

APPLICATION

FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION



OFFICE OF ADMISSION

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Thank you for your interest in Stetson University. We appreciate the thoughtful effort that will go into completing this application. It is very useful in helping us evaluate your candidacy for admission.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

An application is considered complete when the following credentials have been submitted:

1. APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Stetson University encourages the use of our online application (www.stetson.edu) or the Common Application (www.commonapp.org). Neither form is preferred more than the other.

A \$50 fee must accompany all applications for admission. Checks should be made payable to **Stetson University**. This fee is non-refundable. If you cannot pay the fee, you may submit the College Board Request for Waiver of College Application Fee form or the NACAC Request for Waiver of Application Fee. Your high school counselor must use the ATP guidelines distributed by the College Board for the fee waiver.

2. SCHOOL RECORDS

(a) **TRANSCRIPTS:** Submit your official high school transcript. It should contain a class rank and a cumulative grade point average. Well-qualified candidates may receive a decision prior to receipt of seventh-semester transcripts. Additionally, candidates for transfer admission must also submit an official copy of their transcript from each college attended. **Transfers should also submit a listing of courses in progress including name of class, course number, and number of hours.**

(b) **COUNSELOR / TEACHER RECOMMENDATION:** To enhance an application, applicants must request a letter of recommendation from a guidance counselor, teacher, coach, and/or place of employment.

3. **ESSAY:** Applicants can strengthen their application by submitting one of the following. See last page for further instruction.

1. **ESSAY:** Select one topic from the list provided.
2. **SHORT ANSWERS:** Answer five short answer questions
3. **GRADED WRITING SAMPLE**

4. **STANDARDIZED TESTING (Optional):** Stetson University values academic achievement, commitment to personal values, leadership, and an individual's initiative above standardized testing. Therefore, submitting standardized test results for admission consideration is optional. Score optional consideration is an alternative for students who believe that their test scores do not adequately reflect their level of academic achievement and/or predict their potential. However, if you feel that your test scores are a good reflection of your ability, then send your scores and they will be considered along with the other application items. In most instances, students will choose the traditional method, which includes submission of standardized (SAT or ACT) test scores. Stetson codes are as follows: SAT Code #5630 and ACT code #0756.

CAMPUS VISIT

Personal interviews are highly recommended but not required. In the event that travel is not possible, we can arrange an opportunity for an interview through SKYPE or with an alumnus of Stetson University (where available). Candidates are encouraged to visit the campus to meet with members of the admissions staff. Campus tours and information sessions are available Monday through Friday and on selected Saturday mornings during the academic year. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call 1-800-688-0101 or visit www.stetson.edu/admissions/visit.

SELECTION PROCESS

Stetson University seeks students who will bring distinction to the Stetson community. Selection decisions on freshmen candidates are made based upon these criteria:

1. The academic record, including course selection and grade achievement;
2. School and community involvement, leadership potential, and the ability to contribute to the University community;
3. Writing ability and letter of recommendation;
4. All additional information provided by the applicant.

Transfer candidates are evaluated on the above criteria as well as academic work completed at accredited colleges or universities.

Music majors are required to have completed a successful audition before admission to the School of Music. All candidates should contact the Music Admission Counselor in the School of Music for audition arrangements. Please call 1-800-688-0101 or 386-822-8975 for more information.

NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

Regular Decision Plan

Although the application priority deadline for fall admission is March 15, we suggest that students apply as early as possible in their senior year. In accordance with the University's early notification policy, candidates with exceptional credentials may be notified of their admission as early as December 1st. The admission of candidates remains conditional until final grades have been submitted. If final grades are unsatisfactory, Stetson University reserves the right to withdraw acceptance of the student. Final transcripts must be received in order for the accepted student to begin classes.

Early Decision Plan (for Fall Freshmen applicants only)

An Early Decision option is available for those students who have decided that they want to attend Stetson University. These students must apply before November 1st of their senior year. Students who apply to the University under the terms of the Early Decision Plan and who complete the Early Decision Contract agree to attend the University if they are offered admission. Early Decision acceptance notifications will be mailed after November 15th.

FINANCIAL AID

Stetson University is an affordable option for all students. There are several financial aid opportunities available to qualified students, such as merit/talent scholarships and grants, federal and state grants, work-study, and student loans. Students interested in receiving need-based assistance must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The form can be submitted online at www.fafsa.gov. This financial aid form should be submitted as soon as possible after January 1. It is advisable to file for financial assistance before February 15. Please be sure to include Stetson University's Title IV institution code (001531) on your FAFSA to ensure timely delivery of your results to our Office of Financial Aid.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid by calling 1-800-688-7120 or visiting www.stetson.edu/financialaid.

All paper documents should be mailed to:
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Application for Admission

STETSON UNIVERSITY

(A \$25 application fee must accompany this application)

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (please print or type)

Social Security # (optional) _____ - _____ - _____
Legal name (first) _____ (middle) _____ (last) _____ (Jr., etc.) _____
Prefer to be called _____ Former last name, if any _____
Permanent home address _____
Number, Street or Route City, State/Country and Zip
Permanent home telephone (_____) _____ Cell phone (_____) _____
Email address _____

If different from above, please give your mailing address for all admission correspondence (number, street or route / city or town / state or country / zip).

Telephone at this address (_____) _____ Address valid from (date): ____/____/____ to (date): ____/____/____

Are you a Non-Resident Alien/International? Yes No Alien Registration # _____
Country of Citizenship _____ Native Language _____
What type of visa do you hold? _____ Country of Birth _____
Gender Male Female Marital Status Single Married Birthdate (month/day/year) _____
Ethnicity (optional): Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No Religious Affiliation (optional) _____
Check all that apply: American Indian, Alaska Native White Black or African American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander Asian Other _____

Please list the adults who have legal rights and responsibilities toward you. If you wish, you may list, on an attached sheet, step-parents and/or other adults with whom you reside, or who otherwise help care for you. You may also list deceased parents.

Parents' Marital Status (relative to each other) Never married Married Widowed Separated Divorced mm/yyyy: ____/____/____

With whom do you make your permanent home? Parent/Guardian 1 Parent/Guardian 2 Both Other _____

Parent/Guardian 2: Mother Father Legal Guardian Other _____ Parent/Guardian 2: Mother Father Legal Guardian Other _____

Last/Family First/Given Middle Title (Mr./Ms./Dr., etc.)

Home address if different from yours:

Number/street or route _____

City/Town, State/Country, Zip _____

Home/work/cell phone (circle one): (_____) _____ - _____

Email _____

Occupation and Employer _____

College _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Graduate School _____ Degree _____ Year _____

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City/Town, State/Country, Zip _____

Home/work/cell phone (circle one): (_____) _____ - _____

Email _____

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Please list the names of any family members who have attended Stetson University and their relationship to you.

Name	Relationship
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Academic Area of Interest: _____

Career Goal: _____

Housing Plans:

On Campus Off Campus Off campus with parent/family

Classification:

Freshman (select one):
 Regular Decision Early Decision
 Transfer
 Full Time or Part Time

Term of Entry:

Fall (August)
 Spring (January)
 Summer (May)

Year: _____

WORK EXPERIENCE

List any job (including summer employment) you have held during the past three years.

Specific nature of work	Employer	Approximate dates of employment	Approximate # of hours per week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

FINANCING YOUR STETSON EDUCATION

This application will also serve to identify merit-based scholarship candidates.

Do you plan to audition for a music scholarship? (optional) Yes No

If yes, please indicate the area of performance in which you plan to participate:

Vocal (please specify vocal range): _____ Instrument (please specify instrument): _____

Please contact the School of Music at 386-822-8975 to schedule your audition prior to the March 1st deadline or to receive more information.

Stetson University is a member of the NCAA Division I Atlantic Sun Conference. Please contact the respective coach for more information on athletic scholarships and eligibility procedures.

Do you plan to tryout for an athletic team? (optional) Yes No

Please indicate the sport in which you hope to participate: _____

Do you plan to apply for financial aid? (optional) Yes No

Please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 1-800-688-7120 for more information.

If you are transferring to Stetson, are you a member of *Phi Theta Kappa* honorary society? Yes No

Do you have a parent/spouse employed at Stetson University full-time? Yes No

Are you a veteran? Yes No

If yes, list branch and dates of service: _____

Please submit Form DD2 14, if applicable.

Do you plan to major in English? If yes, you are eligible to apply for the Sullivan Creative Writing Scholarship. This scholarship requires you to submit an essay answering the following question: "Why Write?" You may also use this essay as your writing sample for your application for admission. To learn more about the Sullivan Creative Writing Program, visit <http://www2.stetson.edu/creative/>.

WRITING OPTIONS

Applicants must choose to either (a) write an essay, (b) answer five short-answer questions, or (c) submit a graded writing sample. Please be sure your full name, city, and state are on each page. You may submit your writing sample by mail, email, or fax.

A. **ESSAY.** Select one of the following topics and provide us with a typed writing sample.

1. Discuss an issue of state, national, or global concern to you.
2. If you could live your life fighting for one cause, what would it be and why?
3. Describe a time you did not meet expectations and what impact the experience had on you?
4. What gives meaning to your life?
5. If you wrote a letter to yourself to be opened in 20 years, what would it say?

B. **SHORT ANSWER.** The following are short-answer questions and will give us an opportunity to get to know you better. Please provide brief answers to the following.

1. Why are you the right fit for Stetson?
2. What book that you've read recently would you recommend to a friend and why?
3. What is something you are passionate about?
4. Where do you see yourself in ten years?
5. If you could sit down with one person for an hour, whom would it be and why?

C. **GRADED WRITING SAMPLE.** Select a graded paper that you have written within the past year. This paper should include teacher's comments and/or grade received.

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

1. Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at an educational institution you have attended from the 9th grade forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution? Yes No

2. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime? Yes No

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please submit a separate sheet of paper that states the approximate date of each incident and provides an explanation to the Office of Admission.

SIGNATURE

My signature below indicates that all information contained in my application is complete, factually correct, and honestly presented.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Stetson University accepts qualified candidates for admission without regard to race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, religion, handicap, or disability.



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