Frequently Asked Questions for Students Deferred during Early Decision

We understand that our decision to defer your application to our Regular Decision process is disappointing for you, but please be assured that your application will be considered again this spring. In the meantime, many students have questions about what the deferral means and what they can do to enhance their applications. Here are answers to some common questions:

Will my application be reviewed again?
Yes, your application will be reviewed again during our Regular Decision process. Any new or updated information you provide us will be considered at that time.

Should I apply to other schools? If I am admitted to Duke during Regular Decision, must I attend Duke?
Because we normally admit only a small number of students whose applications were deferred to Regular Decision, you should definitely apply to other schools. Your deferral means that you have been released from the Early Decision agreement to attend Duke and you can enroll at any college to which you are admitted this spring. Of course, if you’re admitted to Duke, we hope you’ll enroll here.

How many deferred students are admitted during Regular Decision? Does the fact that I applied Early Decision carry any weight in the Regular Decision process?
We ultimately offer admission in Regular Decision to only a small number of deferred applicants—typically between 5 and 10 percent. The fact that you applied Early Decision is considered during Regular Decision.

What should I do to improve my application?
The one thing that every student should focus on is strong academic performance in the first semester/term. The admissions committee will certainly review your grades since the deferral. Because students have their applications deferred for many reasons, and because the applications will be reviewed in the context of the Regular Decision pool, it’s impossible to predict what other factors might make an individual student stand out.

May I send additional materials or updates to my application?
If you choose to take standardized testing again, please be sure to specify Duke as a score recipient. If you receive significant honors or recognition for your accomplishments in the coming months that you wish to share with the committee, please feel free to send updates to your regional admissions officer.

If I applied for need-based financial aid, will that be a factor in whether or not I’m admitted during Regular Decision? If I am admitted, will my financial aid award be affected by the deferral?
If you are a U.S. citizen or Permanent Resident, Duke remains need-blind in our admissions decisions throughout the process, which means that your application for aid will not be a factor in our decision. Similarly, because we meet 100% of demonstrated need, your aid award will not be affected by the deferral if you are admitted during Regular Decision.

We wish you good luck with your Duke application and with all of your college applications.
UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS STAFF

Christoph Guttentag
Dean
919.684.2898
NY (Manhattan)

Madeline Barrow ’14
Admissions Officer
madeline.barrow@duke.edu; 919.684.0159
NJ (ZIP: 07000-07999), PA, Transfer Students

Nikki Baskin
Senior Assistant Director
nikki.baskin@duke.edu; 919.684.0178
MD (except Montgomery County), NC (Durham County),
Africa, Middle East*

Christopher Briggs
Assistant Director
christopher.briggs@duke.edu; 919.684.0157
CA (San Diego), IL, WI, Caribbean, African-American Students

Samuel Carpenter
Senior Assistant Director
samuel.carpenter@duke.edu; 919.684.0172
CA (Bay Area, San Jose)

Joshua Chester ’14
Admissions Officer
joshua.chester@duke.edu; 919.684.0156
IN, KY, MI, OH, WV

Sue Coon
Senior Assistant Director
susan.coon@duke.edu; 919.684.0158
NY (except Manhattan), Engineering Students

Jennifer Dewar
Associate Director
jennifer.dewar@duke.edu; 919.684.0166/919.684.8129
Central Asia, Europe, South Asia*

Stephanie Egeler ’15
Admissions Officer
stephanie.egeler@duke.edu; 919.684.0665
DC, MD (Montgomery County), VA, Students with Disabilities

Solomon Enos
Senior Assistant Director
solomon.enos@duke.edu; 919.684.0175
HI, WA, China, LGBT Students

Will Giles ’15
Admissions Officer
will.giles@duke.edu; 919.684.0176
IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, TX (Austin, Greater Houston Area,
Northwest Texas)

Alecia Mahato
Admissions Officer
alecia.mahato@duke.edu; 919.684.0153
FL (Northern and Central; Fort Myers/Naples), NC (Mecklenburg
and Wake Counties)

Stephen McLaughlin
Associate Dean
stephen.mclaughlin@duke.edu; 919.684.0179
AZ, MT, NM, ND, OK, SD, WY, Native American Students

Elyisia Pan ’13
Admissions Officer
elyisia.pan@duke.edu; 919.684.0185
AL, AR, LA, MS, TX (Greater Dallas and North Texas),
Canada, Southeast Asia*

Kathy Phillips
Associate Dean
kathy.phillips@duke.edu; 919.684.0171
AK, DE, MA, NJ (ZIP: 08000-08999)

Stacy Scarfutti Rusak
Associate Director
stacy.rusak@duke.edu; 919.684.0173
FL (Southern-Broward, Miami/Dade, Palm Beach, Sarasota, Tampa)

Anne Sjostrom
Associate Director
anne.sjostrom@duke.edu; 919.684.0152/919.684.8129
Australia/Oceania, East and Southeast Asia (except China), Europe*

Margi Strickland
Senior Assistant Director
margi.strickland@duke.edu; 919.684.0170
NC (except Durham, Mecklenburg, and Wake Counties and Cha-
pel Hill/Carrboro), TN

Ashley Taylor ’10
Senior Admissions Officer
ashley.s.taylor@duke.edu; 919.684.0169
CA (Los Angeles Area), Texas (El Paso, San Antonio, and South Texas),
Latin America, First Generation College Students, Latino Students

Adam Tomasiello ’13
Admissions Officer
adam.tomasiello@duke.edu; 919.684.0160
GA, NC (Chapel Hill/Carrboro), SC

Susan Semonite Waters
Associate Director
susan.waters@duke.edu; 919.684.0154
CT, ME, NH, OR, RI, VT

Dave Worster
Regional Admissions Representative
david.worster@duke.edu; 919.684.0182
CA (except Bay Area, San Jose, Los Angeles Area, and San Diego),
CO, ID, NV, UT

* Please visit admissions.duke.edu/contact for specific
country assignments.