

# WHAT CAN I DO NOW TO PREPARE FOR BYU?

Please remember that this is a list of recommendations, not requirements! All of our recommendations stem from the [Aims of a BYU education](#) which are: spiritually strengthening, intellectually enlarging, character building, leading to lifelong learning and service. We are looking for applicants who demonstrate in their application, that they value these same things.

## **BYU Specific Recommendations:**

- Follow the example of Jesus Christ by striving to keep his commandments and doing your best to live the standards of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
- In order to increase your faith in Jesus Christ and His restored gospel, participate in and graduate from seminary when possible. After high school, attend institute of religion classes.
- Take the most rigorous courses available to you in which you can be successful. For example:
  - [AP/IB](#) classes
  - [College Credit](#) (concurrent or dual enrollment)
    - Keep in mind that the grades and credit you earn will always be on your college transcript
  - Honors classes
- Take the [ACT/SAT](#) if you feel that it will strengthen your application - we will use your highest composite score.\* If you take one standardized test, and don't do well, we recommend taking the other. The tests are different, so you may do better on one than the other.
- Get involved in extracurricular activities that are meaningful to you; develop your specific talents.
  - Arts (Music, Art, Theater, Dance)
  - Athletics
  - Church (Any Denomination)
  - Community (Military, Clubs, Student Government, Politics)
  - Employment
  - Humanities (Language, Writing, Speech)
  - Service
  - STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)
- Plan to provide specific examples of how you have contributed to your community in meaningful ways as you write your application essays.

\*Most applicants will not be required to submit a standardized test score to be considered for admission to BYU through winter 2026. Applicants may choose to submit a test score if they feel it would strengthen their application; however, applicants who do not submit a test score will not be at a disadvantage.

## **General College Recommendations:**

- Recommended high school courses:
  - 4 years of **mathematics**
  - 4 years of **English**
  - 2-3 years of **laboratory science**
  - 2 years of **history** or **government**
  - 2 or more years of **foreign language**

## Admissions Statistics

The following table shows the number of prospective freshmen that applied and the number accepted over the past three years

New Freshman Applications vs Students Accepted			
Year	Applicants	Students Accepted	Rate
2014	12,921	7,259	55.0%
2017	13,707	7,317	53.4%
2023	12,061	8,402	69.7%

## Admission by GPA and ACT

The charts below show the average **unweighted GPA and ACT of admitted freshmen:**

Average New Freshman GPAs	
2014	3.83
2017	3.86
2023 middle 50%	3.86-4.00

Average New Freshman ACT Scores	
2014	28.81
2017	29.5
2023 middle 50%	27-32

## BYU Freshman Profile

Seminary Graduate -----97.3%

Service-----99.8%

Leadership-----99.5%

Employment-----84.7%

Talent-----98.9%

## Helpful Websites

AP/IB Guide: [apib.byu.edu](http://apib.byu.edu)

Scholarships: [scholarships.byu.edu](http://scholarships.byu.edu)

Transfer Credit: [transfer.byu.edu](http://transfer.byu.edu)