



Board of Admission
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Dear Applicant:

I am delighted that you are applying to Wellesley. In this application you are asked comprehensive questions so the Board of Admission will know you better and make the most informed decision about your candidacy. We want to know what you have done throughout your high school career both in and out of the classroom. We will look at your intellectual accomplishments as well as your personal achievements.

Your application will be reviewed by the Board of Admission, which includes admission professionals, current Wellesley students, and professors. You will be evaluated on the strength of your high school courses, grades, teacher recommendations, test scores, extracurricular activities, and other information you choose to submit. A critical part of this application is the essay. Please give it the thought and attention needed to demonstrate your best work. This is not just an exercise. We need to see how well you write. Remember good writing is not just good grammar. Tell us about who you are. Be honest. Give us a window into your life, your thinking. The essay deserves your best effort.

The Wellesley College Honor Code emphasizes integrity, self-government, and responsibility. Every student who matriculates at Wellesley agrees to abide by the Honor Code in her academic and personal life. This application is one of your first steps in working with the College, and we hope you will keep our values in mind as you fill out the enclosed forms, knowing that we respect principled judgments. If you would like to read our statement, you can find it on our website at www.wellesley.edu/DeanStudent/StudHandbook/honorcod.html. Students live by the Honor Code at Wellesley, giving us the foundation for true academic freedom and a tolerant and just community.

Let me suggest you visit the campus if you have not already been here. We would be happy to schedule an interview and give you a tour. Interview appointments can be made for any weekday, excluding dates in February and March. Interviews are also available on Saturdays during the academic year.

Wellesley has a multicultural student body where students learn from each other as well as from their formal courses. You are invited to sit in on classes and speak with professors and students while you are on campus. Spending some time with us will give you a full appreciation of our diverse community as you are applying. If you have already visited, we are pleased you got to know us better.

On behalf of the Board of Admission, I welcome you to the application process. I hope you will find this to be an enjoyable adventure. If you have further questions, please feel free to call or write me.

Sincerely,

Jennifer C. Desjarlais
Dean of Admission