

Frequently Asked Questions: Trinity University Waitlist

What is a waitlist?

At Trinity University, we pride ourselves on offering an intimate learning environment and in order to maintain that trait, we hope to enroll a first year class of 640 students. With nearly 10,000 applications, we are unable to offer admission to all qualified candidates. Though our admission decisions are made with the overall size of the class in mind, we cannot predict which students will enroll. Our waitlist helps us shape our overall community.

How do I accept my place on the waitlist?

Students may accept or decline their place on the waitlist by logging into their Trinity Portal prior to May 1. Only students who have accepted their place on the waitlist will be reviewed by the Trinity Admission Committee if places in the class become available. Though spaces generally become available after May 1, we may offer admission earlier, so an earlier acceptance of the waitlist may be beneficial.

How may I submit new information for my application?

Students are encouraged to submit new information not included in their original application (ie. test scores, current grades, and/or letters of interest) to admissions@trinity.edu. Demonstrated interest may be a consideration when reviewing waitlist candidates.

Are students ranked on the waitlist?

No, Trinity does not rank students on the waitlist.

How many wait list students will be considered for admission?

Typically, Trinity has offered a place on the waitlist to just under 10% of our applicants. The number of candidates that we are able to remove from the waitlist varies, and largely depends on how many open spaces we have in the class as of May 1. On average, we have been able to admit a few dozen students each year, with the admit rate ranging from 2% to 14% of those students who accepted their place on the waitlist.

When should I hear about my placement on the waitlist?

Typically, admission from the Trinity waitlist is offered in early May through early June. August 1 is the final notification date.

How will I be notified, if I am offered admission to Trinity?

A Trinity admission counselor will call you to discuss your admission, financial aid, and enrollment timeline. If an offer of admission is extended to a waitlisted student after May 1, they must accept or decline the offer within 72 hours of the notification. Due to this condensed

timeline, we recommend that waitlisted students who intend to apply for financial aid complete the FAFSA and CSS Profile. International waitlist candidates will be notified via email.

Can students admitted from the waitlist receive financial aid?

Yes. If you are admitted from the waitlist and your family has applied for need-based financial aid by submitting the FAFSA and CSS Profile, we will share the financial aid award with you at the time of admission.

Should I pay an enrollment deposit to another college before May 1?

You should accept an offer of admission and place a deposit to another college prior to May 1. If you decide to accept an offer of admission from Trinity and have placed a deposit elsewhere, you must notify the school of the cancellation and place a deposit with Trinity.

Are housing, course registration, and academic advising assignments impacted by being admitted from the waitlist?

No. Trinity University guarantees housing and housing assignments are not finalized until early July. Academic advising and course registration for all incoming students does not begin until New Student Orientation in August.