

## Mission-driven admissions

We believe admissions policies should reflect the mission and values of an institution. At Hampshire, our admissions criteria is based on years of research into student success. We understand the characteristics of students who thrive academically and socially at Hampshire, and we look for those traits in our admissions review process.

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### What traits define a Hampshire student?

Interest in many subjects or fields and a tendency to see the connections among them

- > Motivation, discipline, and follow-through
- > Self-awareness and maturity
- > Capacity to reflect on one's work productively and to learn from trial, experimentation, and experience
- > Empathy and an interest in building community
- > Curiosity and a passion for learning

### What do we look at?

- > Completed Common Application
- > Hampshire's writing supplement
- > Current transcripts
- > School counselor recommendation
- > Teacher recommendation: we only require one, but welcome the submission of additional recommendations if they contribute a distinct perspective not otherwise represented in the application

### Writing supplement

The following questions relate to our core values: inquiry, interdisciplinary, and growth. Choose one prompt from the list below; our suggested length is about one page.

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- 1 Hampshire's motto is "To Know is Not Enough." People interpret it's meaning in different ways. What does it mean to you?
  - 2 Tell us about something you recently learned and found fascinating. What else do you want to learn about it and how would you like to learn about it.
  - 3 Describe a situation in which you received feedback, academic or otherwise, that changed your thinking or behavior for the better.
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## Optional materials

We welcome the submission of additional materials to complement your application. These may include: Video/media, project sample, additional letters of recommendation, parent recommendation, an interview, AP/IB scores.

## What part of the application is the most important?

In a holistic review, we look thoroughly at each piece of your application. We find that trends in the academic transcript and letters of recommendation offer particularly useful insight into a student's fit for our community.

## What we won't consider: Your SAT and ACT scores

Although many colleges still require the SAT and ACT, a growing number have adopted a test-optional policy to compensate for gender, class, racial, and ethnic bias in standardized testing. At Hampshire, our own research showed that SAT and ACT scores have no bearing on a student's likelihood to thrive. Thus, we are completely test-blind. We take this seriously: If you send your scores, we'll redact them.

## Tuition, Room, and Board 2019-20

**\$61,350**

## Financial Aid

**95% of Hampshire students receive some form of financial aid;** 72% receive need-based aid.

**Need-based aid** can include Hampshire grants, work-study awards, federal and state grants, matching grants, and federal or private loans.

**Merit scholarships** can include Hampshire merit awards and outside scholarships. All applicants are considered for merit scholarships automatically, regardless of whether they apply for financial aid.

## Ready to Apply?

	Deadline	Notification
Early Action (fall 2020)	January 15	March 1
Regular Decision (fall 2020)	February 1	April 1



**Hampshire is exclusively on the Common Application.** Add our institution at [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org), or log on to [apply.hampshire.edu](https://apply.hampshire.edu) to access the application and review our requirements.

**To apply for financial aid, fill out the following forms:**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) | [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov)  
CSS Profile | [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org)

**Once you've applied, check your application status** via your student portal, at [explore.hampshire.edu/apply/status](https://explore.hampshire.edu/apply/status).

## Questions?

We're here to help. We want to get to know you. If you're not already receiving our emails, introduce yourself at [hello.hampshire.edu](mailto:hello.hampshire.edu).