



For colleges and for students, making choices presents an important challenge. Students choose the college that best fits their needs and ambitions. A college chooses the students who will benefit most from its programs and environment. The application process gives us the opportunity to make our choices well.

We are delighted that you are interested in applying to Luther College. The following information will assist you as you complete the application for admission.

Applying for Admission

Luther College invites men and women with promise for success in college to apply for admission. Completed admissions files are reviewed by the admissions committee beginning in September. Applicants will be notified of admission decisions on a rolling basis. A completed application file consists of the following:

- The Luther College Application for Admission** (the Common Application, along with Luther's Common Application Supplement, is also acceptable). If you prefer, you may complete the Luther College Application for Admission online at <http://admissions.luther.edu/apply/>.
- Official high school transcript.** Please arrange to have a copy sent to the Admissions Office.
- ACT or SAT test scores.** Please have your scores sent to Luther if they are not included on your high school transcript. Luther's test codes are: **ACT-1330; SAT-6375**.
- An Educator Reference.** A reference form is found on the last page of this application packet. A letter from a teacher or guidance counselor is also acceptable. Please have the reference mailed to the Luther College Admissions Office.
- Official academic transcripts from all colleges attended** (for transfer students).
- Transfer Student Application Supplement** (for transfer students).

Applying for Financial Aid

You will automatically be considered for non-need based forms of assistance (for example, academic scholarships, Legacy awards, etc.) as a result of completing and submitting your Application for Admission. All students who plan to participate in a music ensemble, irrespective of major, may audition for a music scholarship. Auditions can be arranged through the Admissions Office. Please have your audition completed by March 1.

We encourage all families to apply for need-based financial aid. To apply, you should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and mail it to the federal processor by March 1. Be sure to list the Luther College code, **001874**, in the school release section of the application. The FAFSA can also be completed online by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Call the Financial Aid Office at 1-800-458-8437 or e-mail us at finaid@luther.edu if you need assistance. We are eager to help you through the financial planning process.

Questions?

We know the college search can be confusing. If you have any questions about the admissions process, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to working with you.

Admissions Office
Luther College
700 College Drive
Decorah, Iowa 52101
Phone: 1-800-458-8437
Fax: 563-387-2159
E-mail: admissions@luther.edu
Website: admissions.luther.edu

Application for Admission



Personal Data

Legal name _____
Last/Family First Middle (complete) Jr., etc. Gender

Prefer to be called (nickname) _____ Former last name(s) if any _____

Are you applying as a freshman or transfer student? For the term beginning: Year _____ Fall January Spring

Birthdate _____ E-mail address _____ @ _____

Permanent home address _____
Number and Street

City or Town _____ County _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip Code or Postal Code _____

If different from the above, please give your mailing address for all admission correspondence:

Mailing address (use from _____ to _____)
month/year month/year Number and Street

City or Town _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip Code or Postal Code _____

Phone at mailing address (_____) _____ Permanent home phone (_____) _____
Area Code Number Area Code Number

Student cell phone (if any) (_____) _____
Area Code Number

Citizenship U.S. citizen Dual U.S. citizen; please specify other country of citizenship

U.S. Permanent Resident visa; citizen of _____ Other citizenship _____ / _____
Country/Countries Visa Type

Possible area(s) of academic concentration/major _____ or undecided

Possible career or professional plans _____ or undecided

Do you plan to live in a residence hall? Yes No

All students are required to live on campus unless married or living with parents. Questions regarding the housing policy should be directed to the Luther College Residence Life Office at 1-800-458-8437 ext. 1330.

Do you plan to apply for financial assistance? Yes No

Do you plan to audition for a music scholarship? (deadline is March 1) Yes No

We want to stay connected with you through the admissions process. How do you prefer to be contacted? phone e-mail doesn't matter

The following items on this page are optional. No information you provide will be used in a discriminatory manner.

Social Security Number (if any) _____ - _____ - _____

Place of birth _____
City State Country

First language, if other than English _____ Marital Status _____

If you wish to be identified with a particular ethnic group, please check all that apply:

- African American, Black
- Native American, Alaska Native (tribal affiliation _____)
- Asian American, Asian (including Indian subcontinent) country _____
- Hispanic, Latino (including Puerto Rican) country _____
- Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander
- White or Caucasian
- Other (specify) _____

Religious Preference

- Lutheran (If Lutheran, list affiliation) ELCA Missouri Wisconsin Other _____
- Baptist
- Catholic
- Episcopalian
- Methodist
- Presbyterian
- Other _____

Home Congregation _____
Name City/State

Does your congregation award scholarships for college? Yes No If yes, please estimate the amount _____

Family Information

Mother _____
Last/Family First Middle

Father _____
Last/Family First Middle

Home address if different from yours

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Check to indicate parent/guardian with whom you legally reside and to whom official correspondence should be sent.

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Occupation _____

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Name of business or organization _____

Name of business or organization _____

Business telephone (_____) _____

Business telephone (_____) _____

Parent e-mail address: (list an e-mail address where your parent/guardian may receive messages from Luther) _____

Did either of your parents graduate from a four-year college? No Yes, mother only Yes, father only Yes, both parents Don't know

If yes, mother's college _____

If yes, father's college _____

Check if appropriate: Mother deceased Father deceased Parents separated Parents divorced

Brothers and sisters:

Name _____ Age _____ Year in School _____ Name of College (if any) _____

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If members of your family have attended Luther, please indicate below:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Years attended _____

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Educational Data

High school you presently attend (or from which you graduated) _____ Dates attended _____

Address _____
City or Town State Country

Date of high school graduation _____
Month/Year Is your school public private parochial

Name of guidance counselor _____ Counselor's phone (_____) _____
Area Code Number Ext.

List all other secondary schools, including summer schools and programs you have attended, beginning with ninth grade:

Name of school	Location (City, State)	Dates Attended

List all colleges/universities at which you have taken courses for credit:

Name of College/University	Location (City, State)	Dates Attended	Degree Candidate?

Are you currently (or have you ever been) enrolled in coursework for college credit (advanced placement, post-secondary enrollment option, etc.)? Yes No

If not currently attending school, please check here Describe in detail, on a separate sheet, your activities since last enrolled.

Academic Information

An ACT or SAT test score is required for admission. If you have not yet taken the ACT or SAT, arrange to do so as soon as possible.

ACT _____
Date taken/To be taken English Score Math Score Reading Score Science Score Optional Writing Score Composite Score

ACT (additional tests) _____
Date taken/To be taken English Score Math Score Reading Score Science Score Optional Writing Score Composite Score

SAT I _____
Date taken/To be taken Critical Reading Score Math Score Writing Score Combined Score

Class Rank _____ in a class of _____ GPA _____

Academic Awards or Honors _____

Additional Information

Have you visited campus? Yes No If not, when do you plan to visit? _____

Please list influences that led you to select Luther:

If individuals come to mind, please list their names.

I have applied or intend to apply to the following colleges:

Personal Statement

This personal statement helps us become acquainted with you in ways different from courses, grades, test scores, and other objective data. We are looking for an essay that will help us know you better as a person and as a student. Please write an essay (250-500 words) on a topic of your choice or on one of the options listed below. You may attach your essay on separate sheets (or you may submit a writing sample from previous work you've done).

- 1. Evaluate a significant experience, achievement, risk you have taken, or ethical dilemma you have faced and its effect on you.
- 2. Discuss some issue of personal, local, national, or international concern and its importance to you.
- 3. Select a person who has had a significant influence on you, and describe that influence.
- 4. Writing sample from previous work.
- 5. Topic of your choice.

Required Signature

My signature indicates that all information in my application is complete, factually correct, and honestly presented.

Signature _____ Date _____

Equal Opportunity: It is the policy of Luther College to provide equal opportunity for all qualified persons in its educational programs and activities. The college does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, handicap, color, national origin, age, sex, or sexual orientation in the educational programs or activities which it operates.

Educator's Reference



To be completed by a teacher in one of the following subjects: English, foreign language, science, math, or social studies. A letter of reference may be substituted for this form.

The applicant named below has asked you to complete this reference as part of an application to Luther College. Please answer the following questions as candidly as possible. This form will be used for admission purposes only and will not be a part of the student's permanent file. When you have completed the form, mail to **Admissions Office, Luther College, 700 College Drive, Decorah, IA 52101**. We are grateful for your insights.

The Applicant

Applicant's Name _____ City/State _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

List any courses you have taught him or her _____

The admission committee evaluates each applicant's academic preparation, academic achievement, and character. Please describe this individual's most outstanding characteristics as a student.

Evaluative Statements

Please rate the student on each of the following items in comparison with other college-bound students in your school.

	Excellent (top 5%)	Very Good (well above average)	Good (above average)	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Evaluation
Intellectual Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Responsibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independence, Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Intellectual Promise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

About Yourself

Signature _____ Date _____

Name _____

Title _____ If Luther alumna or alumnus, class of _____

School Name _____ School Phone (_____) _____

School Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____