

Your plan for Rice University

Fall 2027 entry

Next deadline: Early Decision I: Application deadline · Nov. 1, 2026

Cost of attendance (2026-27)

Last applicable test dates · Freshman Testing Deadlines: Early Decision I September (ACT) October (SAT); Early Decision II December December; Regular Decision December December

2027–2028 FAFSA opens · Oct. 1, 2026

Suggested start has passed. Begin when you can.

Suggested start: ED I: submit Common App + Rice supplement + ED agreement · Oct. 18, 2026

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Suggested start: ED I: CSS Profile, FAFSA and IDOC · Oct. 25, 2026

Suggested start: ED I: request an optional interview · Oct. 27, 2026

Early Decision I: Application deadline · Nov. 1, 2026

Early Decision I: Interview request deadline · Nov. 3, 2026

Suggested start: Optional campus visit or virtual event · Nov. 9, 2026

Early Decision I: Optional Glimpse video due · Nov. 10, 2026

Early Decision I: Financial aid forms due · Nov. 15, 2026

Suggested start: RD: draft 3 Rice supplement essays and The Box · Nov. 23, 2026

Suggested start: RD: ask counselor and two core teachers for letters · Nov. 23, 2026

Shepherd School of Music: all materials due · Dec. 1, 2026

Suggested start: RD: apply and request interview for priority interview consideration · Dec. 9, 2026

Early Decision I: Financial aid award notification · Mid-Dec

Early Decision I: Decisions released · by mid-December

Regular Decision: Apply by this date for priority interview consideration · Dec. 14, 2026

Regular Decision: Priority interview request deadline · Dec. 16, 2026

Suggested start: RD: submit application and \$75 fee (or waiver) · Dec. 21, 2026

Suggested start: RD: CSS Profile, FAFSA and IDOC · Jan. 4, 2027

Early Decision I: Reply / enrollment deposit deadline · Jan. 4, 2027

Early Decision II: Financial aid forms due · Jan. 4, 2027

Early Decision II: Application deadline · Jan. 4, 2027

Regular Decision: Application deadline · Jan. 4, 2027

Early Decision II: Interview request deadline · Jan. 6, 2027

Regular Decision: Interview request deadline · Jan. 6, 2027

Early Decision II: Optional Glimpse video due · Jan. 12, 2027

Regular Decision: Optional Glimpse video due · Jan. 12, 2027

Early Decision II: Decisions released · by late January

Regular Decision: Financial aid forms due · Feb. 1, 2027

Early Decision II: Reply / enrollment deposit deadline · by mid-February

Regular Decision: Decisions released · April 1, 2027

Suggested start: RD: decide and submit enrollment deposit · April 17, 2027

Regular Decision: Reply / enrollment deposit deadline · May 1, 2027