



*Patricia Wei, Associate Director of Admissions at Yale University presented information regarding their Eli Whitney Student's Program for Non-Traditional Students - questions after reading this?*

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Strong liberal arts school with an undergrad population of 5,300 located in New Haven, Connecticut about 90 minutes from NYC. (Those wanting very specific studies like business might consider looking at institutions with those schools.)

### Yale admits a small amount of transfer students.

There are two ways to apply to Yale as a transfer student. Students may apply to the Eli Whitney Program or as a Traditional Transfer Student. Students must choose one way to apply. They may not apply to/as both. Application is online and is \$80 (fee waivers available)

1. Eli Whitney Program overall has between 20 – 30 participants Accept 6 – 8 students each year and receive approximately 125 applications/year so 6% admit rate

**(See application link and procedures below)**

2. Traditional Transfer Students - they receive over 1,000 applications and admit between 25 to 30 transfer students per year, reflecting an acceptance rate between 2%–3%. This is typically the student who has been out of high school for 1 -2 years.

**(Traditional transfers use the Common Application)**

## Highlights of the Whitney Program

- This Program is for the non-traditional student
- Between mid 20s to early 60s- higher education was interrupted for approx. 5 years
- Most have some college experience
- No minimum GPA required and they do not have to have a stellar high school track record or even college record, however, MOST RECENT college academic record is usually around 3.8 4.0 GPA
- **Financial Aid:** students can qualify for scholarships for tuition costs ONLY – must be able to cover books and housing and incidentals  
**(Veterans may have additional resources)**
- Have work experience that has shown them to be engaged in their field, interesting, successful, leaders—examples of past students: firefighter, veterans serving in the Middle East right after 9/11, music producer, competitive ice dancer, model, and CEO
- Veterans **HIGHLY** encouraged to apply if they meet above requirements
- Eli Whitney Students are not allowed to live on campus – must live off campus  
**(not usually an issue for this population)**
- Students do not have to select a major as they apply. They are admitted into the college, not the major. They can select their major after they get to Yale.

## For More Information Please Visit:

Overview of Eli Whitney Program: <http://admissions.yale.edu/eli-whitney>

Video Produced By Eli Whitney Students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRxYTYcDvIQ#t=20>

## Application Requirements:

To apply for admission to Yale as an Eli Whitney student, you must complete and submit the application electronically. We suggest that you start the application at least two weeks before the March 15 deadline as you need to be thoughtful in answering our questions and you should give your recommenders ample time to write your recommendations. To begin the application process, and create an account, please visit:

<http://admissions.yale.edu/eli-whitney-students-program-admissions-application-instructions-forms>

## Fun Facts About Yale:

- #3 National College in US News and World Report College Rankings
- Yale has a “shopping period” at the beginning of each semester – students go and attend any course they want before they decide on their final course schedule – have 10 days to shop
- Yale offers the 2nd highest number of foreign languages for a US college – 53 to be exact.
- 77% of courses at Yale enroll fewer than 20 students; 32% enroll fewer than 10.