

Section:	V.3.1	
Title:	Early Decision Applications	
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I. INTRODUCTION

TCNJ offers students the opportunity to apply through our Early Decision process, a binding application process which has different deadlines and enrollment requirements from the General Admissions process. An Early Decision candidate is indicating through this program that TCNJ is their top choice school.

II. DEFINITIONS

Early Decision: a binding decision process appropriate for students who have identified a particular college as their first choice and are prepared to make a binding commitment to enroll if admitted

- a. Although a student may apply to other schools, the student may only apply to one school through a binding early decision process

III. POLICY

- A. Early Decision applications must be submitted before one of two Early Decision deadlines
 - i. If a student submits their application after both Early Decision deadlines but

wishes to be considered for Early Decision, they must make the request in writing and have it approved by the Director of Admissions

- B. Early Decision applicants will receive their application decisions earlier than General Admission candidates
 - i. Assumes that their application is “Complete”, as stated in the Official Decision Notification policy
 - a. Must also complete the Early Decision Agreement form available through The Common Application
- C. Students admitted in the Early Decision process must:
 - i. Commit to TCNJ by submitting their non-refundable enrollment deposit by corresponding deadline indicated in the applicant’s decision letter by Admissions
 - a. If Admissions does not receive an enrollment deposit from an Early Decision accepted student by their specific Early Decision deposit deadline, then Admissions reserves the right to rescind the Early Decision offer of acceptance and re-evaluate the application as part of the General Admissions pool
 - ii. Withdraw applications to other schools to which they have applied
- D. An application that is deferred in the Early Admissions process will be re-evaluated in the General Admissions process
 - i. Students deferred in the Early Admissions process are no longer bound by the Early Decision Agreement form
- E. A student who is denied in the Early Decision process cannot submit another application for another Early Decision phase or for General Admission for that term
 - i. An Early Decision denial is considered a final decision