

# The Outreach Observer

A Newsletter from the Outreach Team in  
The University of Virginia's Office of Undergraduate Admission

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The Office of Admission strives to admit students who show academic promise as well as those who are likely to pursue their education to make valuable contributions to their profession and society as a whole. We seek to assemble a class with a wide variety of backgrounds, experiences, and talents. Diversity within the student body continues to be central to the goals of the Office of Undergraduate Admission and the University of Virginia.

**The University of Virginia** has committed its resources, both human and financial, to diversifying UVA's student body. In November 1999, the Outreach Office was established in the Office of Admission. The mission of the Outreach Office is (1) To welcome students from underrepresented and underserved groups to the University of Virginia, (2) To help students compete successfully in the admission process at UVA, and (3) To give students general advice about finding a college that will help them reach their potential and achieve their dreams.

# A Letter from the Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Outreach

Dear Seniors,

You made it to your senior year of high school, and I could not be prouder. My name is Chelsea “CC” Duncan, and I am the Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Outreach within the Office of Undergraduate Admission at the University of Virginia. Some of you may be thinking, “what happens next?” or “where do I go from here?” My team and I are here to assist you during the admission process. The Outreach team within the Office of Admission is dedicated to serving students who are historically excluded from or underrepresented at the University. Please know that I am deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Here at UVA, we promote an inclusive and welcoming environment that embraces the full spectrum of human identities, attributes, and perspectives.

As you begin researching compelling reasons to apply to and possibly attend the University, I want to remind you about some of the benefits of a University of Virginia education:

- Personal attention from faculty with a 14 to 1 student-to-faculty ratio
- A 94% graduate rate and 97% retention rate for students
- Diverse student body with 41% of the incoming class identifying as a person of color and 15% being the first in the family to attend college
- Deep commitment to access and affordability meeting 100% of demonstrated need for all domestic applicants

As a graduate of UVA, I will be more than happy to answer your questions in the months ahead about UVA or college admission in general. Please feel free to contact the Outreach team as you begin to evaluate colleges. We know you have many important decisions to make about your future and we want to be as helpful as possible.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful rest of summer and I wish you a successful senior year!

My very best,



Chelsea “CC” Duncan

# Early Decision v. Early Action v. Regular Decision

	Early Decision (ED)	Early Action (EA)	Regular Decision (RD)
<i>You should apply for this application deadline if...</i>	...you know—without a doubt—that UVA is your top choice. Understand that if admitted during ED, you will be required to enroll at UVA unless your financial aid package doesn't provide enough to afford attending.	...you want earlier notification of your admission decision but want to keep your college options open. Since EA isn't binding, you'll be able to compare offers from other schools.	...you're not really interested in early notification, or you want admission officers to see the grades you've earned during the first semester of twelfth grade.
<i>Application Deadline</i>	November 1	November 1	January 5
<i>Financial Aid Priority Deadline</i>	November 15	December 1	February 1

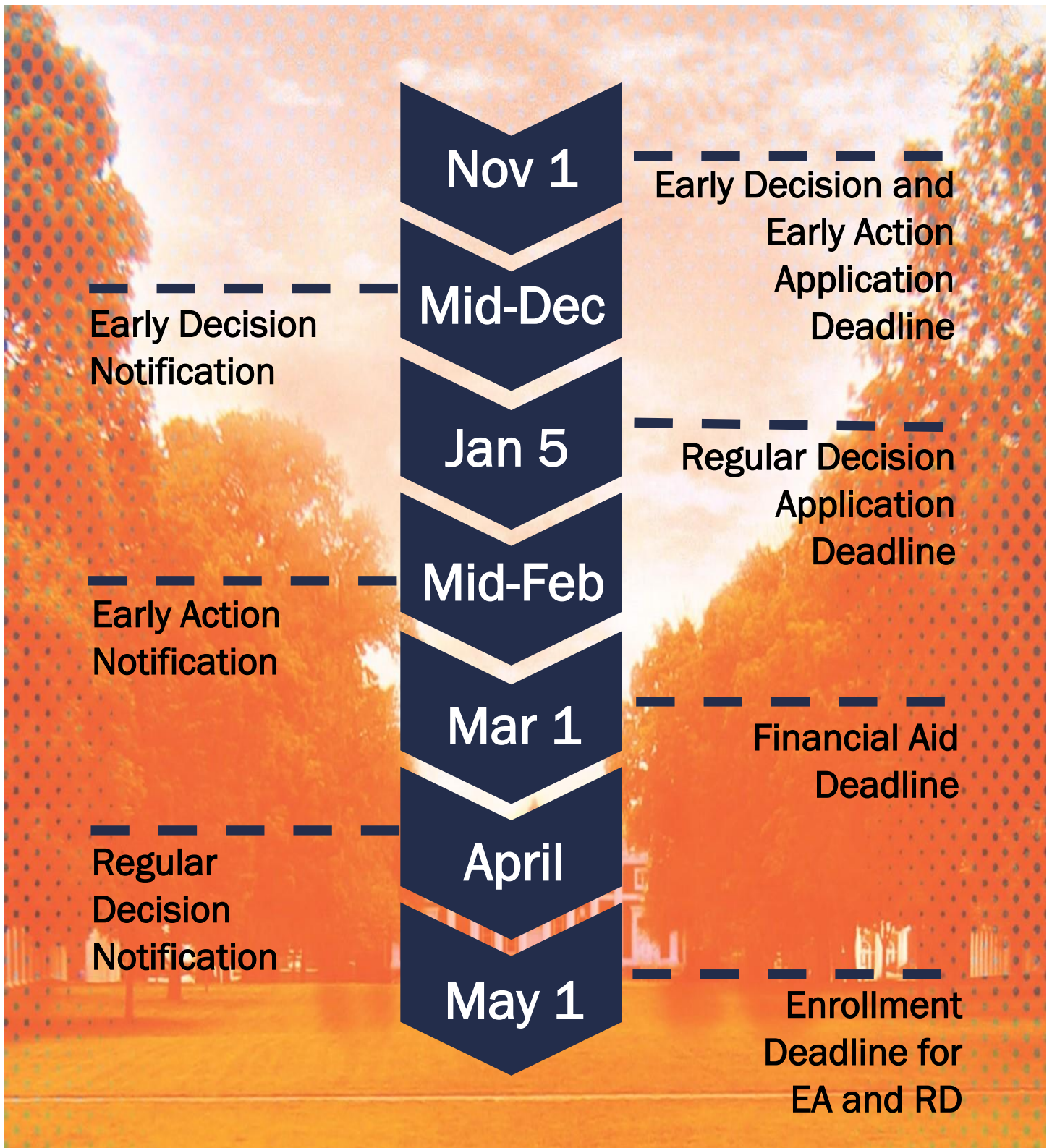
THE 2023-2024 FAFSA AND CSS PROFILE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON OCTOBER 1

The University of Virginia meets **100% of demonstrated need**. To be considered for all types of need-based aid (i.e. financial aid awarded based on a family's ability to pay for college), UVA requires two documents:

- ✓ 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ✓ 2023-2024 CSS Profile.
- What do I need to know before I get started? [Financial Aid Basics](#)
- Ready to get started? [How to Apply for Financial Aid](#)

APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID BEFORE THE PRIORITY DEADLINES

# UVA Admission Timeline



# Frequently Asked Questions

How does UVA support diversity?

UVA has multiple offices dedicated to students of diverse backgrounds – [UVA Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion](#), [Office of African American Affairs](#), [Multicultural Student Services](#), to name a few.

UVA was test optional last year. Are you still test optional this year?

During the 2022-23 application year, we will remain test optional.

What is the minimum GPA I need to be admitted?

We truly don't have a cut off/minimum GPA for admission.

How do I apply to UVA?

UVA accepts applications through the Common Application.

**MORE  
QUESTIONS?  
CHECK OUT THE  
FAQ PAGE ON  
OUR WEBSITE!**

# Additional Resources

## ATTEND AN INFO SESSION

Come to Grounds, virtually or in person, and hear about what UVA has to offer!

REGISTER [HERE!](#)

## ADMISSION WEBSITE

Visit the Office of Undergraduate Admission website for general admission-related updates and information.

[HTTPS://ADMISSION.VIRGINIA.EDU](https://admission.virginia.edu)

## HOOS DIVERSE BLOG

Click [HERE](#) to visit our blog for updates from the Outreach team and the perspective from some UVA students!

## OUTREACH RESOURCES

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the various resources and organizations supporting diversity at UVA!

### OPEN HOUSE EVENTS

**HOOS FIRST** IS FOR PROSPECTIVE FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.

**FALL BLAST** AND **FALL FLING** ARE FOR HISPANIC/LATINX AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, RESPECTIVELY. LOOK FOR UPDATES IN AUGUST!

**HOOS FIRST OPEN HOUSE**  
SEPTEMBER 24  
**FALL BLAST**  
OCTOBER 14  
**FALL FLING**  
OCTOBER 15

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