Frequently asked questions about college applications

Q: Do I have to create an account to submit an application?

A: There are actually a few ways to submit a college application! Most applications can be accessed directly on each college's website. In that case, you will need to create an account and verify your email before you can begin the application. Instructions on how to create an account to apply for admissions are listed on each institution's website. If you wish to apply to more than one North Dakota college, you should create an account and submit an application for each school.

Any student attending a high school that utilizes PowerSchool will be required to use the college application tab within Power-School if they are applying to University of North Dakota (UND).

Any applications submitted on the Common Application will not be accepted as part of College Application Month.

Q: Why did I get the message "There is an account similar to yours already" when trying to create an account?

A: If you visited with a college representative at your high school, a college fair or other event your information may have been entered in the college's student database, which generates usernames for students to access their applications for admissions and personalized webpages. You can either:
1. Click 'Forgot Username and/or Password' on the login screen to have a link sent to your email with your username
2. Create a new account with a different email address
3. If it still doesn't work, call the college using the hotline numbers to help troubleshoot the problem.

Q: I've taken dual credit classes at the college I want to attend, do I need to apply again?

A: Yes, you will need to submit a new application as first-time or first-year student. Please enter the code provided.

Q: What if I'm applying to a ND college/university where I've already paid an application fee for dual credit coursework?

A: If you are applying to a school at which you've taken dual credit, you may not be required to pay the application fee again. Please check with the college to which you're applying.

Q: How do I know what type of applicant I am?

A: If you are applying as part of College Application Month, you are most likely a first-year or first-time student, even if you have taken dual credit classes in the past. First-year students have not attended a college or university after high school graduation.

Q: Is there an application fee?

A: Yes, but as part of College Application Month, North Dakota high school seniors will have one application fee to a North Dakota college or university paid for by Bank of North Dakota. Contact your counselor for a ONE-TIME code to cover the application fee for ONE North Dakota school.

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Q: What if I want to apply to multiple schools or to a school that is not in North Dakota?

A: You should apply to the college that YOU want to apply to. You are welcome to apply to more than one ND college or university or to a school that is not in North Dakota, but your College Application Month code is only valid for one in-state application.

Q: What are the admission guidelines?

A: Students should review admission guidelines for each college/university in advance of applying. If you are applying to a North Dakota college or university, check the ND Admissions Guidelines document to view the criteria for admission.

Q: What if I entered my application code and I'm still prompted to pay?

A: Go back to the application waiver field and be sure you entered in the code. If this still does not work, ask a volunteer for help.

Q: I'm an international student. Can I use the College Application Month code?

A: If you will graduate from a North Dakota high school, you may use the code. Your application may look a little different from your peers.

General Tips and Advice

Ensure that you complete all sections of the application entirely and accurately. Incomplete sections or inaccurate information may result in delays with your file. Verify that all information is correct before submitting the application.

If you have specific questions about admission requirements review the ND College and University Admission Guideline resource, check with a college/university representative or contact the school directly by calling the number list on the North Dakota College and University Hotline Numbers resource.

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