



# FIRST-YEAR STUDENT TIMELINE

Interested in attending Alvernia? We've created a general timeline to help you and your family navigate the application and enrollment process as you pave the way to become a Golden Wolf. The timeline follows first-year students looking to apply this upcoming Fall. It includes a suggested timeframe with additional tips to use as a guide. Your admissions counselor is also available to answer any further questions! **Please connect with us at [admissions@alvernia.edu](mailto:admissions@alvernia.edu) or call 610-796-8269.**

## AUGUST

Action	Time Frame	Tips
Apply to Alvernia and create your AU portal	August 1	Applications for Fall 2026 open on August 1st. The student application portal, <a href="https://admissions.alvernia.edu/apply/">https://admissions.alvernia.edu/apply/</a> will help guide students through next steps in the application and enrollment process.

## SEPTEMBER

Action	Time Frame	Tips
Application Review	Immediately	Application review begins. Students must submit a completed application and high school transcript. Alvernia is SAT/ACT optional for Fall 2026.
Attend Step into the Pack Open House	September 27	Our open house is the perfect opportunity for high school seniors gathering information during their college search process. Your visit will include a presentation, an academic overview, a campus tour, and a personalized AU experience! Come experience the Alvernia Advantage to feel what it's like to step into the pack.

## OCTOBER

Action	Time Frame	Tips
File the FAFSA	October 1	The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will open October 1. You can begin your application by visiting, <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a> . The office of Student Financial Services is offering individual appointments for FAFSA completion. Connect via email at <a href="mailto:sfs@alvernia.edu">sfs@alvernia.edu</a> or call <b>610-796-8201</b> .
Attend an Information Session	October 11, 13, and 25	Register for a visit to campus that will include a presentation, lunch, and tour of campus!

## NOVEMBER

Action	Time Frame	Tips
Attend Sunday Funday Open House	November 2	Sunday Funday Open House gives prospective students an opportunity to enjoy student experiences. You will learn about opportunities to get involved with our student clubs and organizations, enjoy a campus tour, and experience a student-oriented event. It is a vibrant day to be on campus!

## DECEMBER

Action	Time Frame	Tips
Register for an official admissions visit	Ongoing	If you cannot attend our events, we encourage you to register for an official admissions visit that includes an individualized tour and an admissions meeting with your counselor. Schedule today to qualify for our \$2,000 Visit Award. <a href="https://www.alvernia.edu/admissions-aid/visit/undergraduate-visits/individual-visits">https://www.alvernia.edu/admissions-aid/visit/undergraduate-visits/individual-visits</a>



400 Saint Bernardine St. Reading, PA 19607. The admissions office is located on the second floor of the Student Center. Open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.

## JANUARY

Action	Time Frame	Tips
Apply for Financial Aid	Immediately	The Student Financial Services Office will continue offering individual appointments for FAFSA completion. Connect via email at <a href="mailto:sfs@alvernia.edu">sfs@alvernia.edu</a> or call <b>610-796-8201</b> . Visit our Financial Aid page to learn more about how to qualify. <a href="https://www.alvernia.edu/admissions-aid/office-student-financial-services/financial-aid">https://www.alvernia.edu/admissions-aid/office-student-financial-services/financial-aid</a>

## FEBRUARY

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Register for an individual admissions visit	Immediately	We invite you to visit us to experience the Alvernia Advantage. When attending an individual visit, you are provided a one-on-one tour with a Golden Guide Ambassador, as well as a personalized meeting with an admissions counselor from your geographic region.
Apply for Financial Aid	Immediately	The Student Financial Services Office will continue offering individual appointments for FAFSA completion. Connect via email at <a href="mailto:sfs@alvernia.edu">sfs@alvernia.edu</a> or call <b>610-796-8201</b> . Visit our Financial Aid page to learn more about how to qualify. <a href="https://www.alvernia.edu/admissions-aid/office-student-financial-services/financial-aid">https://www.alvernia.edu/admissions-aid/office-student-financial-services/financial-aid</a>

## MARCH

Action	Time Frame	Tips
Accept offer of admission	March 1	Accept your offer of admission and officially join the Alvernia community!
Attend Packapalooza	March 21	Packapalooza is an event tailored to students and families for a deeper dive into Alvernia's community. Over 20 sessions are held throughout the event, and you design your own day! This is the last official visit day to qualify for the \$2,000 Visit Award.

## APRIL

Action	Time Frame	Tips
Attend Accepted Students Day	April 11	Learn your true color, tour campus, meet other prospective members of the Alvernia community, and more at this informative and fun event.

## MAY

Action	Time Frame	Tips
Accept offer of admission	May 1	Accept our offer of admission on your Alvernia portal by May 1 - National College Decision Day.
Attend Senior Decision Day	May 1	For students already committed to Alvernia, you can get a head start on your New Student Checklist. For accepted students, you can officially confirm your spot at Alvernia and meet members of the Golden Wolf community!
Register for Connection Day	Immediately	All first-year students are required to attend one of our Connection Days! You will receive your class schedule, meet your Navigator, and review first-year student expectations.
Complete New Student Checklist	Immediately	The New Student Checklist is encouraged to be completed before Connection Day for class scheduling. All students must complete the required checklist items before the start of classes in the Fall.



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