

# Southwestern University

## Early Decision Agreement

*(This page must accompany your application if you're applying for Early Decision)*

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

### **Purpose and Advantages**

Southwestern University's Early Decision program is an application option for students who know Southwestern is clearly their first-choice school. The student accepted through Early Decision may avoid the expense and effort involved in filing multiple applications. Acceptance by Early Decision also eliminates the apprehension about college acceptance that often accompanies the senior year of high school, since the student will learn of an admission decision at a much earlier date.

### **Policies**

Students may not apply Early Decision to more than one institution. Southwestern's Early Decision program is binding; students admitted under this program are required to withdraw applications from all other institutions and enroll at Southwestern, by submitting the non-refundable matriculation deposit of \$500 no later than January 1.

Southwestern's Early Decision application deadline is November 1. A student will be notified of the admission decision no later than December 1, provided the student has submitted all required application materials in a timely manner.

### **Scholarships and Financial Aid**

All Early Decision applicants will be given full consideration for merit-based scholarships at Southwestern. Notification of the scholarship will occur within a few days of acceptance.

If a student is applying for need-based assistance, s/he must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form can be submitted after October 1 of the student's senior year. We recommend Early Decision applicants applying for aid submit the FAFSA to Southwestern no later than December 1.

If a student is applying for need-based financial aid, s/he may be released from this agreement if the need-based financial aid package offered does not meet his/her financial need.

### **Deferment or Denial**

Applications not approved under the Early Decision program may be either deferred or denied. A student's application may be deferred if the Admission Committee feels additional information is needed to determine admissibility. Students whose applications are deferred will be considered for admission under the Regular Decision round. Students who are denied admission under Early Decision will not be considered under any other application round in the same academic year.

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**Contract**

By signing below, I hereby state my intention to be considered for admission to Southwestern University under the Early Decision program. I acknowledge that Southwestern University is my first-choice institution. Therefore, I understand that I may apply to other colleges but must withdraw those applications if offered admission to Southwestern University. I further understand that if I am offered admission under this program, I am obligated to enroll at Southwestern University, by submitting the required deposit no later than January 1. I also understand that, in the event I apply for need-based financial aid and I (and my family) do not believe Southwestern is able to provide sufficient funding, I may withdraw from Southwestern after acceptance and before the respective deposit deadline.

Applicant Signature:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street City ST/ZIP

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature:

I am aware of the provisions of the Southwestern University Early Decision program for which the student named above is applying.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street City ST/ZIP

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Counselor's Signature:

I am aware of the provisions of the Southwestern University Early Decision program for which the student named above is applying.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number/Street City ST/ZIP

Counselor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_