

# Pre-college: Rising Star Frequently Asked Questions

**SCAD**

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**What is Pre-college: Rising Star?** Pre-college: Rising Star is a challenging five-week program awarding college credit to rising high school seniors who are ready for a summer college experience. Students enroll in two college-level classes and have the opportunity to build or enhance their visual arts portfolios.

**How long has Pre-college: Rising Star been going on?** Pre-college: Rising Star is currently in its 22nd year!

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## APPLICATION

**What is SCAD looking for in an applicant?** SCAD is looking for highly motivated and dedicated rising high school seniors to participate in Pre-college: Rising Star. The program is extremely rigorous and students work at an accelerated pace. Within five weeks, students will have completed two full course workloads, which the regular SCAD student has 10 weeks to complete. Grades for the program are included on a student's official college transcript.

**What are the application requirements?** Applicants must submit official high school transcripts, a visual portfolio of at least 10 pieces, a statement of purpose and one letter of recommendation. In addition, students may provide supplemental materials: official report of SAT or ACT scores (optional for Pre-college: Rising Star but required for freshman admission), in-person or phone interview and/or test of English proficiency (required for all students whose native language is not English).

**When is it too late to apply?** The priority deadline for the Pre-college: Rising Star application is April 15. The online application, application fee and all supporting documents are required to complete a file for admission.

**When is the program deposit due?** The deadline for the Pre-college: Rising Star program deposit is due May 1.

**When are tuition, housing and meal fees due?** Any remaining balance, including tuition, housing and meal fees, is due May 15.

## How much does the program cost?

\$35 nonrefundable application fee  
\$250 nonrefundable program fee  
\$4,000 tuition  
\$1,000 housing and meals  
Total \$5,250

**Who is eligible to write my recommendation letter?** One letter of recommendation is required for the application. Additional recommendations may be provided. The recommendation should be completed by a teacher in the main area of interest. A recommendation may also be submitted from another teacher, principal, guidance counselor, religious leader or community leader. The recommendation may not come from a family member or friend.

**What if my SAT or ACT scores are low?** SAT/ACT scores are encouraged but not required for application. SAT or ACT scores are required for admission to SCAD.

**I attended the program last year. Can I reapply?** Only rising high school seniors can participate in the Pre-college: Rising Star program. The program cannot be attended twice.

**When will I be notified of an admission decision?** All applicants are notified within four to six weeks after completing the application file.

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## CLASSES

**How much homework is assigned?** Pre-college: Rising Star students receive the same amount of homework as a SCAD undergraduate student, but within a shorter time period. Students also have weekly assignments, a midterm and final projects that weigh heavily on their grade for the course. Students are expected to manage their time in order to complete all assignments as scheduled by their professors.

**Where are classes held?** Classes are held in SCAD academic buildings specific to the courses.

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## CAMPUS INFORMATION

**Do students have access to SCAD facilities?** Yes. Students have the same access that current SCAD students have.

**Will I have access to a computer?** Yes. Pre-college: Rising Star students have access to the computers in the academic buildings and the library.

**Are there accommodations for disabled students?** Yes. SCAD offers educational services that provide equal opportunity for people with disabilities.

**What kinds of activities can I participate in?** A variety of activities are planned to build community among Pre-college: Rising Star participants and help them become familiar with SCAD and community resources. Trips to museums, galleries, movie theaters and the beach round out the student experience. Additionally, students can participate in the Rising Leaders program, geared toward expanding the leadership potential of aspiring artists and designers.

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## FINANCIAL AID

**Does SCAD offer financial aid/scholarships?** Students wishing to be reviewed for a scholarship must check the box on the application for scholarship consideration. Scholarships are based on a student's complete file and funding is limited. Fees for housing and meals are the responsibility of the student.

**Are payment plans available?** All payment options can be discussed with the admission counselor assigned upon application.

**How much do books and course materials cost?** Supply expenses vary by course. A list of supplies is provided with the course schedule, which will be mailed prior to the start of the program, and supplies may be purchased at the SCAD bookstore upon arrival.

**Will participating in Pre-college: Rising Star help me get into SCAD?** Students who satisfactorily complete Pre-college: Rising Star with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher may be automatically admitted to SCAD for further undergraduate study if they have submitted all required first-time freshman application materials (including an official SAT or ACT report).

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## RESIDENCE HALLS

**If I am under 18, may I live in the residence halls?** As long as an applicant qualifies as a rising senior, he/she may reside in the residence hall.

**If I am from Savannah or the surrounding area, am I still permitted to live in the residence hall?** Yes. Students are encouraged to live in the residence hall to participate in the full undergraduate experience, including planned activities and extracurricular events.

**Are the residence halls air-conditioned?** Yes.

**May I check into the residence hall before the check-in dates?** Early check-in is not permitted.

**Is there a curfew in the residence hall?** Yes. All students are required to be in the residence hall by 9 p.m. each night. Students must be in their assigned room by 11 p.m. each night. Students violating curfew policies will be required to attend an official SCAD student conduct hearing, which may result in disciplinary action including dismissal from the program.

**What is the physical layout of the residence hall?** Surrounding a center courtyard, Turner House is an 843-bed residence hall that has triple occupancy rooms with private baths and is coeducational by floor. Each room features air conditioning, twin-size beds that can be bunked, local telephone service, a cable television outlet, and a drafting table, stool, dresser/chest of drawers and Internet access for each resident.

Turner House is ADA accessible. Turner House also features elevator service, pay laundry machines, and drink and snack vending machines. A dining hall is located at the nearby Weston House. Limited parking is available.

**Are there telephones in the rooms?** All rooms have telephone outlets but students must bring a telephone and cord.

**Are sheets, towels, pillows and toilet paper supplied?** No. Students need to bring their own toiletries and linens.

**How much supervision is provided?** Several Pre-college: Rising Star assistants and a residence director reside in the residence hall with the students. Pre-college: Rising Star assistants have residence life experience and training. They enforce SCAD policies and assist students during the program.

**Is there security in the residence hall?** Security guards are posted at the residence hall entrance 24 hours a day, and at all SCAD buildings when open. A current SCAD ID card is required for access into any SCAD building/residence hall. For additional information on SCAD Security, visit [www.scad.edu/security](http://www.scad.edu/security).

**Do I need to bring my computer?** Students have access to the Dyson computer lab, but may also bring a personal computer.

**Can I bring my car?** Pre-college: Rising Star students may drive to SCAD in their cars but use of a car is not permitted during the program. Violation of this rule results in immediate expulsion from the program.

**Do I need spending money?** Yes. Each student is responsible for their class supplies, and should bring money for activities not included in the program.

**Is there a vegetarian meal option?** Yes. The SCAD dining hall offers a variety of food served cafeteria-style, including vegetarian options. Students with special dietary needs should alert the Pre-college: Rising Star staff ahead of time so dining services can be advised and plan accordingly.

**May I be away from the residence hall overnight?** Students may be checked out of the residence hall by a parent. If someone other than the parent will be checking the student out, the student must alert their resident assistant and get written permission from the parent/guardian.

**Will there be someone to meet me at the airport?** Yes. An admission staff member will be waiting at the airport for all students who have signed up for airport pickup. A resident assistant will ride on the SCAD bus with all students to the residence hall.

**If I am late for check-in, where do I go?** A resident assistant will be available to assist with late check-in.

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## ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

**Is there an ATM on campus?** Yes. There are several ATMs on campus and in downtown Savannah.

**Is there a dress code?** No. Students should keep in mind that buildings are air-conditioned and may be cooler than the temperature outside. Students should also remember that in certain classes they may be working with materials that stain. Many students choose to bring one less casual outfit (e.g., slacks/skirt and collared shirt, dress, etc.) wear to the closing ceremony.

**Where should people send mail or packages for Pre-college: Rising Star students?** Each student receives a postal box for general mail. Mailbox keys and box assignments are distributed during Pre-college: Rising Star check-in. Students are notified electronically at their SCAD student email address when packages arrive. Hours for pickup are posted in the residence hall. The general number is 912.525.7296. Mail should be addressed as follows:

Mail:

Student's Full Name  
Pre-college: Rising Star  
SCAD Savannah  
Residence Hall, Box Number  
231 W. Boundary St.  
Savannah, GA 31401

Packages and overnight mail:

Student's Full Name  
Pre-college: Rising Star  
Weston House Package Center  
231 W. Boundary St.  
Savannah, GA 31401