

What actually changed at *Georgetown.*

A parent-facing guide to the Common App, Early Action, interviews, testing, Georgetown's six undergraduate schools, and the writing supplement - verified against Georgetown's current official admissions pages.

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IMPORTANT CHANGE FROM THE EARLIER LOVARE BRIEF

This edition removes Lovare's unverified 75% Georgetown admit-rate claim and school-by-school admit-rate claims. We did not find an auditable undergraduate outcomes ledger supporting those marketing figures. They should stay off the lead magnet until the cohort, numerator, denominator, exclusions, period, and source evidence are reconstructed.

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The front door changed.

The standard did not.

Georgetown’s 2026-27 cycle has three genuinely material changes for families. The first is procedural, the second is personnel, and the third is a clarification of how families should approach the application.

- Common App is now an option: Georgetown began accepting the Common Application on August 1, 2026, alongside its own application.
- There is no platform advantage: Georgetown’s dean of admissions says students are free to choose either platform and the university is trying to keep the two applications as similar as possible.
- Melissa Costanzi is the new dean of admissions: she assumed the role July 1, 2026 after more than 30 years in Georgetown undergraduate admissions, succeeding Charles Deacon after his 54-year tenure.

WHAT THIS MEANS

Do not build strategy around folklore about which application platform “signals more interest.”
Build around a complete application, enough lead time for the interview, strong school/program fit, and disciplined writing.

Application timing

Component	Early Action	Regular Decision
Georgetown Application opens	June 1	June 1
Common App opens	August 1	August 1
Application + supplement due	November 1	January 1
Decision release	By December 15	By April 1

Choose the platform for workflow, not for imagined admissions signaling.

Georgetown now accepts either platform and explicitly says there is no advantage to one over the other. The practical difference is timing: Georgetown's own application opens June 1; the Common App opens August 1.

THE INTERVIEW IS THE REAL TIMING REASON TO START

Georgetown says early submission of the initial portion of either application can allow an alumni interview to be assigned sooner. Interviews begin in September and continue through the cycle.

A better family decision rule

- Use the Georgetown Application if the student wants to open the Georgetown process before August and is ready to manage a separate platform.
- Use the Common App if workflow simplicity across multiple colleges matters more.
- Do not choose a platform because a consultant claims one is preferred by Georgetown. Georgetown says otherwise.
- Do not wait to perfect the writing supplement before initiating the interview process. The initial portion can be submitted before the supplement.

One more 2026 change

Georgetown's current site says the university does **not require the Common App Personal Statement** as part of its review. Georgetown instead requires its own two short essays and two long essays. A student may reuse a Common App personal statement only if it appropriately answers Georgetown's own prompt.

Early Action is useful. It is not an odds hack.

- Deadline: November 1; decisions by December 15.
- No competitive advantage: Georgetown says EA and RD acceptance rates are roughly similar.
- No EA denial: applicants not admitted in December are deferred and receive a full Regular Decision review.
- No simultaneous binding Early Decision: Georgetown EA applicants cannot simultaneously apply ED I or ED II elsewhere.
- Other non-binding Early Action and Regular Decision applications are allowed, subject to the other colleges' policies.
- Deferred Georgetown applicants are released from the restriction and may later use another school's binding program.
- Initial EA review focuses primarily on performance and achievements through the end of junior year. Deferred applicants should keep senior grades strong and submit meaningful updates.

LOVARE'S INTERPRETATION

The legitimate argument for starting early is developmental: junior-year evidence matters in the first review. That is different from claiming that submitting EA itself improves the odds.

Testing is required.

The old score folklore needs an update.

Georgetown's current official guidance requires at least one full SAT or ACT score and states that Georgetown does not accept superscores.

- SAT or ACT is required for first-year applicants, subject to narrow access exceptions described by Georgetown for some international applicants.
- Official scores must be submitted directly from the testing agency.
- Georgetown says it does not accept superscores.
- For ACT takers, Georgetown highly recommends the Science section, especially for students planning to major in the sciences.
- Georgetown highly recommends submission of AP scores when a student has taken AP exams.
- For Early Action, Georgetown recommends completing testing in junior year, although September and October scores will typically arrive in time.

WHAT TO REMOVE FROM THE OLD BRIEF

Do not say Georgetown “builds its own superscore internally.” That conflicts with the current admissions page. Also avoid repeating old “all sittings” or Score Choice rules unless the current main-campus admissions page expressly confirms them for this cycle.

There are six undergraduate schools, not five.

Applicants apply to one of Georgetown's six undergraduate schools or to one of two joint degree programs. The academic home matters because Georgetown uses school- or program-specific writing prompts.

College of Arts & Sciences — Broad liberal-arts and sciences home; use the school-specific prompt to show how the student thinks about an academic direction, not merely a future job.

McCourt School of Public Policy — Public Policy is a joint undergraduate program with the College of Arts & Sciences and includes time at both Hilltop and Capitol Campus.

Berkley School of Nursing — A defined professional program; fit should be evidenced by sustained interest in nursing and the realities of the field.

School of Health — Programs include Global Health, Health Care Management & Policy, and Human Science.

Walsh School of Foreign Service — Students apply to SFS as an academic home; the current prompt asks for motivations for studying international affairs and pursuing global service.

McDonough School of Business — The current prompt asks for motivations for studying business at Georgetown; applicants are not required to indicate an academic interest when applying.

USE FIT, NOT ADMIT-RATE SHOPPING

The old brief listed school-by-school admit rates and framed the spread as a strategic lever. Remove that. A better decision rule is to choose the academic home the student can genuinely justify with coursework, interests, and experiences.

Four Georgetown essays.

One evaluative interview when assigned.

Writing

- Georgetown currently requires two short essays and two long essays.
- The Common App Personal Statement is not required by Georgetown for review.
- Each school/program has a specific prompt, so school choice and academic reasoning should be settled before the final draft.
- Strong writing should connect claims to real evidence from the student's life; listing courses and faculty is not the same as explaining fit.
- Do not call one essay "the essay that decides it." Georgetown describes its review as holistic and comprehensive.

Interview

- Georgetown says alumni interviews are an important part of the first-year process.
- The university aims to make an interview available to every applicant; if assigned, the student is required to complete it.
- The Alumni Admissions Program includes more than 7,500 volunteer interviewers.
- Interview topics may include academic interests, extracurricular activities, summer experiences, family background, future plans, and exposure to Georgetown.
- An evaluative report becomes part of the admissions file.

PREPARATION STANDARD

Prepare enough that the student can explain choices, interests, and questions clearly - but not so much that the interview becomes a memorized performance.

What to do now, by stage.

Grades 9-10

- Choose sustainable rigor in the context of the school.
- Develop one or two recurring intellectual interests without forcing a “spike.”
- Prune low-value activities and deepen the work that remains.
- Create a testing timeline rather than permanent test prep.

Grade 11

- Protect academic performance; EA’s first review focuses primarily through junior year.
- Finish or substantially progress standardized testing.
- Research Georgetown’s six schools and joint-degree options from official sources.
- Build recommendation capital through real classroom contribution.
- Use summer for depth, not prestige collection.

Summer / fall of Grade 12

- Choose application platform based on workflow, not signaling mythology.
- Submit the initial portion when ready so interview assignment can begin.
- Complete the four Georgetown essays with student-authored evidence.
- Treat November 1 as a real EA deadline, not a reason for rushed writing.

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Primary next step: Take the Lovare Parent Admissions Assessment.

Built from Georgetown's own current pages.

Georgetown Begins Accepting the Common Application for Undergraduate Admissions

Georgetown University News, July 30, 2026

First Year Applicants

Georgetown Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Application Requirements and Forms

Georgetown Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Preparing for Georgetown

Georgetown Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Early Action Program

Georgetown Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Undergraduate Schools and Majors

Georgetown Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Alumni Admissions Program

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A Role 30 Years in the Making, This Alumna is Georgetown's Next Dean of Admissions

Georgetown University News, June 2, 2026

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