

ADMISSION

Admission Statement

A campus visit and tour are recommended for interested students. Call or email the Admission Office to set up an appointment at 800-544-1489 or admissions@csbsju.edu.

Admission to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University is open to all qualified students who demonstrate in their application the promise of success in college. Traditional indicators of ability such as taking a college preparatory curriculum and maintaining a strong grade point average are important and carefully considered. In addition, Saint Benedict and Saint John's want to enroll students who show promise of community contribution and productive participation in the classroom as evidenced by both their academic record and participation in extra-curricular activities.

Requirements for Admission

To be admitted an applicant will need to:

Graduate from an accredited high school or the equivalent. A candidate's academic preparation should include four years of English, three years of mathematics through Algebra II, two years of social science, two years of laboratory science and six other college preparatory electives. The study of a foreign language is recommended but not required for admission.

Show scholastic achievement (GPA), strong course selection and personal qualifications that give promise of success in college are also considered in the application review process.

Application Procedure

Saint Benedict and Saint John's review applications for admission beginning in September. An application is considered complete when the Office of Admission receives both the application for admission and official high school transcript through the end of junior year (all incoming students will need to provide a final transcript upon high school graduation). The Office of Admission encourages applicants to submit an optional writing sample and letters of recommendation to provide a more complete application file. As test optional institutions, Saint Benedict and Saint John's do not require the ACT or SAT test but if a student chooses to submit those scores, they will be added to the application file.

Preferred Application Dates

Early Action I: November 1 – candidate will receive notification of an admission decision and academic scholarship within three weeks of submission.

Early Action II: December 1 – candidate will receive notification of an admission decision and academic scholarship within three weeks of submission.

Rolling Admission: Any applications received after the December 1 Early Action II preferred application deadline will be reviewed on a rolling basis with candidate notification of an admission decision and academic scholarship within three weeks of submission.

For deposited and enrolled students who wish to be considered for college credit please submit official college transcripts with all courses and grades for consideration of post-secondary enrollment options (PSEO) or college in the schools (CIT/CITS). Also, official report(s) for scores received for Advanced Placement Tests of the College Board (AP),

International Baccalaureate (IB) or College Level Examination Board (CLEP). At the request of the student, these reports are sent directly to the college by the testing companies. No credit for AP, IB, CLEP, PSEO, CIT/CITS work may be awarded without an official transcript or report of scores.

Deposit Procedure

Candidates who are accepted for admission are required to indicate their intention to enroll by making a tuition deposit of \$300. To guarantee enrollment, students should make this advance payment by May 1. This payment, which is refundable until May 1, is credited to the student's account for the first semester of enrollment.

Homeschool Student Admission

As stated in the general admission section, admission to the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University is open to all qualified students who demonstrate in their application promise of success in college. For homeschool applicants this means both traditional and nontraditional indicators of ability are important and carefully considered in the admission decision. The traditional indicators include appropriate documentation of college preparatory curriculum and college entrance exams. Nontraditional indicators that are considered, but not required for admission, include GED scores, study of a second language, accelerated courses, correspondence coursework, post-secondary enrollment option courses, community service and life experiences such as work, travel, published writing or art shows. It is not unusual for the Admission Committee to ask for other supporting evidence of academic readiness. This additional information may include recommendations, senior coursework, or a personal visit with admission personnel.

Non-Immigrant International Student Admission

The College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University welcome international students. The colleges are authorized under United States federal law to enroll non-immigrant international students.

In addition to fulfilling the admission requirements and completing the procedures for admission, international students whose first language is not English must prove their English language proficiency. An applicant's English proficiency level may be demonstrated by means of score reports of such exams as TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), IELTS (International English Language Testing System, DET (Duolingo English Test), PTE Academic (Pearson English Test), the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test), the ACT (American College Test), other approved exams, by reports of results and level of completion in a U.S. intensive English language program, and/or at least one year of post-secondary education in the United States which includes English composition.

All international students must have health insurance. If students are not included in their parents' insurance plan, they must subscribe to the colleges' group health insurance program.

Credit for International Examinations and Certificates

Credits may be granted for national examinations or certificates of education depending on the type of exam or certificate, type of subjects and marks achieved. The Registrar's Office and department chairpersons will evaluate and determine credit levels upon request. Consult "Studies

at other colleges” or the Admission Office for additional transfer credit policies.

International Student Application and Financial Aid Deadlines

Preferred Application Dates

- Fall semester (August-December): April 1
- Spring semester (January-May): November 15

Applications may be considered after these dates on a space-available basis.

International applicants are considered for partial tuition scholarships. Scholarships are awarded based on academic and extracurricular achievement and financial need. Part-time on-campus student employment is also available. International students may also apply for full-time summer employment opportunities on the two campuses following their first year of study and each succeeding year for a total of three years maximum. On-campus housing and meals are available during the four summer months (May, June, July, August). Early application for summer employment, campus housing and meals are encouraged as the colleges cannot guarantee these special arrangements for all international students who wish to remain on campus during the summer.

Transfer Students

Students transferring from other colleges are considered for admission on the combined basis of both high school and college achievement. Transfer applicants are required to have a minimum college GPA of 2.75 to be considered for admission. An application is considered complete when we have received the application for admission, final high school transcript, official college transcripts for all colleges attended, and a statement of good standing from the Dean of Students. An evaluation of the student’s previous college course work will be provided to transfer students who are admitted. Consult “Studies at other colleges” or the Admission Office for additional transfer credit policies.

Transfer students wishing to apply for financial aid must complete the financial aid application process.

Application and Financial Aid Deadlines

Preferred Application Deadlines

- Fall semester (September-December): April 1
- Spring semester (February-May): December 1

Applications may be considered after these dates on a space-available basis.

Preferred Financial Aid Deadlines

- Fall semester (September-December): March 15
- Spring semester (February-May): November 15

Readmission

Students who have previously attended Saint Benedict’s or Saint John’s and who (1) were not enrolled the previous semester or (2) did not complete the previous semester must submit a formal application for readmission to the Admission Office. Readmit applications and procedures may be found online at <https://www.csbsju.edu/admission/apply/readmit-applicants> (<https://www.csbsju.edu/admission/apply/>

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Transfer Application and Financial Aid Deadlines

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- Fall semester (September-December): April 1
- Spring semester (February-May): December 1

Applications may be considered after these dates on a space-available basis.

Preferred Financial Aid Deadlines

- Fall semester (September - December): March 15
- Spring semester (February - May): November 15