

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY®

COUNSELOR EDUCATION PROGRAM JANUARY 2025



SAVE THE DATE: JMU EARLY ACTION REPORT & UNDERSTANDING OUR DECISIONS WEBINAR

Thursday, 30 January - 10:00 AM

Join Melinda Wood, Vice President of Enrollment Management, and Chris Gothard, Senior Assistant Director for Transfer as we share insights into our Early Action applicant pool. We will also spend some time explaining the different decision options that we use at JMU and what they mean for your students. If you are interested in attending you can [register here](#).

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EARLY ACTION APPLICATION DECISIONS

Quick Guide to Understanding Decisions:

Admitted: Your student has been accepted. Congratulations! More information will follow about the next steps, including our mailed congratulatory packet and emails with information on attending our admitted students day, [CHOICES](#).

Deferred: Some of our Early Action applicants may be deferred to Regular Decision. This is not a final admissions decision; thus, students may not appeal a deferral. At this time, no additional materials are required or allowed to be submitted by applicants. Mid-year grades submitted by counseling departments are permitted. Please also note that your regional admissions counselor may reach out to you directly for individual student updates.

Denied: There may be some students we were unable to admit at this time. This decision results from the competitiveness of our applicant pool and is not intended to reflect negatively on individual students. We know the decision is hard to receive, but the door is not permanently closed to these students as we would be more than happy to help them explore our transfer admission process.

If any student has questions about their official admissions decision once they are released, we highly encourage them to fill out the [Decision Inquiry Form](#). Their admissions counselor will reply with information on how the admissions committee arrived at the decision.

The Office of Admissions no longer physically mails a decision report to each high school. If you would like a digital copy of this letter, please complete the [request form](#).



FINANCIAL AID & FAFSA UPDATES

The 2025-2026 FAFSA is now available to complete for Fall 2025/Spring 2026 on [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

The General Scholarship Application is now open! This is accessed through the Madison Scholarships Hub in [MyMadison](#) for potential awards offered for the 2025-26 academic year (next fall 2025).

For further questions, please see the [Financial Aid & Scholarships FAQ page](#), which is updated regularly.



SCHOLARSHIPS

As a public university with a relatively small endowment, scholarships to JMU are extremely competitive.

Our freshmen recruitment scholarships are awarded as part of the admissions process, however, that does not mean that the Office of Admissions is awarding the scholarships. Instead, academic colleges and departments use data from the admissions application to determine who to offer scholarships to.

In JMU's process, the various departments across campus make all offers **upfront** in the preliminary financial aid award notice that will be posted to the MyMadison Applicant Center. If you have a student who was not awarded a scholarship in their preliminary award notice, they were unfortunately not selected.

As students look at comparing JMU to other schools, we encourage them to compare the net costs of the schools versus just looking at scholarship offers. For example, it can be less expensive to attend JMU without a scholarship than it is to attend other comparable schools that may be offering them a scholarship.

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*Please feel free to invite any of your colleagues who would benefit from this session, too! [Register Here](#).

WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Check out our updated [counselor website](#), including the [downloadable resources section](#). This is a great place to find additional information on various academic programs, our admissions process, and other topics of interest.

We invite you and your students to follow us on Instagram [@JMUadmissions](#), too. If you have not already, please consider joining our counselor [mailing list](#) to stay up to date on all things JMU!

Please feel free to email the Counselor Education Program at counselored@jmu.edu or reach out to your [regional admissions counselor](#) with any questions or concerns.

HAVE WE MISSED ANYTHING?

Do you have ideas for new content, questions, or concerns?

Please let us know!

We are always looking for ways to improve and to provide the most current and helpful information possible.

Your opinions and ideas are valuable to us.