

Admissions Tips for Home School Students

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Recommended Home School Study Sequence. To have the best chance to succeed in college, it's important to take a broad mix of high school courses. The following is a generally recommended college preparatory study sequence for home school students. PLEASE check with the individual school(s) you are interested in to confirm this information.

- **9th grade:** Algebra I, English I, Religion/Bible, Physical Science, Foreign Language I, Computer Literacy
- **10th grade:** Geometry, English II, Religion/Bible, World History, Biology, Foreign Language II
- **11th grade:** Algebra II, English III, Religion/Bible, Chemistry, U.S. History
- **12th grade:** Pre-Calculus, English IV, Religion/Bible, Physics, Government or Economics, Health

Music, Fine Arts, Physical Education and Practical Arts courses are also important to include as part of a balanced mix of high school course work.

Getting Started with College Admissions. Each of the 13 colleges and universities has different admission requirements. The requirements most relevant to you will likely depend on what type of home school program you complete.

- *State or Regionally Recognized Accredited Programs.* If you complete a state or regionally recognized accredited high school or home school program, you will most likely apply under the general admissions requirements. You may read a basic summary of these requirements at adventistcolleges.org/admissions-requirements/.
- *Alternative Home School Programs.* If you complete an alternative high school or home school program, one that is not state or regionally recognized and accredited, you will apply under the alternative admissions requirements. You may read a summary of these requirements on the back of this sheet.

Supporting Admissions Documents. In addition, you will likely be asked to provide each school you are applying to with supporting admissions documents. These may include the following:

- *Preparing your transcript.* If you completed an alternative or self-designed program of study you may be asked to prepare a transcript, including a description of each course/subject, when you took the course and the grade you received. You may also want to provide additional information, such as extra curricular activities or other accomplishments. If you took courses from a correspondence school, ask the school to send an official transcript of your work to each college you are applying to. You can download a transcript request form at adventistcolleges.org/sending-transcripts-test-scores.

- *When to send your transcript.* You can send your 6-semester transcript after you complete your junior year in school and most of the Adventist colleges and universities will use it to make a conditional admission decision. The decision is conditional because the college will still need to receive a final copy of your completed high school transcript showing you meet the admission requirements before your admission will be final. (If you are applying to Kettering College or Adventist University of Health Sciences, you need to wait until you complete the first semester of your senior year and send a 7-semester transcript.) The transcript request form referenced previously includes proper address information for sending your transcripts to each Adventist college or university.
- *Test scores.* All of the regionally accredited Adventist colleges and universities in North America require freshman applicants to submit ACT and/or SAT test scores. Because of some of the variations in homeschool programs, your scores on these nationally normed tests will be used by the colleges (a) for admission purposes to properly rank your high school experience with other students who are applying and/or (b) to serve as a guide in placing you in the correct college courses. Preparing for the test and doing well is important and can also mean receiving additional scholarship money.
- *Sending test scores.* You can designate which colleges receive your test scores at the time you register to take the ACT or SAT or anytime after you take the test. For the ACT, go here: actstudent.org/scores/send/. For the SAT, go here: sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-sat-scores. The correct ACT or SAT school code for each Adventist college is also listed in the transcript request form referenced previously and at adventistcolleges.org/welcome-homeschool-students/.
- *Personal statement.* Some of the Adventist colleges and universities will ask you to submit a personal statement. You may be asked to write about your home school experience or another topic. You can submit this statement separately or you can complete it when you are filling out the [Adventist Connect](#) application (recommended).
- *Verify.* After you submit all your materials, it's smart to check with each college 2-3 weeks after all your supporting admissions documents have arrived to be sure they have received them.



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Summary of Admission Requirements for Home School Students NOT Graduating from a State or Regionally Recognized Accredited High School or Home School Program*

*Based on best available information at time of printing. PLEASE READ: The information below is summary only. Please check with the individual school you are interested in to confirm this information. If you complete a state or regionally recognized accredited program you are most likely eligible to follow general admissions requirements which can be viewed at: adventistcolleges.org/admissions-requirements.

AdventHealth University: (formerly Adventist University of Health Sciences)

1. Final official high school transcript GPA minimum 2.5 (notarized if parent was instructor); **AND**
2. **ONE** of the following items:
 - GPA minimum 2.5 on at least 12 hours of college-level academic work from a regionally accredited college;
 - 2002-2013 GED minimum 2500 (410 each section)¹;
 - SAT minimum 910 (critical reading and math combined);
 - ACT minimum composite 19

Web: catalog.adu.edu/

Andrews University:

1. **ONE** of the following test scores:
 - ACT minimum (50th percentile composite, currently 20);
 - SAT minimum (50th percentile composite, currently 1020 for Evidence-based Reading and Writing [ERW] and Math combined); **AND**
2. Two recommendations from non-relatives; **AND**
3. **ONE** of the following:
 - Detailed homeschool transcript with cumulative GPA minimum 2.50 signed by individual who directed the program;
 - 2014-GED minimum 694¹ with minimum scores of 145 on each section of the test.

Web: andrews.edu/services/precollege

Burman University:

1. Transcript with details of a completed high school program of home-school or unaccredited high school study evaluated on a case-by-case basis; **OR**
2. **ONE** of the following:
 - Official transcripts showing grades of 60% or higher on diploma examination scores for high school prerequisite courses.
 - A GED certificate with a standard score of 150 or higher on each of the five tests. ¹;
 - ACT minimum 19 (composite) with no individual test score below 450;
 - SAT minimum 1290

Web: burmanu.ca/admissions

Kettering College:

1. **ONE** of the following:
 - 2002-2013 GED minimum 460 average each section¹;
 - Transcript from parents/home school with GPA minimum 2.3; **AND**
2. **ONE** of the following test scores:
 - ACT minimum 19 (composite);
 - SAT minimum 995 (combined)

Web: kc.edu/admissions/admission-requirements/

La Sierra University:

ONE of the following two options:

1. Homeschool meeting state requirements:
 - Transcript and documentation verifying compliance with state with state requirements; **AND**
 - ACT minimum (English: 20; Math: 23); **OR**
 - SAT minimum (English: 480; Math: 580)
2. High school equivalency test:
 - GED, HiSET, TASC, or CHSPE with passing scores; **AND**
 - ACT minimum 17 (composite); **OR**
 - SAT minimum 800 (English and Math combined)

Web: lasierra.edu/admissions/

Loma Linda University:

Loma Linda University only accepts students who have completed pre-requisite college course credits elsewhere. For more information, visit explore.llu.edu.

Oakwood University:

1. GED minimum passing score in student's state of residence; **AND**
2. Character reference (non-relative); **AND**
3. **ONE** of the following test scores (results used for placement and/or academic advising):
 - ACT minimum 17 (composite);
 - SAT minimum 840 (critical reading and math combined)

Web: www2.oakwood.edu/future-students/

Pacific Union College:

1. 2014-GED minimum 165 for each individual test, average score of 177 for all 4 tests¹; **AND**
2. Home school transcript of courses and dates showing fulfillment of complete minimum courses, signed and dated including high school completion date; **AND**
3. **ONE** of the following test scores:
 - ACT (used for placement);
 - SAT (used for placement)

Web: puc.edu/admissions-process

Southern Adventist University:

1. **ALL** the following home schooling documents:
 - Academic portfolio documenting academic experience;
 - Transcript of all high school work signed and dated by parent, demonstrating a cumulative GPA over 2.5 for grades 9-12;
 - Personal statement describing value of homeschool experience; **AND**
2. **ONE** of the following test scores:
 - ACT minimum 18 (composite);
 - SAT minimum 940

Web: southern.edu/undergrad/admissions/homeschool-students

Southwestern Adventist University:

1. **ONE** of the following:
 - 2014-GED minimum 160 on each of the 4 areas for CORE enrichment admission¹;
 - 2014-GED minimum 170 on each area for regular admission¹; **AND**
2. **ONE** of the following test scores:
 - ACT minimum 17 (composite);
 - Old SAT minimum 830 (math and critical reading);
 - New SAT minimum 910 (math and ERW)

Web: swau.edu/homeschool-admission-requirements

Union College:

1. 2002-2013-GED minimum 2500 (450 minimum on each test)¹; **AND**
2. **ONE** of the following test scores:
 - ACT minimum 18 (composite);
 - SAT minimum 1290

Web: ucollege.edu/admissions/admissions-policy

Walla Walla University:

1. 2014-GED minimum 640 (150 each section)¹ **OR**
2. Notarized copy of the home school transcript;
3. ACT or SAT test scores for placement and scholarships only.

Web: wallawalla.edu/admissions/steps-to-enrollment/

Washington Adventist University:

1. 2014-GED minimum 150 on each section¹; **AND**
2. **ONE** of the following test scores:
 - ACT minimum 17 (verbal section)
 - SAT minimum 470 (verbal section)
 - SAT minimum 800 (composite: verbal and math)

Web: wau.edu/admission/

Note: Griggs University and International Academy has a secondary education program and will work with homeschool students who take a minimum of their last three high school courses through Griggs to develop and grant a high school diploma. Contact Griggs at 800-782-4769 or www.griggs.edu.

¹Or equivalent score on other GED test version.