

Single-Choice Early Action

If you would like an admissions decision by mid-December, you may apply under Yale's Single-Choice Early Action program. The program is like other non-binding plans in that candidates who are admitted early need not respond to the offer of admission until May 1, and may apply Regular Decision to other schools. Being admitted early would, for example, still allow you to compare offers of financial aid in the spring. Yale's early plan is unlike standard Early Action programs in that you may not simultaneously apply Early Action or Early Decision to any other school. (Put another way, students who are candidates for another college's Early Action or Early Decision program may not apply for Single-Choice Early Action at Yale.) If you apply early to Yale, you will be asked to sign the Single-Choice Early Action Agreement on the Supplement stating that you intend to file only the one Yale early application.

In order to be considered under this program, check Restrictive Early Action at the top of the Common Application and again at the top of the Yale Supplement. Then submit those online forms together by November 1. In mid-December you will receive a response: an acceptance or denial of admission, or a deferral, meaning that the Admissions Committee will consider your application again in the Regular Decision pool and send you final word on your candidacy in April. Applicants denied admission under Single-Choice Early Action are not eligible for further consideration for freshman admission in the fall of 2009.

Single-Choice Early Action candidates are evaluated in the same way as are those who apply for Regular Decision. Senior grades are not often available for early candidates, so you should be confident of your record to date at the point of application – and have all your testing completed by early November – if you want to use the Single-Choice Early Action program.

See Timetable for Testing below for the last possible test dates for Single-Choice Early Action.