



Application Information for New Freshmen Entering Fall 2027

Eligibility Requirements

In order to be automatically eligible to apply for the [Witt Fellows Program](#), a first-time entering Freshman admitted to The University of Alabama must have at least a 3.5 high school GPA and a minimum non-superscored ACT score of 32 or SAT score of 1420.

First-time entering Freshmen admitted to The University of Alabama not meeting these automatic eligibility requirements but with a non-superscored ACT score of at least 29 or SAT score of 1330 may apply with the endorsement of a high school representative or UA faculty member. *These applicants may complete and submit a WFP application, but it will only be considered for review after a follow-up form is completed by the endorsing representative.* Endorsement forms will be distributed to the provided contact information at the time of an applicant's submission of their WFP application; endorsements must be completed and submitted by **the application deadline of December 8, 2026.**

All Witt Fellows must be accepted to the Honors College, so please complete and submit an Honors application prior to or concurrently with [the WFP application](#).

Selection Process

We expect over 1,500 students admitted to The University of Alabama this year to be eligible to apply for the Witt Fellows Program. The competition will be very stiff.

Because all those invited will have impressive grades and test scores, the WFP selection committee will consider the candidate's record of impact in their community, leadership achievements, extracurricular activities and the candidate's essays as heavily as evidence of academic achievement. We seek students who ultimately will make a difference throughout their lives; therefore, creativity, productivity, community engagement, leadership and personal growth are points to highlight on your resume and in your essays.

Approximately 100 semifinalists will receive phone or Zoom interviews in late January 2027, after which approximately 50 finalists will be invited to the in-person Witt Fellows Finalist Interview Weekend February 19-20, 2027.

Application Guidelines

To be considered, applications must be submitted online through [the Qualtrics form](#) by the deadline of 11:59 pm Central Time, December 8, 2026. We encourage submitting prior to the deadline in case you run into any technical issues during the submission portions.

Applicants must ensure their names and contact information are not included in the resume or essay portions of this application.

Although [the application form](#) is set up to save responses if visited repeatedly from the same device, the use of a private browser or other timeout issues may force the application to drop responses prior to submission. **For this reason, we STRONGLY suggest that applicants collect the required materials in the application outline below and draft their responses in a separate program like Word or Google Docs prior to completing the application form on Qualtrics.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

For your convenience and preparation, the WFP provides the text of its application in the pages that follow. Applications will only be accepted if they are submitted through the official Qualtrics form [linked here](#) and on the [Honors College website](#), but we encourage applicants to draft their responses prior to beginning the online application.

To make sure you are fully prepared to complete your WFP application, make certain:

- You meet WFP eligibility guidelines (see above)
- You have already been admitted to UA with the information you will share in the WFP app
- You are ready to fill the text fields described in the following pages
- You have screenshots of your ACT and/or SAT results from the official test site
 - Screenshots should include your name, your results (may be superscored or composite), and the website URL plainly visible
 - Preferred formats are .jpg, .png, and .pdf
 - Check to make sure your screenshots reflect scores on file with UA and reach out to the WUFP if you find a discrepancy
- You have secured a recommender and (if necessary) an endorser, and you have their email address(es) ready to share

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Application Text

SECTION ONE

Personal Information

The following section will give you an opportunity to share personal information which directly correlates to your general UA application. Please be careful to verify that the information you share here, particularly your Crimson Mail address and CWID, are identical to the information in your UA student account.

- Given (First) Name
- Preferred Name
- Middle Name
- Family (Last) Name
- Preferred Pronouns
- Crimson Mail Address
- Personal Email Address
- Campus-Wide Identification Number (CWID)
- Phone Number
- Home (Permanent Mailing) Address

SECTION TWO

Academic Information

This section will ask you to share information about your high school career, including GPA and test scores. Again, please verify that the information you share here is identical to the information shared in your UA student profile. The WFP application will ask that you self-report standardized test scores by entering your non-superscore results and uploading screenshots of those results (which may include superscore information). Further upload guidelines will appear in the appropriate fields below.

The WFP selection committee will verify your submitted information against UA records; any discrepancies may disqualify an application, so please check carefully that your information matches your student record, and reach out early to WFP assistant director [David Bolus](#) if you see errors that call for resolution.

Applicants who do not meet the WFP's automatic eligibility requirements of a minimum 32 ACT or 1420 SAT may still complete and submit this application. In order for these applications to be processed, these students must be endorsed by a high school representative or UA faculty member. For students requiring an endorsement, this application will automatically ask for a valid email address which will be used to contact an endorsing representative; these representatives will need to complete the linked form (including the student's CWID) and submit it prior to the app deadline on December 8, 2026.

- Current High School
- High School GPA
- Class Rank
- ACT and/or SAT Results
 - You may select either or both tests and self-report your non-superscored results.
 - The application will ask for a screenshot in PDF, JPEG, or PNG format including the following information clearly visible:
 - The URL bar
 - Your name at the top (logged into account)
 - Your results (may include superscore information)
- Endorsement Contact*
 - *This field is for applicants who do not meet the automatic eligibility requirements to apply for the WFP. Please enter a valid email address for a high school representative or UA faculty member who may endorse your application.
 - Once an applicant has successfully submitted their WFP application, an automated email will be delivered to the address shared in this field. It will be the applicant's responsibility to ensure that endorsing representatives complete and submit the emailed form no later than the application due date, December 8, 2026.
- Expected Major at UA

SECTION THREE

Essays

Please complete the following essays. As a reminder, although the WFP application is set up to save responses entered from the same device, private browsing, cleared caches, and other technical issues may drop saved application progress. For this reason, we strongly suggest completing your essays in another program such as Word and pasting them into the app when you are ready to submit.

- ESSAY 1: A past Fellow once said, “I came into Fellows expecting to find answers, but I left having learned to ask better questions.” What are the questions you’re currently asking about yourself and the world, and how might an experience as a Witt Fellow change their answers? *(Limit of 3500 characters.)*
- ESSAY 2: Please give an example of “intellectual curiosity” in your life. *(Limit of 1000 characters.)*
- ESSAY 3: Choose one of the following prompts to address. *(Limit of 500 characters.)*
 - Prompt A: So many shared moments in the Fellows community are commemorated in shared photo albums. What image or video from YOUR camera roll is most significant to you, and why?
 - Prompt B: Give us your Top 5! Top 5 what? You decide! It’s up to you whether you justify your list or let it stand for itself.
- OPTIONAL ESSAY: Your high school guidance counselor nominated you without your knowledge for a “fully-funded” gap year, and you were just notified that you received the award. The only stipulations attached to the award are that you “do good” during the year and a report is due to the anonymous funder (via your guidance counselor) the following summer. Would you accept the award? If no, why not? If yes, what would you do during the gap year? *(Limit of 1000 characters.)*
- OPTIONAL SHORT RESPONSE: Please use the fields below to complete the sentences. *Each short response has a limit of 300 characters.*
 - My personal philosophy on serving or otherwise engaging with community is...
 - My personal leadership style is...
 - My personal motto in life is...
- OPTIONAL SHORT RESPONSE: We’re still learning to ask better questions... so what SHOULD we have asked you that we didn’t? (You don’t have to answer this question, but you’re welcome to!)

SECTION FOUR

Resume Information

The WFP application does not support the upload of traditional resumes. Please use the themed fields below to share more about your accomplishments, roles, and involvement.

- Academic Excellence
 - Please select any of the following types of coursework you have pursued during your high school academic career. (AP, IB, Dual Enrollment/Early College, Other Honors/Advanced, none of the above)
 - AP and Dual Enrollment/Early College Course Information
 - Please share any completed or in-progress AP or college courses in the following formats:
 - For AP: Name of Course (AP test result/"in progress")
 - For courses such as AP Research, please share your topic of study.
 - For Dual Enrollment or Early College: Name of Course, Institution (final grade/"in progress")
 - Please share any research experience not solely related to required coursework.
- Service and Community Engagement
 - Please list up to 5 examples of service or community engagement in the form field. If you would like to share additional examples, there will be an "Other" field immediately following. You may enter these examples as bullet points, but for some examples—particularly those that may be unique to your area—a short description may be invaluable for the WFP selection committee. Make sure to include the dates and duration of your service or other community engagement. You may choose to include an estimated number of hours engaged in this work.
- Leadership
 - Please list up to 5 examples of leadership in the form field. If you would like to share additional examples, there will be an "Other" field immediately following. You may enter these examples as bullet points, but for some examples—particularly those that may be unique to your area—a short description may be invaluable for the WFP selection committee.
 - Know that the WFP considers leadership from a broad perspective. While many of us are most comfortable sharing examples of our leadership as they correspond to official roles with titles, we are deeply aware that leadership takes many forms.

- Honors and Awards
 - Please list any academic or scholastic honors and awards along with the date of recognition.
 - Please list any honors or awards NOT relating to academic or scholastic achievements along with the date of recognition.
- Areas of Interest
 - Please use this field to list or describe areas of interest that fall outside of what you have already shared in your WFP application. These may include personal passions and points of curiosity, goals for college involvement or career investment, and more.

SECTION FIVE

Letter of Recommendation

The Witt Fellows Program will accept one letter of recommendation to retain on file with your application. Please use the included field to provide a valid email address for a recommender who can speak to your strengths with specificity. We strongly suggest recommenders who have first-hand experience with you and your work, such as a trusted teacher, guidance counselor, or employer.

When you submit your WFP application, an automated email will be sent to your recommender with a link for letter submission and further guidelines about writing a letter to best support your application. Please note that it is your responsibility as an applicant to request a recommendation and to make certain your recommender submits your letter prior to the deadline of 11:59pm Central Time, January 12, 2027.

If you will need to change your recommender after you have submitted your WFP application, please reach out to WFP assistant director [David Bolus](#) for assistance.