

Waiting List

Placement on the waiting list for admission to Exeter generates questions for many students, and we have done our best to answer them here. Please be in touch if you have additional questions . . . and thank you for your interest in Exeter!

How many students are on the waiting list?

The size of the waiting list varies from year to year.

How many students will Exeter accept from the waiting list?

Unfortunately, we cannot predict how many spaces will become available. In previous years, the number of admission offers to waitlisted applicants has ranged from zero to fifteen.

When will I hear from Exeter about the status of my application?

We will not make any decisions about our waiting list until accepted students inform us of their plans. If positions become available, Exeter's Admissions Committee will review all completed files and offer admission to students on the waiting list. We anticipate reviewing the waiting list throughout the spring and early summer. If you choose to remain on the waiting list, we will periodically keep you updated of your status.

How is the decision made? Am I "ranked" on the waiting list?

Candidates on the waiting list are not ranked. If the waiting list becomes active we will carefully review and evaluate your application. The response and enrollment of currently accepted students will determine what factors are most important in this review.

May I schedule a personal interview to make my case known to the Admissions Committee?

We do not re-interview waiting list candidates. Logistics are difficult and we want to be fair to all candidates on the list, some of whom could not make it to campus. You are welcome to write an additional letter to the Admissions Committee in which you update us about your accomplishments and your desire to attend.

If I am admitted from the waiting list, when must I respond to the offer?

Will I receive financial aid if I qualify?

After receiving an offer of admission, you will have one week in which to notify us of your decision. If you have completed the financial aid application process and qualified for financial aid, you will receive financial assistance once admitted.

If admitted, will I be as capable of success at Exeter as someone admitted in March?

Of course! The Admissions Committee places exceptionally qualified students on the waiting list, all of whom are capable of great success at Exeter.