Southwestern University

Early Decision Agreement

(This page must accompany your application if you're applying for Early Decision)

Name of applicant: _____

Last First Middle

Description and Policies:

Southwestern University's Early Decision round is meant **only for those students who know SU is their first-choice school**. Students applying Early Decision to Southwestern may not apply Early Decision to any other institution. All Early Decision applicants, if offered admission, are **required** to commit to attending Southwestern by **the first Tuesday of January** of their senior year. This commitment consists of:

1) submitting a non-refundable matriculation deposit of $400, and
2) withdrawing admission applications at all other institutions.

In exchange for this declaration of their intent to enroll if admitted, Southwestern will notify Early Decision applicants of their admission no later than **the first Tuesday in December**, provided all required materials were received in a timely manner.

If a student admitted under Early Decision does not submit the $400 deposit and/or withdraw applications from all other institutions by the January deadline, Southwestern University reserves the right to rescind the student's offer of admission.

Scholarships and Financial Aid

All Early Decision applicants will be given full consideration for merit-based scholarships at Southwestern. Notification of the scholarship will occur within a few days of acceptance.

If a student is applying for need-based assistance, s/he must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form can be submitted after October 1 of the student's senior year. We recommend Early Decision applicants applying for aid submit the FAFSA to Southwestern no later than December 1.

If a student is applying for need-based financial aid, s/he may be released from this agreement if the need-based financial aid package offered does not meet his/her financial need.

Deferment or Denial

Applications not approved under the Early Decision program may be either deferred or denied. A student's application may be deferred if the Admission Committee feels additional information is needed to determine admissibility. Students whose applications are deferred will be considered for admission under the Regular Decision round. Students who are denied admission under Early Decision will not be considered under any other application round in the same academic year.

Contract

By signing below, I hereby state my intention to be considered for admission to Southwestern University under the Early Decision program. I acknowledge that Southwestern University is my first-choice institution. Therefore, I understand that I may apply to other colleges but must withdraw those applications if offered admission to Southwestern University. I further understand that if I am offered admission under this program, I am obligated to enroll at Southwestern University, by submitting the required deposit no later than the first Tuesday in January. I also understand that, in the event I apply for need-based financial aid and I (and my family) do not believe Southwestern is able to provide sufficient funding, I may withdraw from Southwestern after acceptance and before the respective deposit deadline.

Applicant Signature:

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Number/Street City ST/ZIP

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature:

I am aware of the provisions of the Southwestern University Early Decision program for which the student named above is applying.

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Address: _____
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Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

High School Counselor's Signature:

I am aware of the provisions of the Southwestern University Early Decision program for which the student named above is applying.

Name: _____
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Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____