executive Board and former member of the NACAC Professional Development Committee (2007-2010). Sources consulted included The College Handbook, 2015 by the College Board; individual college websites; the College Board Common Data Set; and various college admissions offices by telephone. As is the case with all aspects of college admission, use lists as guides and be certain to double check with individual admissions offices