



**SATURDAYS WITH
ST. ANDREW'S**

The Application Process at St. Andrew's

What to expect:

- A little bit of work
- A lot of thought and discussion
- A group of welcoming people
- A feeling of adventure and discovery
- A whole lot of fun



Steps of The Admissions Process

A complete application process includes:

- Research and Exploration
- A tour and interview
- Application & essays
- Transcripts
- Teacher recommendations
- Standardized testing
- Financial Aid Application
- Admission and Enrollment Decision



A Virtual Tour and Interview

- 1) At St. Andrew's, you will make an appointment for a live, student-guided virtual tour followed by an interview
- 2) The tour is a chance for you to see videos of important campus areas and hear about the student experience from a current student who can answer your questions.
- 3) The interview is a conversation between you and your interviewer. The purpose of the interview is to get to know you better and learn about your life.
 - a) If you're confident that you are an interesting person and we do our jobs well, you will be comfortable and enjoy your interview!
- 4) After the student interview, we typically want to speak with your parent(s) as well.



Virtual Visit & Interview Tips

- 1) Do some research on SAS before your tour or interview. What do you want to know about St. Andrew's? Asking us questions and telling us things about yourself that demonstrate you care about St. Andrew's—for the right reasons—is often a “difference maker” for qualified candidates.
- 2) An interview isn't a great time to list accomplishments or recite memorized speeches. Talk with us as you would you friends or family.
- 3) Keep in touch with your interviewer after the interview. Genuine messages that specifically reference your conversation are the most compelling.





Application and Essay Tips

- 1) Choose ONE application form (we don't care which!)
- 2) Make sure you answer the questions truthfully and fully
- 3) Brainstorm essay ideas with friends, family, counselors—but write and edit it yourself. We want to read your *authentic* voice.
- 4) Write about what you care about. We are moved by your passion.
- 5) Write as much as you need to answer a question, but remember that “short answers” should be succinct.
- 6) Listing your accomplishments in an essay is not compelling. We want to know your strengths, but it's more important to us to learn what is unique about you.

School Materials



We use a holistic review process to identify and accept students who are the best academic fit.

Your school will submit:

- Grades from last year and this year
 - We're interested in the evaluation (letter, number or narrative) but also the level of class.
- Current year math, english, and principal recommendations
 - We need *current* teachers because they describe your current curriculum, but we welcome supplemental recommendations from teachers who may know you better.
- Standardized test records (if available)

Tips:

- Ask your teachers before you send the electronic request.
- Read the recommendations; know what skills and traits we're asking about.

Standardized Testing

Because of the challenges caused by the pandemic and the lack of availability of the SSAT for many students and families, St. Andrew's will be "test optional" for the 2020-2021 admission cycle. This means:

- You will not need to submit standardized test scores to complete your application
- If you have taken *any* form of standardized testing, you are welcome to submit it to us to add to your candidate profile
- If you do not submit standardized testing, you will not be penalized in the admissions process.



Financial Aid

The founding mission of St. Andrew's includes a commitment to be open to all families, regardless of need. We meet 100% of demonstrated need for all accepted families.

- You will apply for aid using a third-party clearinghouse called School and Student Services (SSS)
- SSS collects a personal financial statement, as well as tax returns and other documents to support your application.
- Using this information, SSS generates an “Expected family contribution” (EFC) based on your income, assets, liabilities, and family size.
- We are able to consider extenuating factors not included in the EFC, but we do not offer “merit aid” beyond your demonstrated need.



Deadlines and Recommended Dates

- **Oct. – Dec. 2020:** Complete your tour and interview
- **Dec. 15, 2020:** Send recommendation forms to school
- **Jan. 15, 2021:** Application and Essays Due
- **Jan. 31, 2021:** Recommendations and Transcripts Due
- **Feb. 15, 2021:** Financial Aid Application Due
- **March 10, 2021:** Admission Decisions Released
- **April 10, 2021:** Enrollment Contracts Due



We are here to help!

Please reach out to us with your questions. We love to hear from you.



Time for questions!

What would you like to know?

Thanks for spending time with us today!