Deferral Request Form

Deferral Policy

The Office of Undergraduate Admission will consider requests from admitted students to defer their enrollment until a future term due to **unexpected circumstances or unanticipated opportunities**. All requests for deferrals must be submitted by the enrollment confirmation deadline listed in a student's acceptance letter, unless otherwise stated on our Deferral Request web page. The non-refundable enrollment deposit of $400, which confirms the student's intention to enroll, must be submitted prior to the submittal of the deferral request form.

Requests to defer freshman enrollment will be considered on an individual basis. Approved requests have included participation in a structured academic or cultural program (i.e. study abroad or Yeshiva experience), participation in a community service/learning program (i.e. AmeriCorp) or military commitments. Freshmen admitted to the spring semester cannot defer until fall; they may only defer until the following spring. Students who defer are not generally permitted to take college courses for credit unless they are part of a structured study abroad program as outlined above.

Requests to defer transfer enrollment will be considered on an individual basis. Because space in the transfer class may vary greatly from year to year, it is not always possible to approve requests from transfer students to defer. Therefore, they are advised to carefully consider all possible options before submitting a deferral request.

To request a deferral, students must complete and submit this form using the space below to detail the circumstances and reasons for their request. Deferrals are not guaranteed or automatically granted, and it is encouraged that all students carefully weigh options before submitting enrollment deposits and deferral requests. Please email the completed form to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at ApplyMaryland@umd.edu using the subject line "Completed Deferral Request." Students granted a deferral will have any invitations to special programs and/or merit scholarship awards updated to the appropriate term. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that any and all external scholarship offers are updated.

Student Information

Student Name:

Birthdate:
(mm/dd/yyyy)

University ID:
(ex.999999999)

Street Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Deferral Terms:
(ex. Fall 2026)

to

Student Type: Freshman

Please provide a detailed paragraph of your intended activities during your deferral period.