

# DEPENDENT INFORMATION SESSION

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*Furman University*

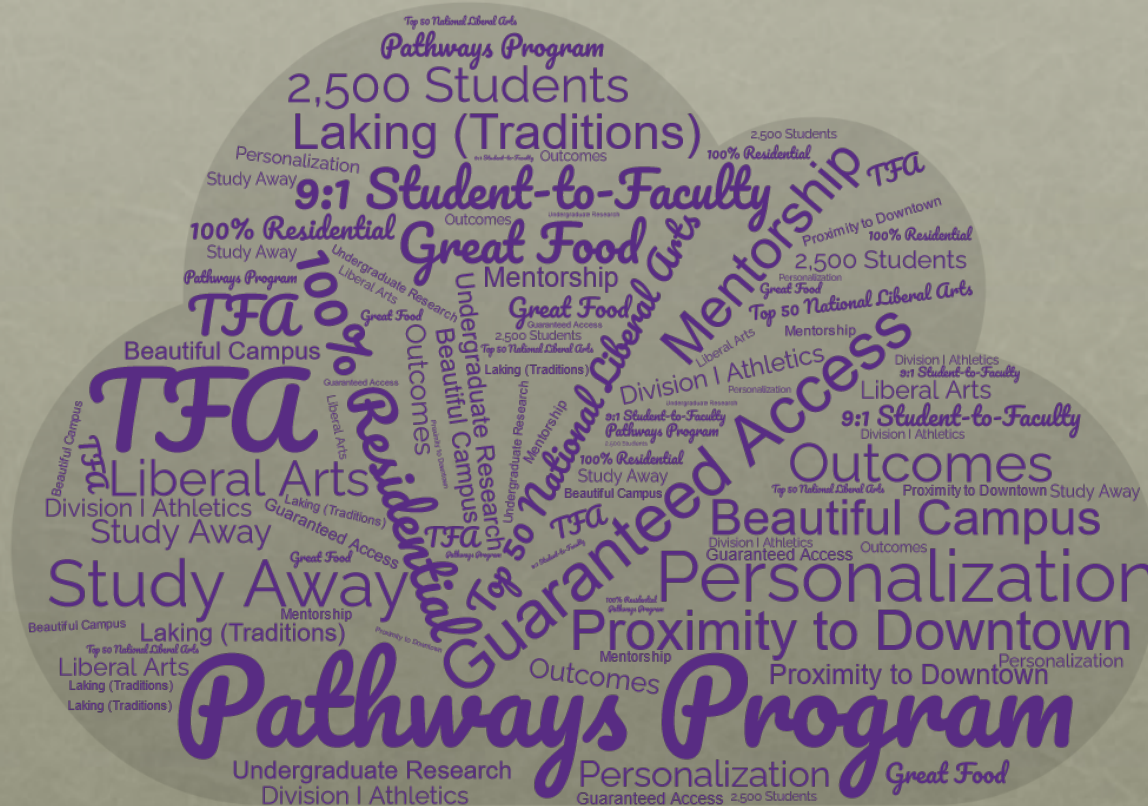
# THE ADMISSIONS PROCESS

# THE COLLEGE SEARCH

- What to do after high school?
  - College
  - Military
  - Employment
- Which college is right for me?
  - Connect with school counselor
  - Connect with admissions counselor
  - Online Research
  - Campus Tours
  - College Fairs
    - *Fit is also important*

# FURMAN UNIVERSITY

*There are so many reasons our students choose to call Furman home and why Furman continues to earn such great national recognition. Here are just a few of the reasons we often hear prospective students mention when thinking about Furman!*



# FURMAN UNIVERSITY – ADMISSIONS PROCESS

*The Office of Admissions may consider an array of factors in the admissions review process, with academic performance being a key consideration.*

Academic Considerations (average)		Comments
Core Academic GPA:	3.6 – 3.8	The Office of Admissions re-calculates all GPAs to include on core academic courses (Math, Science, Social Science, English, Foreign Language) and will use an unweighted, 4.0 scale when determining core GPA.
SC UGP GPA:	4.6-4.8	
Curriculum Rigor:	<i>Considered within the context of a student's high school.</i>	Every high school is distinct in terms of the types of course offerings made available to students. We encourage students to pursue upper level coursework, whether it is AP, IB, Honors Levels, Dual Enrollment, or other upper level coursework determined at the individual school.
SAT Mid-50%	1270 – 1440	Furman has been test optional since 2011, so it is up to the student to determine whether test scores should be a factor in review. Should students choose to include test scores for review, we will “super score” both the SAT and ACT. This means we will take the best subsection scores if exams have been taken multiple times to determine the highest composite score.
ACT Mid-50%	29-33	
<b>Additional Considerations May Include:</b>		
Extracurricular Involvement	Essay	Letters of Recommendation (not required)
Resume	Honors or Awards	

# FURMAN UNIVERSITY – ADMISSIONS PROCESS

Furman Utilizes both the [Common Application](#) and [Coalition Application](#) for review. There is no preference and which platform to use may be a recommendation from the student's school counselor or determined by the other institutions a student may be considering. For more details about our application process, please visit <https://www.furman.edu/admissions-aid/apply/>.

## Furman's Application Rounds – Important Dates & Deadlines

Application Round:	Early Decision I (Binding)*	Early Action	Early Decision II (Binding)*	Regular Decision
Application Deadline:	November 15	December 1	January 15	January 15
Financial Aid Priority Deadline:	November 15	December 15	January 15	February 15
Admissions Decision Notification:	By December 1	By January 15	By February 1	By March 1
Financial Aid Notification:	By December 15	By February 1	By February 15	By March 15
Enrollment Deadline:	January 5	May 1	March 1	May 1

*\*Both Early Decision I and II are binding rounds, which means that if admitted, a student agrees to withdraw applications for admission to other institutions and commit to enroll at Furman.*

# TUITION EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

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- **Two tuition exchange programs**
  - The Tuition Exchange (TE)
    - 672+ Member Institutions
    - Value of the TE Scholarship is either full tuition or an annual set rate (depending on the school).
      - For 2024-25, the set rate is \$42,000
      - Check with school about that school's TE value
      - School may use federal and state grant dollars as part of the TE award
    - Furman pays the \$45 TE fee on behalf of each student accepted.
  - Associated Colleges of the South (ACS) Tuition Exchange
    - 16 member schools, 15 of whom participate in ACS Tuition Exchange (Davidson does NOT participate)
    - Value of ACS is full tuition (less federal and state grants)
      - Parents have to pay a \$2,000 fee to ACS each year
      - Furman has to pay a \$2,000 fee to ACS each year for each student
      - Student must complete the FAFSA each year



# ACS PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

**BSC**  
Birmingham-Southern College

Centenary

**CENTRE**  
COLLEGE

No ACS Tuition  
**DAVIDSON**  
Exchange

FURMAN

  
HENDRIX

**MILLSAPS**  
COLLEGE

**MOREHOUSE**  
COLLEGE

**Rhodes College**  
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UNIVERSITY OF  
**RICHMOND**

  
**ROLLINS**

**SEWANEE**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH

Southwestern  
University

Spelman College

  
**TRINITY**  
UNIVERSITY

**WASHINGTON AND LEE**  
UNIVERSITY

# STEPS IN THE PROCESS

## FIRST STEPS

- The Furman employee initiates the process with Human Resources
  - In early fall of your student's senior year, complete Furman's **Tuition Benefits Form docusign** at this link:
  - [DocuSign](#)
- Susan Cooper in HR will certify employee eligibility and notify **Nancy Griffeth and Beth Norris** in Admissions of that status.
- Student applies for admission to TE/ACS Schools
  - Apply for admission early fall (we suggest August/September)
  - Complete the FAFSA (for ACS schools) starting October 1

# STEPS IN THE PROCESS

## THE TUITION EXCHANGE

- Furman employee must complete TE application online at the official [website](#).
- TE then notifies Furman that your TE application has been received.
  - Your TE application is approved if HR has your Furman Tuition Benefits Form, and you are deemed eligible by HR.
  - TE application information is sent electronically to the schools **you** listed on the TE application. You should apply to several schools and can add schools after the initial applications are submitted.
  - You and Furman are notified if your student is awarded the TE Scholarship by the school(s) to which your student applied.
    - Notification timetable is school-dependent

# STEPS IN THE PROCESS

## ASSOCIATED COLLEGES OF THE SOUTH

- **Nancy Griffeth or Beth Norris** completes ACS application online on your student's behalf and according to the schools you listed on the Tuition Benefits Form (Notice that this is different than TE application)
  - You and Furman are notified **by the importing school** if your student is awarded ACS Tuition Exchange
  - Notification timetable is school-dependent
- Parent pays \$2,000 fee to ACS by July 15 (address on their website) when accepted and committed to the school.
  - ACS will bill parents directly for this fee.
  - If your school is an ACS and TE school, apply to both programs.

# REMEMBER...

- Admission to TE/ACS Schools is not guaranteed.
- TE/ACS awards are not guaranteed.
- If your student is awarded TE, certification of continued eligibility is required each year.
  - Furman does this on your behalf.
- The Furman Tuition Benefits Form must be completed each year and submitted to HR (August is recommended).
  - You should notify HR of any change in your student's enrollment, i.e. leave of absence, transferring, etc.

# TUITION BENEFITS

# TUITION PROGRAMS

- Furman University Undergraduate and Graduate programs
  - *Employee, spouse, or dependent children*
- Tuition Exchange and ACS
  - *Eligible dependent children only*
- Tuition Scholarship Grant
  - *Eligible dependent children only*
- Job-Related Tuition Reimbursement
  - *Staff only*

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Faculty and Staff Requirements

- 2 Years Continuous Service

Family leave and Sabbatical leave are not considered interruptions to continuous service

- Faculty –  $\frac{3}{4}$  Teaching Load
- Staff – Minimum of 30 work hours per week

- Dependent Requirements

- Legal Spouse/Domestic Partner
- Dependent Child – Biological Child, Step-Child, Legally Adopted Child, Child under Legal Guardianship
  - Under 24 years of age; has not completed a bachelors level program.



# GUIDELINES

- Tuition Scholarships - Based on tuition charges identified by the University
- Scholarship does not include non-tuition charges such as student government fees, room, board, books, application fee, residence hall damage deposits, student insurance, applied music, lab fee, graduation fee, activity fees, late enrollment, ROTC deposit, courses taken on an audit basis, and other special charges related to enrolling in the University.

# FORM TO COMPLETE

## Tuition Benefit Form

(To be completed by parent/employee)

### Student Information

Dependent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits of SS#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Dependent Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Year for Tuition Benefit: \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Year for Tuition Benefit: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Academic Term:  Fall  
 Spring  
 Summer

### Employee Information

Employee Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 digits of SS#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Employed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Student is my:  Dependent Child  
Employment Type:  Faculty  Staff  Legal Guardianship  
 Spouse/Partner  
 Self

### Tuition Benefit Options (check all that apply)

Furman University Benefit  
 Tuition Scholarship Grant:  
(Name of institution student is attending – do not use if attending Furman or Exchange Institution)  
 Tuition Exchange:  
(Name of TE Institution(s) to which student is applying)  
 Associated Colleges of the South Exchange:  
(Name of ACS Institution(s) to which student is applying)

Signature of Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Human Resources Verification

Verify the following:

Employee has two years continuous service starting September 1, 2011  
 Dependent is child, legal guardianship, spouse/partner  
 Child is under age 24

Send to:

Financial Aid  
 Admissions  
 Graduate Office

Eligible  Not Eligible Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

HR Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- [Click here to fill out the online Furman form](#)

# FURMAN UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE PROGRAMS

(AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYEE, SPOUSE, OR DEPENDENT CHILDREN)

- Must be admitted through the Office of Admissions or Office of Graduate Studies
- Tuition benefits do not cover audited courses
- Form:
  - Completed once a year

# TUITION EXCHANGE & ACS

(AVAILABLE FOR ELIGIBLE DEPENDENT CHILDREN ONLY)

- Eligibility in the exchange programs requires the dependent child meet the admission requirements and be pursuing his/her first undergraduate degree full-time during the regular school year (not summer school)
- Eligible until 8 semesters are completed or fulfillment of undergraduate requirements, whichever comes first; not over 24 years of age
- Participating schools
  - ACS - [www.colleges.org](http://www.colleges.org)
  - Tuition Exchange - [www.tuitionexchange.org](http://www.tuitionexchange.org)
- Form:
  - Completed once a year

# TUITION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

(AVAILABLE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN ONLY)

FOR NON TE/ACS SCHOOLS

- Dependent must be enrolled full-time in a two-year or four-year accredited college or university pursuing an undergraduate degree
- Maximum award amount - \$2,530 (\$1,265 per semester)
- Eligible until 8 semesters are completed or fulfillment of bachelor's degree requirements, whichever comes first
- Tuition awards can be used for either full-time or part-time summer school attendance
- Form:
  - Completed each semester

# JOB-RELATED TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

## (STAFF ONLY)

- Available to full-time staff who attend accredited colleges and universities other than Furman University
- Eligible courses:
  - Job-related courses which apply to career opportunities available at the University
  - Courses that lead to an associate, undergraduate or graduate degree, provided the degree is related to opportunities within the University
  - "Long-term" courses to obtain occupational certifications that relate to job opportunities at the University
- Max award amount - \$1500 (\$750 per semester)
- Form:
  - Completed each semester

QUESTIONS?