

## *Admission Processes*

Students can apply for admission to Baldwin-Wallace College in one of three ways:

- **Paper application** – Students can fill out this application and send it in with a \$25 application fee.
- **Online application** – Students can fill out the application online. Applying online is FREE, and online applications are downloaded daily.
- **Common Application** – We accept the Common Application and send students a supplement sheet for additional information.

### *Application Review*

Application review is one of the most interesting and exciting parts of admission work! Reading the application and its content cover to cover allows the counseling staff to get to know our applicants very well. There is formal training on application review each fall to refresh the veteran staff and to teach the new staff members entirely so that we are fair and consistent in our review.

Once all pieces of information are received, then a student's file is complete and ready for review. The applicant's file includes the application, transcripts, essay, recommendations, and counselor form.

When reviewing an application, we first look at **academic preparation**. We want to see what types of classes the student chose to take during his or her high school career, whether or not he or she took Honors or AP classes, and whether or not he or she took a college prep curriculum including four years of English and Math through Algebra II or higher.

**Grade point average** is examined as it is closely related to their preparation. Have their grades gotten better each year? Have they declined? A student's best ACT or SAT score is used to determine ability as well. We encourage students to take each test at least once. Many students retake each test quite a few times. Test scores will be accepted throughout the year, but for scholarship consideration, we take only the best score through February of their senior year.

When reviewing applications, we also look into their guidance counselor and teacher **recommendations, involvement** in the high school or community, the submitted **essay**, and anything else they have sent in to be included in their file.

The student will receive a decision letter within 4 to 5 weeks (or sooner depending upon the time of year in which they apply) from the day their application was made complete. We are on rolling admission and currently do not have an application deadline. Most students apply before their winter break, but we accept applications in the spring as well.