



APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION 2021-2022

The Baldwin Wallace University community is made up of students with varied interests and diverse socioeconomic, geographic, racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. The admission committee carefully examines the academic achievement and aptitude of every candidate for admission to Baldwin Wallace University. The goal of the admission committee is to admit students who can best benefit from and contribute to the academic program and life of the University.

While no minimum grade point average is specified, students must provide evidence of their preparation and fit for future success at Baldwin Wallace University consistent with code of conduct statements for the University, program or profession. All aspects of a student's application are considered and used as the primary means for informing an admission decision. The freshman class profile, found at bw.edu/first-year-profile, provides preparation metrics for the most recently enrolled class.

To make a qualified decision, the admission committee requires the following information for each applicant:

- Completed application for admission
- Personal essay
- Official high school transcripts
- School Report form
- Teacher Recommendation form (optional)
- Official college/university transcripts – If you have enrolled in college courses, send official college/university transcripts directly to the Office of Admission from each institution attended.

Though not required, an on-campus interview with an admission counselor is highly recommended.

Standardized test scores (SAT/ACT) are not required for admission to BW. BW has a test-optional admission policy. If students believe their test scores show additional evidence of preparation for BW, they can be submitted and will be considered during the holistic review of a student's application to BW. BW's merit scholarships are based on a student's cumulative weighted high school GPA and the merit level is established at the time an admission decision is made.

Please note, test scores are still required for all homeschooled students and for international applicants who have taken an English-language curriculum.

The admission committee has determined that the following high school curriculum will best prepare most students for academic success at BW:

	<i>Minimum</i>
English.....	4 units
Mathematics (including Algebra II)	4 units*
Natural Science (with labs preferred).....	3 units*
Social Science	3 units
Foreign Language.....	2 units
Academic Electives	3 units
Total	18 units

**Candidates considering majors in the sciences or mathematics are encouraged to complete four units each of mathematics and science in their high school programs.*

Baldwin Wallace University does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, age, disability, national origin, gender or sexual orientation in the administration of any policies or programs.

INSTRUCTIONS

There are two ways to obtain and complete an application for admission.

1. Online BW Application
2. Common Application

These can be found at bw.edu/firstyearapply

CONSERVATORY INSTRUCTIONS AND AUDITION *(For music majors only)*

Potential music majors must submit the BW application or Common Application **and audition** for the Conservatory of Music. Please note music specific requirements below:

- Music Teacher Evaluation
- Music Essay (narrative about your goals)
- Non-refundable \$100.00 audition fee for on-campus and off-campus auditions. Submit your audition fee using your applicant portal after submitting your application. Instructions for logging into your applicant portal are emailed once your application is received.
- Students who wish to audition for more than one Conservatory program are charged a flat rate of \$100.
- Students who wish to audition for both a Conservatory program and the acting (BFA) program are offered a special audition rate of \$150.

Utilize the applicant portal to send the Music Teacher Evaluation to your private instructor or ensemble director for your primary instrument or voice.

Direct any questions regarding your audition process to:
1-866-BW-MUSIC
440-826-2368
music@bw.edu

ACTING (BFA) INSTRUCTIONS AND AUDITION

Students applying for the acting (BFA) program must submit the BW application or Common Application **and audition**. Specific guidelines can be found at bw.edu/acting. Students auditioning for the BFA only must submit an audition fee of \$100. As previously noted, BFA applicants also auditioning for the Conservatory only need to submit one audition fee for \$150 to cover both programs. Submit your audition fee using your applicant portal after submitting your application. Instructions for logging into your applicant portal are emailed once your application is received.

Acting (BFA) Application Timetable

The application deadlines and notification timetable for the acting (BFA) program mirror that of the Conservatory of Music; however, BFA students are not eligible for Conservatory talent scholarships.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Financial Assistance

To be considered for need-based assistance, students must submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** to the federal processor after October 1 of their high school senior year. BW's FAFSA code is 003014. Go to bw.edu/finaid to access the FAFSA form.

Scholarships and Awards

Students are considered for scholarships and awards at the time of the admission review. **No separate application is required.** Applicants are encouraged to apply before priority deadlines and file a FAFSA to maximize access to scholarships and need-based aid. Talent scholarships for music students are awarded in March.

NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION DECISION

Students may begin applying to BW for the following fall term as of August 1, though the first notifications for admission will not be sent until early October. Beginning in October, applicants are notified of admission decisions on a rolling basis within two to four weeks upon the completion of their application to BW. The priority application deadline is November 1. Although students are encouraged to apply before May 1 so they are in a position to meet the priority student deposit deadline, applications will continue to be accepted on a space-available basis until the start of the fall semester.

Conservatory Application Timetable

- The BW application, which includes the Conservatory audition supplement, and audition fee must be submitted by November 1 to audition in November, and by January 1 to audition in January or February. Auditions are booked on a first-come, first-served basis and may fill up well ahead of audition dates.
- Audition dates may only be requested and reserved using the applicant portal.
- Recorded auditions must be received by February 15 to be considered for talent scholarships.
- The audition fee must be paid through the applicant portal before the audition will be confirmed by the Conservatory Admission Office.
- Students with a completed application and audition will be notified of their admission status with the University and Conservatory by mid-March.
Please note: Students must be academically admissible to Baldwin Wallace University and approved by audition to be considered for admission to the Conservatory of Music.
- All applicants are considered for academic scholarships and awards at the point of admission review; no separate application is required. All Conservatory instrumentalists and voice performance students are considered for talent scholarships.
Complete aid and scholarship packages are sent to admitted Conservatory students after March 15.
- When the number of successful auditions exceeds studio capacity, the Conservatory may establish waitlists for specific instrument areas or majors. If you are placed on a waitlist, you will be informed of your Conservatory admission status before June 2021.

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