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# The Outreach Observer

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A Newsletter from the Outreach Team in the University of  
Virginia's Office of Undergraduate Admission

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## A Word of Encouragement

BY THE OUTREACH TEAM

Needless to say, it's been a challenging past year. We have faced a global pandemic—which disproportionately affected communities of color—while also facing (once again) our country's ugly history of racial injustice and violence. It is in this complicated context that you completed your junior year.

As you move forward into an academic year that may seem uncertain and stressful, we hope you are able to help and encourage your friends and peers. Know that all of us on the Outreach team hear you, see you, and are here to support you.

# A Letter from the Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Outreach

Dear Seniors,

You made it to your senior year of high school, and I could not be prouder. My name is Chelsea “CC” Duncan, and I am the Director of Diversity, Inclusion and Outreach within the Office of Undergraduate Admission at the University of Virginia.

Throughout the year, I have spent a great deal of time considering what you must be going through as COVID-19 has spread across the globe. As if junior year isn’t already stressful enough, you had to learn remotely, grapple with a pandemic and rising racial and political tension and worry about your basic health and safety. I hope you are managing and getting the support you need.

Some of you may be thinking, “what happens next?” or “where do I go from here?” My team and I are here to assist you during the admission process. The Outreach team within the Admission Office is dedicated to serving students who are historically excluded from or underrepresented at the University. Please know that I am deeply committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Here at UVA, we promote an inclusive and welcoming environment that embraces the full spectrum of human identities, attributes, and perspectives.

As a graduate of UVA, I will be more than happy to answer your questions in the months ahead about college admission in general or UVA in particular. Please feel free to contact the Outreach team as you begin to evaluate colleges. We know you have many important decisions to make about your future and we want to be as helpful as possible.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful rest of summer and I wish you a successful senior year!

My very best,  
CC

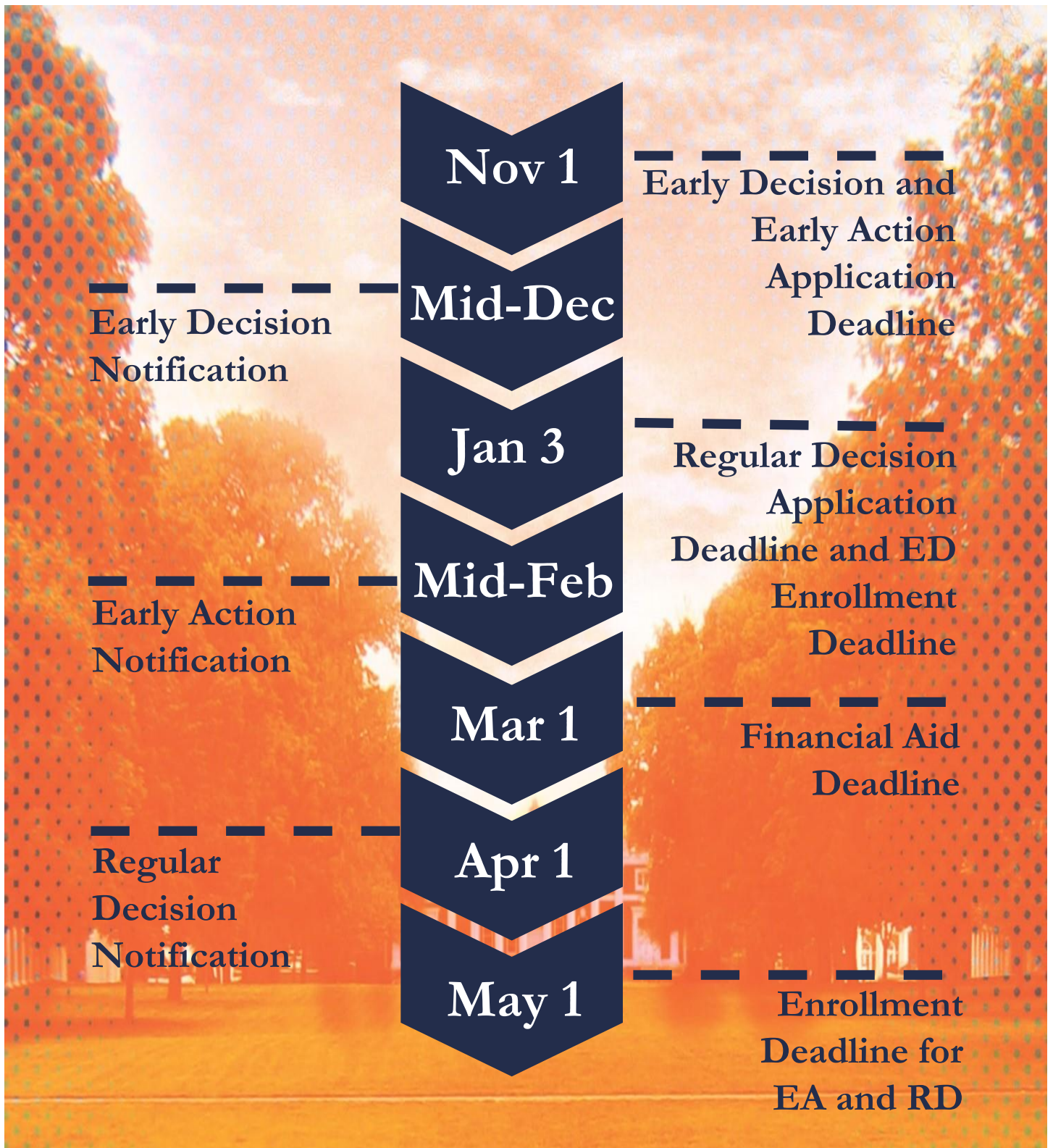
# Early Decision v. Early Action v. Regular Decision

	<b>Early Decision (ED)</b>	<b>Early Action (EA)</b>	<b>Regular Decision (RD)</b>
<i><b>You should apply for this application deadline if...</b></i>	...you know—without a doubt—that UVA is your top choice. Understand that if admitted during ED, you will be required to enroll at UVA unless your financial aid package doesn't provide enough to afford attending.	...you want earlier notification of your admission decision but want to keep your college options open. Since EA isn't binding, you'll be able to compare offers from other schools.	...you're not really interested in early notification, or you want admission officers to see the grades you've earned during the first semester of twelfth grade.
<i><b>Application Deadline</b></i>	November 1	November 1	January 3
<i><b>Financial Aid Priority Deadline</b></i>	November 15	December 1	February 1

**APPLY FOR  
FINANCIAL AID  
BEFORE THE  
PRIORITY  
DEADLINES**

To be considered for all types of need-based aid (i.e. financial aid awarded based on a family's ability to pay for college), complete and submit both the 2022-2023 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the 2022-2023 CSS Profile. We strongly encourage you and your family to begin filling out the FAFSA and CSS Profile once they are available on October 1, 2021. If you submit these two applications and any additionally requested documents (such as student and parent W-2s and 1040 tax forms for 2020) before the priority deadlines, then you may receive a preliminary financial aid package around the same time you receive your admission decision

# UVA Admission Timeline



# Frequently Asked Questions

How diverse is UVA?

About 35% of students are students of color. Last year about 11% of all incoming students were first generation. Two-thirds of all students receive some form of financial aid.

UVA was test optional last year. Are you still test optional this year?

During the 2021-22 (and 2022-23) application year, we will remain test optional.

What is the minimum GPA I need to be admitted?

We truly don't have a cut off/minimum GPA for admission.

How do I apply to UVA?

UVA accepts applications through the Common Application.

MORE  
QUESTIONS?  
CHECK OUT  
THE **FAQ PAGE**  
ON OUR  
WEBSITE!

# Additional Resources

## VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Come to Grounds—virtually, of course—and hear about what UVA has to offer!

[REGISTER AT  
ADMISSION.VIRGINIA.EDU/VISIT](https://admission.virginia.edu/visit)

## SEND US AN EMAIL

The Outreach team in the Office of Undergraduate Admission is here to help.

[outreachteam@virginia.edu](mailto:outreachteam@virginia.edu)

## HOOS DIVERSE BLOG

Visit our blog for updates from the Outreach team and the perspective from some UVA students!

[HOOSDIVERSE.WEEBLY.COM](https://hoosdiverse.weebly.com)

## ADMISSION WEBSITE

Visit the Office of Undergraduate Admission website for general admission-related updates and information.

[ADMISSION.VIRGINIA.EDU](https://admission.virginia.edu)

**FALL BLAST AND FALL FLING ARE OPEN HOUSE EVENTS FOR HISPANIC/LATINX AND BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS, RESPECTIVELY. LOOK FOR UPDATES AT [ADMISSION.VIRGINIA.EDU/OUTREACH](https://admission.virginia.edu/outreach)**

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