

**Cornell College**

Mount Vernon, IA

**Freshman Admission Requirements**
**Entrance Difficulty**

Moderately Difficult: More than 75% of freshmen were in the top 50% of their high school class and scored over 1010 on the SAT I or over 18 on the ACT; about 85% or fewer of all applicants accepted.

**HIGH SCHOOL PREPARATION**

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|------------------------|--|
| High School Graduation | High school diploma required and GED is accepted |
| High School Program    | College preparatory program is recommended       |

**High School Units Required or Recommended**

| Subject            | Required Units | Recommended Units |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| English            |                | 4                 |
| Mathematics        |                | 3                 |
| Science            |                | 3                 |
| Foreign Language   |                | 2                 |
| Social Studies     |                | 3                 |
| History            |                |                   |
| Academic Electives |                | 1                 |

**Examinations**

| Exam                              | Required Units                             | Scores Due in Admissions Office |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| SAT or ACT                        | Considered if submitted                    | March 1                         |
| SAT Only                          | Considered if submitted                    | March 1                         |
| ACT Only                          | Considered if submitted                    | March 1                         |
| SAT and SAT Subject Tests, or ACT | Not used if submitted                      | March 1                         |
| SAT Subject Tests Only            | Not used if submitted                      |                                 |
| SAT Essay Component Policy        | Accepted with or without essay component   |                                 |
| ACT Writing Test Policy           | Accepted with or without writing component |                                 |
| ACT Writing Test Policy           | SAT: Not used<br>ACT: Not used             |                                 |

**Applying for Admission**
**Admissions Office**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| Address          | 600 First Street South West  |
| City, State, Zip | Mount Vernon, IA 52314-1098  |
| Phone            | (319) 895-4215   |
| Fax              | (319) 895-4492   |
| E-mail           | <a href="mailto:admissions@cornellcollege.edu">admissions@cornellcollege.edu</a> |

**Application Dates and Fees**

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Regular Admisson Deadline      | February 1   |
| Application Fee                | No fee required                                    |
| Application Fee Waiver         | Available  |
| Regular Admission Notification | March 20   |
| Accept Offer of Admission      | By May 1 or within 2 weeks if notified after May 1 |
| Waiting List Used              | No   |
| Defer Admission                | Student can defer admission                        |

**Transfer Admission**                      **Transfer applications accepted**

**Early Admission**

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Early Decision Offered      | Yes          |
| Early Decision Deadline     | November 1   |
| Early Decision Notification | Not reported |
| Early Action Offered        | Yes          |
| Early Action Deadline       | November 1   |
| Early Action Notification   | Rolling      |

**Application Form**

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Common Application            | Accepted  |
| Universal College Application | Not accepted  |
| Electronic Application        | <a href="http://cornellcollege.edu/admissions/application/">http://cornellcollege.edu/admissions/application/</a> |

**Other Application Requirements**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Interview                   | Not Required  |
| Essay or Personal Statement | Required for all freshmen                                       |
| Letters of Recommendation   |   |
| Other                       |   |
| Financial Need              | Financial need is not a consideration in the admissions process |

**Selection of Students**

| Factor                             | Very Important | Important | Considered | Not Considered |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| Rigor of Secondary School Record   |                |           | X          |                |
| Academic GPA                       | X              |           |            |                |
| Standardized Tests                 |                | X         |            |                |
| Class Rank                         |                |           | X          |                |
| Recommendations                    |                |           | X          |                |
| Essay                              |                | X         |            |                |
| Interview                          |                |           | X          |                |
| Level of Applicant's Interest      |                |           | X          |                |
| Extracurricular Activities         |                |           | X          |                |
| Volunteer Work                     |                |           | X          |                |
| Particular Talent/Ability          |                |           |            | X              |
| Character/Personal Qualities       |                |           | X          |                |
| First Generation to Attend College |                |           | X          |                |
| State Residency                    |                |           | X          |                |
| Geographic Residence               |                |           | X          |                |
| Relation with Alumnus              |                |           | X          |                |
| Religious Affiliation/Commitment   |                |           |            | X              |
| Ethnicity                          |                |           | X          |                |
| Work Experience                    |                |           | X          |                |

**Profile of Fall Admission**

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Overall Admission Rate                | 61% of 2,532 applicants were admitted         |
| Women                                 | 64% of 1,243 applicants were admitted         |
| Men                                   | 58% of 1,289 applicants were admitted         |
| Students Enrolled                     | 332 (21%) of 1,545 admitted students enrolled |
| Women                                 | 146 (18%) of 797 admitted students enrolled   |
| Men                                   | 183 (24%) of 748 admitted students enrolled   |
| Early Decision Admission Rate         | Not reported                                  |
| Early Action Admission Rate           | 34% of 80 applicants were admitted            |
| Students Offered Wait List            | 0   |
| Students Accepting Wait List Position |   |
| Students Admitted From Wait List      |   |

**Grade Point Average of Enrolled Freshmen (4.0 scale)**

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Average GPA    | <b>3.45</b> |
| 3.75 and Above | <b>33%</b>  |
| 3.50 - 3.74    | <b>17%</b>  |
| 3.25 - 3.49    | <b>15%</b>  |
| 3.00 - 3.24    | <b>18%</b>  |
| 2.50 - 2.99    | <b>12%</b>  |
| 2.00 - 2.49    | <b>5%</b>   |

**SAT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen**

|                    |                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>SAT Math</b>    | <b>540-650 range of middle 50%</b> |
| Score of 700 - 800 | <b>14%</b>                         |
| Score of 600 - 700 | <b>33%</b>                         |
| Score of 500 - 600 | <b>43%</b>                         |
| Score of 400 - 500 | <b>8%</b>                          |
| Score of 300 - 400 | <b>2%</b>                          |
| Score of 200 - 300 | <b>0%</b>                          |
| <b>SAT EBRW</b>    | <b>540-670 range of middle 50%</b> |
| Score of 700 - 800 | <b>16%</b>                         |
| Score of 600 - 700 | <b>41%</b>                         |
| Score of 500 - 600 | <b>36%</b>                         |
| Score of 400 - 500 | <b>7%</b>                          |
| Score of 300 - 400 | <b>0%</b>                          |
| Score of 200 - 300 | <b>0%</b>                          |

**ACT Scores of Enrolled Freshmen**

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| ACT Composite       | <b>23-30 range of middle 50%</b> |
| Score of 30 - 36    | <b>31%</b>                       |
| Score of 24 - 29    | <b>38%</b>                       |
| Score of 18 - 23    | <b>30%</b>                       |
| Score of 12 - 17    | <b>2%</b>                        |
| Score of 6 - 11     | <b>0%</b>                        |
| Score of 5 or Below | <b>0%</b>                        |

**Other Qualifications of Enrolled Freshmen**

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| High School Class Rank     | <b>Top tenth: 22%</b><br><b>Top quarter: 46%</b><br><b>Top half: 82%</b> |
| National Merit Scholar     | <b>Not reported</b>  |
| Valedictorian              | <b>3%</b>  |
| Class President            | <b>Not reported</b>  |
| Student Government Officer | <b>Not reported</b>  |