Stevenson University
2018-2019 Undergraduate Application for Freshman Students

APPLICATION GUIDELINES
Stevenson University welcomes capable students who want to succeed and who are willing to work hard to achieve their goals. Students are selected on the basis of educational preparation, intellectual promise, and personal character. For spring semester entry, apply by October 1 and complete the FAFSA by October 15.

ADMISSION DEADLINES
The SU Admissions Office reviews applications on a rolling basis and releases decisions within 3-4 weeks of all materials being received throughout the year. The freshman application is available on August 1 for the following fall semester. The first decision letters are mailed on October 15 for the following fall.

FALL SEMESTER
November 1: Presidential Fellowship Application
To qualify for consideration, submit a complete admission application as well as a complete Presidential Fellowship application by November 1.

December 1: Priority Scholarship Consideration
Submit all application materials by December 1 to receive an admission decision and, if eligible, an official scholarship award by December 25.

January 15: Service and Leadership Programs Application
Students interested in being considered for Stevenson’s Leadership or Service Scholars programs should submit a complete admissions application, scholarships application, and complete a scholarship interview by January 15. Full details at stevenson.edu/scholarships.

January 15: Founders’ and Visual Arts Scholarships Application
Interview-based and portfolio-based scholarships provide the opportunity to earn additional scholarship funds. To qualify for consideration submit a complete admissions application and any required supplemental materials by January 15. Full details at stevenson.edu/scholarships.

February 1: Final Scholarship Consideration
Apply on or before February 1 in order to be automatically considered for a merit-based scholarship.

February 15: FAFSA
Complete the FAFSA by February 15, even if an admission decision is not yet available.

March 1: Freshman application materials
Applications received after the final March 1 priority deadline will be considered on a space-available basis. Apply using Stevenson’s application, which is available for online submission and as a printable PDF at stevenson.edu or via the Common Application at commonapp.org.

CHECKLIST
☐ Apply Online
Links for Stevenson’s online application and the Common Application can be found at stevenson.edu/apply. Apply online and the $40 application fee is waived.
☐ Official High School Transcript
☐ SAT or ACT Scores
Applicants are welcome to self-report SAT or ACT scores for admissions and scholarship consideration
☐ Essay
☐ Letter(s) of Recommendation
Submit at least one from a teacher and/or counselor.
☐ Complete the FAFSA by Feb. 15 to apply for financial aid

OPTIONAL
☐ Extracurricular Activities Resume
☐ Interview
If you wish, an admissions interview is available upon request by appointment.

REQUIRED INFORMATION
☐ Undergraduate Application
☐ High School Transcript
Submit an official copy of your current high school transcript, including a list of senior year courses in progress. It is beneficial for transcripts to include first quarter/semester grades. A Secondary School Report and Transcript Request Form is included in this packet. Students possessing a GED must submit proof of GED earned and an official high school transcript detailing coursework completed.

☐ SAT or ACT Scores
Stevenson requires at least one SAT or ACT score for all freshman applicants. We now allow applicants to self-report scores for admission and scholarship consideration and hope this change makes it simpler and less stressful to apply. Students who chose to enroll at Stevenson must send official to verify self-reported scores by July 15. Please see our Admissions Testing Guidelines for full information on how we use testing when evaluating applications and how to submit your scores.

THE SU TEST CODES ARE:
SAT: 5856 ACT: 1753

☐ Essay
Provide a 500-word response for one of the topics listed in this application. Provide a 100-word answer to the short response question listed.

☐ Letters of Recommendation
Submit at least one recommendation from a teacher and/or counselor.

☐ Permanent Residents
Applicants who currently hold a Permanent Resident card must submit photocopies of the front and back of the card.

OPTIONAL INFORMATION
☐ Extracurricular Activities and Honors
If you wish, you may submit a resume detailing your extracurricular involvements and/or awards or honors you have received.

☐ Interview
An admission interview is available upon request. Please call Admissions to schedule an appointment.

☐ Portfolio
Recommended for applicants in the visual communication design, film and moving image, and fashion design majors. See stevenson.edu/portfolio for details.

High School Preparation
SU expects you to have completed a strong college preparatory program. Considerable emphasis is placed upon the rigor of your course load and on participation in accelerated, honors, Advanced Placement, or International Baccalaureate courses.

>> Apply online and schedule a visit at stevenson.edu/admissions <<
The minimum program of study should include:
- ENGLISH: 4 credits
- MATHEMATICS: 3 credits (Must include at least Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry)
- SCIENCE: 3 credits (Must include at least two lab sciences - Biology and Chemistry preferred)
- HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE: 3 credits
- FOREIGN LANGUAGE: 2 credits
- ACADEMIC ELECTIVES: 2 credits

FRESHMAN HONORS
The Stevenson Honors Program invites the University's most academically talented students into an exciting, four-year honors experience. Honors students—across disciplines—develop a strong network of mutually outstanding and motivated peers, experiencing Stevenson together while building lifelong bonds through this living-learning community. All applicants automatically considered.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
In addition to all of the stated admission requirements for freshmen or transfer students, all international students (except U.S. Permanent Residents) must submit the following information by April 1 for fall admission and September 1 for spring admission:
- TOEFL or IELTS Scores
- Transcript Evaluation
- Financial Documentation

International Students Currently in the U.S.
An international student currently attending a high school or college in the United States must submit a copy of his or her I-94, U.S. visa, passport ID page, and current I-20 (if F-1).

Financial Documentation (required for F-1 students)
A recent official bank statement in English verifying the student’s financial resources in U.S. dollars for the entire cost of attendance for one year must be submitted. In addition, the International Student Declaration of Finances form, which is downloadable from stevenson.edu/admissions, is required.

EARLY ENROLLMENT
Advanced high school students who wish to begin their college careers before graduation from high school may apply for Early Enrollment. Early Enrollment is available to high school seniors who want to enroll full time as degree-seeking students. There are requirements in addition to the regular freshman application requirements that Early Enrollment applicants must meet in order to be admitted. Please visit the “Applying to SU” section on our Undergraduate Admissions website for details.

PARALLEL ENROLLMENT
Stevenson University sponsors a Parallel Enrollment program for academically talented high school students in the local area. The objective of the program is to allow these students to take up to two courses during one or both semesters of their senior year.

Students interested in Parallel Enrollment should consult the “Applying to SU” section of our Undergraduate Admissions website for further information and application materials specific to the Parallel Enrollment program.

FINANCIAL AID
Stevenson University offers financial assistance to qualified students in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and student employment, as well as a special payment plan. Stevenson prides itself on the variety of scholarships it offers to incoming students. Approximately 90 percent of students receive financial assistance. SU participates in all major federal financial aid programs as well as Maryland state programs.

Students seeking financial aid must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). SU’s school code is 002107. The FAFSA can be filed after October 1 and before February 15 of the year you wish to start at SU. The federal government encourages students to file the FAFSA online at fasfa.ed.gov. You may call 1-800-4-FED-AID to request a paper form. Please call the Financial Aid Office at 443-334-3200 if you have questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Freshman: Merit-Based Awards
Stevenson University has a generous scholarship program that grants merit-based awards to highly qualified students. We select scholarship recipients based upon academic achievement, regardless of financial need. Scholarship students are expected to continue striving for excellence while earning their degree. Freshman applicants are reviewed for merit scholarships provided all admission and scholarship requirements are completed by February 1.

Specialty Scholarships
Stevenson University’s Specialty Scholarships provide the opportunity to earn additional scholarship funds. The University offers three interview-based and one portfolio-based specialty scholarship, which are awarded in addition to SU’s merit-based awards. All admitted students with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4-point scale or 80 on a 100-point scale and a minimum score of 1100 on the new two-section SAT or 1500 on the old three-section SAT, or a 22 ACT composite score are eligible for consideration for the interview-based awards. For all specialty scholarships, all applications must be submitted by January 15. For more information, go to stevenson.edu/scholarships.

Presidential Fellowship:
Freshman applicants can apply separately to the Presidential Fellowship. The Presidential Fellowship recognizes students who have the potential to make a lasting impact on the Stevenson community as shown by their commitment to academic excellence along with proven leadership in school-based achievements, community service, and/or athletics. Applicants must apply by November 1.

Applicants who miss the stated deadlines will be reviewed provided they meet the scholarship criteria and funds remain available. For more information, go to stevenson.edu/scholarships

CAMPUS VISIT
We encourage our applicants to visit campus to find out what life is like as a Stevenson student.

Daily Tours and Information Sessions
Available Monday through Friday and selected Saturdays. See stevenson.edu/visit for exact dates, times, and to RSVP.
PERSONAL INFORMATION

Return this application with the non-refundable $40 application fee. Be sure to fill out the application completely. You must sign and date the application. Please type or print clearly.

LAST NAME  FIRST NAME  MIDDLE NAME  PREFERRED FIRST NAME

Other names that may appear on your records

Permanent Address

CITY  STATE  ZIP  COUNTY  COUNTRY

Home Telephone  Cell Phone  Work Telephone

E-mail Address  Social Security Number

Sex assigned at birth _ Male _ Female  Date of Birth  Place of Birth

If you would like to, we invite you to share more about your gender identity here:

The following two questions are meant to give us a better understanding of your race and ethnicity. Your responses to the next two items are voluntary.

• Do you identify as a person of Hispanic/Latino or Spanish origin? ___ Yes ___ No
• How are you most comfortable describing yourself? (Select one or more)
  ___ American Indian or Alaska Native  ___ Black or African American  ___ Asian
  ___ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  ___ White  ___ Other

Citizenship status: ___ U.S. Citizen ___ Permanent U.S. Resident ___ Other (specify):

Is English your first language? ___ Yes ___ No  If No, what is your first language?

International Students: What type of visa do you hold?

All applicants who currently hold a Permanent Resident card must submit photocopies of the front and back of the card. Failure to do so will delay the admission process.

I am applying for the  ☐ Fall  ☐ Spring

Degree Program (choose from listing in instructions) _____________________________ or  ___ Still Deciding

I plan to attend  ___ Full time (12 credits or more per semester)  ___ Part time (11 credits or less per semester)

I am applying as a(n): ___ Freshman  ___ Early Enrollment (full-time prior to high school graduation)

I plan to live in Stevenson University Housing  ___ Yes  ___ No

Have you previously applied to or taken classes at SU? ___ Yes ___ No  If Yes, semester and year (i.e. Fall 2010)
**FAMILY INFORMATION**

Provide names of parents, legal guardian or spouse.

- Father __  Mother __  Spouse __  Other _____________  Occupation/Employer ________________________________

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**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

List the name of the high school(s) you attend(ed) and enter the six-digit College Board Code for each. College Board Codes are available at <collegeboard.com>.

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**Extracurricular Resume**

Optional: Part of Stevenson’s application review is to identify students who will contribute to SU’s campus community and engage in student activities. Therefore, we recommend that you submit a resume on a separate sheet detailing your extracurricular involvements and/or awards or honors you have received.

**Other Application Information**

For research purposes only:
Stevenson’s School of the Sciences would like to know if you have taken “Project Lead the Way” courses in high school. These courses are not offered in all high schools and your answer will not affect your admission decision. Please check the appropriate option below:

__ No, I did not take Project Lead the Way courses  
__ Yes, I took Project Lead the Way Engineering course(s)  
__ Yes, I took Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences course(s)

Have you ever been academically dismissed from, declared ineligible to attend, or incurred disciplinary action at any institution?

__ No __ Yes *

*If yes, please provide an explanation on a separate sheet. Your application will be considered incomplete without this information.

Please list all dates you have taken, or will take, the SAT and/or ACT:

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ESSAY

Freshman Applicants: Please choose ONE of the essay topics listed below and compose a two-page (approximately 500 words) essay. Stevenson is a member of the Common Application and these topics are the same as those available on the Common App.

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from the obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
4. Describe a problem you’ve solved or a problem you’d like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma—anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you’ve already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.

Short Response (Required): In addition to the essay above, provide a 100-word response to the following question. Include your name and address on your submission.

Why do you feel you will do well at Stevenson University? What do you think you can contribute to the Stevenson community?

Nursing Short Response (Required for Freshman Nursing Applicants only): In approximately 100 words, what has influenced you to study nursing? Why do you think you would be a good nurse?

OPTIONAL INFORMATION

Are you currently employed? ___ Yes ___ No Employer _____________________________ Hours per week _____________________

What is your career goal? __________________________________________ How long have you had this goal? _________________________

Have you visited Stevenson University? ___ Yes ___ No

If you answered YES above, for what event and when? _________________________________________________________________________

Would you like to receive information about an ROTC scholarship? ___ Yes ___ No

List any friends or relatives who are currently faculty or staff at SU: _________________________________________________________________________

List any friends or relatives who have attended or are now attending SU: _________________________________________________________________________

STOP!

Be Sure to Sign Your Application.
Your Application is not Complete Without Your Signature

I certify that this and all information submitted on behalf of my application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that falsification or omission of any information I provide could result in the denial of admission or retroactive dismissal from the University without refund or course credit. I authorize any schools, colleges, or universities I previously attended to release personal and/or academic information to Stevenson University. Should Stevenson University need to release any of the preceding information to third-parties as part of a scholarship competition/selection I consent to such and waive those protections afforded by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Student’s Signature __________________________ Date __________________________

Admission to the University, and the University’s scholarship/loan programs is determined without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, or handicap. The University complies with all applicable laws and federal regulations regarding discrimination and accessibility due to the condition of handicap, age, veteran status, and otherwise.

In compliance with the USDOE Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990, information regarding crime prevention, law enforcement authority of SU Security, policies concerning reporting of campus crimes, and crime statistics for the last three years may be obtained from the SU Security Office.
This form is provided for freshman applicants who are current high school seniors. Transfer students do not need to complete this form.

TO THE STUDENT: Please complete this section and give the form to your school counselor/college counselor.

Student Name  

Address

Date of Birth  

TO THE COUNSELOR: Please send this form along with the student’s official transcript to Stevenson University as soon as possible. Also, please include the student’s standardized test scores if they are not currently included in the transcript. In addition, the Admissions Committee requires at least one letter of recommendation from a counselor and/or teacher for each candidate. By submitting an additional appraisal of the candidate, you will greatly help us reach a decision in his/her best interest. Please submit your appraisal of the candidate along with this form and the student’s official transcript.

Percentage of class attending: Four-Year _______ Two-Year _______ institutions.

Grading Scale: ___ 4.0 ___ 100 ___ Other __________________________  Passing Grade is __________________________

Student’s GPA  Unweighted __________________________  Weighted __________________________  (ie: 3.7, 83%, etc.)

Student ranks _______ in a class of _______ Rank is _______ Unweighted _______ Weighted _______ We do not rank

If your school does not compute exact rank, please provide your best estimate:

___ Top 10%  ___ Top 25%  ___ Top 50%  ___ < 50%

Highest SAT score __________________________  __________________________  __________________________

Is the student’s course selection: ___ Most Demanding ___ Demanding ___ Average ___ Below Average

I recommend this student   ___ With Reservation    ___ Fairly Strongly    ___ Strongly    ___ Enthusiastically

Thank you.

Counselor’s Name __________________________________________ Phone __________________________

High School__________________________________________________ High School CEEB _____________________

AddressSTREET __________________________________________ CITY STATE ZIP CODE

Office Phone __________________________ Fax __________________________

Counselor’s Signature __________________________________________ Date __________________________

Note about confidentiality: Under Public Law 93-380, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, candidates for admission do not have access to their records in the Admissions Office unless and until they enroll at Stevenson University. To assure confidentiality of information within the spirit of the law, the University will destroy this form and any other subjective supplementary statements about this student before his/her matriculation at Stevenson.
## Majors

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## Minors: Professional Focus

- Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development
- Human Resources
- Management
- Real Estate
- Software Design and Coding

## Minors: Discipline Focus

- Accounting
- Art
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- Environmental Science
- Fashion Design
- Fashion Merchandising
- Film and Moving Image
- Graphic Design
- History
- Human Services
- Information Systems
- Legal Studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Psychology
- Religion
- Sociology
- Theatre and Media Performance

## Pre-Professional Studies

- Pre-Dentistry
- Pre-Law
- Pre-Medicine
- Pre-Pharmacy
- Pre-Physical Therapy
- Pre-Veterinary Medicine

## Master's Degree Programs

- Business and Technology Management*
- Communication Studies*
- Community-Based Education and Leadership*
- Crime Scene Investigation*
- Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics*
- Forensic Accounting*
- Forensic Investigation*
- Forensic Science*
- Forensic Studies*
- Healthcare Management*
- Nursing
- Master of Arts in Teaching*

* Complete your B.S. and M.S. in as few as five years in these programs