

College Planning TIMELINE

**SOPHOMORES
AND YOUNGER**

JUNIORS

SENIORS



Discover your interests



Explore colleges



Research campus life



August 1
Application for admission opens



Late Fall
The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens



February 1
UWRF scholarship application deadline



March
Minnesota reciprocity form becomes available



June
Attend New Student Class Registration

Start strong in high school

Plan your high school courses

OPTIONAL
Take the ACT or SAT if planning to apply with test scores

Visit campus

September 15
Residence Life housing contract opens

October 1
UWRF scholarship application opens

Mid March
Register for placement tests

March
Sign up for New Student Registration

Early September
Move to campus and attend Week of Welcome and Orientation

My Student ID Number: w _ _ _ _ _
Please keep this timeline in a handy location so you can stay on top of all your next steps as a Falcon.



Check out uwrf.edu/admissions for more information

*Please note: Dates listed are for students planning to enroll fall semester. For students starting spring semester, please visit go.uwrf.edu/nextsteps for our full spring enrollment timeline.



COLLEGE PLANNING

Welcome to UW-River Falls

We know that searching for the right college can be an exciting but somewhat daunting task. Just know that the UW-River Falls Admissions team is here to be a resource to you along the way.



Campus Visits

We have visit options that fit your schedule. You can come for a campus tour with other prospective students, or a Falcon Preview Day where you can ask questions at a student panel, talk to campus resource partners, and get an in-depth look at campus, or you can schedule individual appointments with our admissions counselors to talk about the application process, or learn about your next steps in getting ready to attend UWRf. You can book an appointment online, via email, or over the phone.

Schedule your visit at www.uwrf.edu/admissions/visit.



Discover Your Future

What are you passionate about? Discover our distinct academic programs and explore your possibilities at www.uwrf.edu/programs.



Prepare for Success

Your academic performance is an important factor when applying to colleges. Here are a few things you may want to know about applying to UW-River Falls:

- * We're Test Optional! What this means is that you may choose to submit your application for admission with or without ACT or SAT test scores. If you choose to include your test scores, they will be considered in your admission decision. If you choose to apply Test Optional, you will not be penalized for not submitting test scores.
- * We know that GPA, class rank, and course options vary widely among high schools, so we do a comprehensive review of your application. Although we'll consider both academic and non-academic factors, your performance in the classroom remains the most important factor in our review process.
- * Challenge yourself! Not only do we review your academic performance and GPA, but we also look at the rigor of your high school classes. Prepare yourself for college by taking classes you enjoy, but also those which will encourage you to learn and grow!



Scholarship Opportunities

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls is dedicated to investing in your success. We even offer **guaranteed scholarships** to admitted students, no application needed!

Once you have been admitted, you will be able to **sign in and apply** for additional scholarships. We have a single application, so you only need to complete one application to be considered for numerous scholarships. To learn about and apply for scholarships, visit <https://uwrf.academicworks.com/>.



Financial Aid

To apply for federal and state financial aid, you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available beginning in late fall at studentaid.gov. Use school code **003923** to have your results sent to UW-River Falls.



Housing Application

All first-year and second-year students (not within the commuter radius) are required to live on campus. You may sign your residence hall contract as soon as you're admitted! Living and Learning Communities are available for students with special academic and non-academic interests and are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Be sure to complete your residence hall contract early!

For more information, visit www.uwrf.edu/residencelife.



Apply for Admission!

We have two free options to apply for admission, but you only need to submit one. Choose either the UW System application at apply.wisconsin.edu or the Common Application at www.commonapp.org/explore/university-wisconsin-river-falls/. You will select UW-River Falls on the application as the school you're applying to.

We offer rolling admission, which means we accept applications at any time -no deadline! You can expect to hear back from us with an admission decision within two weeks of completing your application.

We encourage early application as financial aid award letters start going out, and our priority scholarship deadline occurs in January.

Applications for admission are given a comprehensive review based on both academic and nonacademic factors. We want to look at the whole student and make sure you'd be successful at UWRf. Furthermore, we want students that will contribute to the UWRf community!

For more information, visit go.uwrf.edu/apply.



Want to connect?

Email admissions@uwrf.edu or call 715-425-3500 to be connected with a member of the Admissions team! Looking for someone specific? Check out our staff directory online at go.uwrf.edu/admitstaff. We look forward to connecting with you soon!