

Wake Forest University  
Documentary Film Program

# Step-by-Step Guide to Applying to the 4+1 Master's Program





DFP professor, Peter Gilbert, shares lighting tips with students.

## Find Your Filmmaking Home

With an established track record of success in documentary film production and education, the Documentary Film Program at Wake Forest University offers you three graduate degree options:

[Two-year Masters in Fine Arts in  
Documentary Film](#)

[One-year Masters of Arts in Sports  
Media & Storytelling](#)

[NEW! MA in Content Creation and  
Strategic Storytelling \(4+1 Program\)](#)



DFP student, Brandi Hall, captures sports moments on campus.

Visit  
[documentary.wfu.edu](https://documentary.wfu.edu)  
and click on the  
“Admissions” button in  
the Navigation bar

## Applying to the DFP

The Documentary Film Program is currently accepting applications for a **Summer 2026** start date. [Please click here](#) to learn about the application deadlines.

You can access the online application as well as information about the application and admissions process on the [Graduate School Admissions](#) website. Follow directions for the Arts & Sciences (Reynolda) application process.

[I'm Ready to Apply »](#)

## Application Requirements

- Unofficial transcripts from undergraduate or, if applicable, graduate institutions.
- An undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Three letters of recommendation.

## Application Questions?

Check out our [Application FAQ](#) and [Program FAQ](#) pages.

You can also send an email to program director [Chris Zaluski](#) or give us a call at 336.758.3367.

## Plan a Visit

We highly encourage visits to the DFP as we want you to experience our unique learning environment and hear about the program

After reviewing the *Application Requirements*, Click the **“I’m Ready to Apply”** button

# Apply Now to the Wake Forest Graduate School

Please read carefully all instructions throughout the application process. Once an area of study has been selected, you will be given instructions specific to that program. The application will not be successfully submitted unless all required fields are completed. Once you have started your application you will receive an email with a temporary PIN and a link to your application portal. After you have created your password you can return to the portal to work on your application over as many sessions as you need. All information is transmitted through a secured server.

Materials such as your personal statement, CV, writing sample, and unofficial transcripts should be attached to the online application. Instructions are provided throughout the application process.



If you have any questions regarding the application process, please review the [Admissions Checklist](#) or contact the appropriate [Graduate School Office](#) for the program you are applying to.

Wake Forest University is committed to diversity, inclusion and the spirit of *Pro Humanitate*. In adherence with applicable laws and as provided by University policies, the University prohibits discrimination in its employment practices and its educational programs and activities on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, genetic information, disability and veteran status.

Additionally, the University promotes the full realization of equal employment opportunity for women, minorities, persons with disabilities, and veterans through its affirmative action program. Inquiries regarding the University's non-discrimination policies should be directed to the Office of Institutional Equity: [titleix.wfu.edu](mailto:titleix.wfu.edu)

You will be taken to the WFU Graduate School website.

From here, click the **“Apply Now”** button under the *Graduate Program in Arts & Science (Reynolda Campus)* header.

## Application Portal

Returning users:

Log in to continue an application.

First-time users:

Create an account to start a new application.

If you are a first-time visitor, click **Create An Account**

## Register

To register for an account, please enter the information requested below.

Email Address

First Name

Last Name

Birthdate

[Continue](#)

# Login

A temporary PIN has been sent to your email address. If you do not receive this message in the next few minutes, please check your junk mail folder.

Email  [switch](#)  
Account   
Temporary PIN   
Birthdate

Login

To complete registration, you will be emailed a Temporary PIN code.

After adding the PIN, please create a new password

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## Set Password

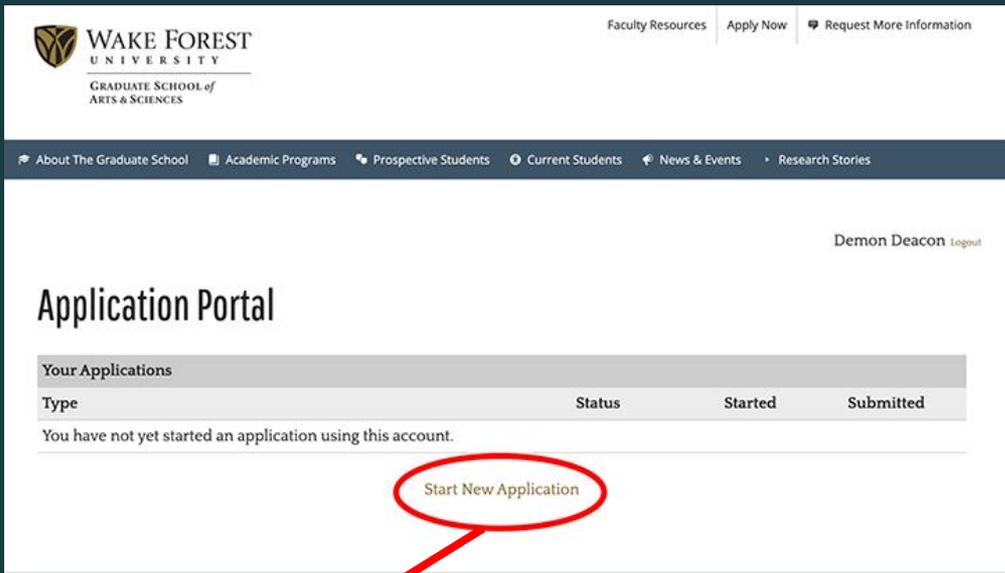
To protect the security of your account, please specify a new password. The password must meet complexity requirements.

New Password

New Password (again)

- ✗ At least one letter
- ✗ At least one capital letter
- ✗ At least one number
- ✗ Be at least 12 characters
- ✗ New passwords must match

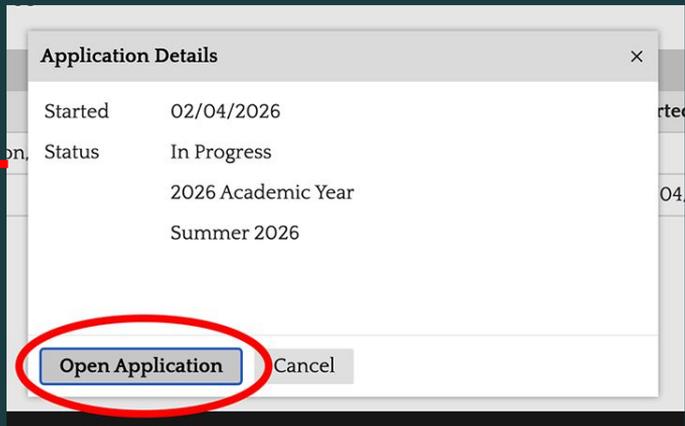
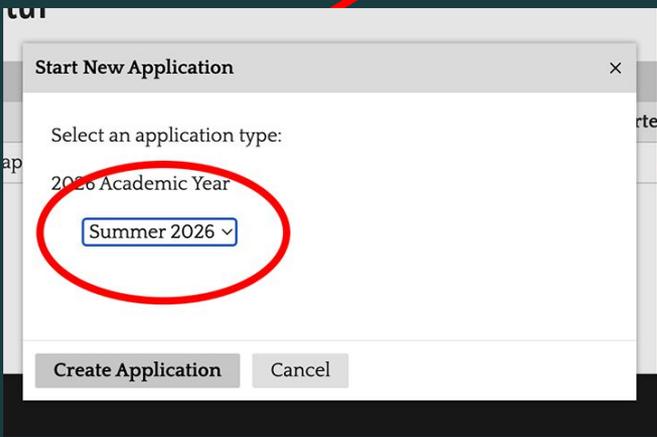
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After creating a new password, click **Start New Application**

Make sure to select **Summer 2026** for your Academic Year

Then click **Open Application**



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## Application Instructions

Dear Demon,

Thank you for starting your on-line application to the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences at Wake Forest University. Please take a moment to review the instructions below before getting started.

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### General Information

Applications are made through an on-line submission process and require payment of an application fee. Credit card payments are available (VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express). Payment instructions are located at the end of the application process. Your application will not be considered for admission until the fee has been received.

Please read all application instructions carefully and double check your entries before submitting your application. If you discover that you need to correct any information contained in your application, please send an email to the appropriate office (see Contact Information tab). Once an application has been submitted you will be able to access your information and checklists on the Application Status Page. There you can also check on the status of your application, view messages, upload additional documentation and test scores, and send email reminders to recommenders.

Admission decisions will be posted to your Application Status Page. An email will be sent notifying you to check your online application once an admission decision has been made.

Once you've opened  
your application, click  
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## Program of Study

### Summer 2026

Please select your desired program, degree or certificate, and student classification. After selecting your program make sure to take note of specific program deadlines and requirements. If you do not see your program of choice in the dropdown menu below, please refer to the [Application Deadlines](#) page on the Graduate School website for closing dates and program availability by term. For all dates listed, the deadline is 11:59:59 p.m., Eastern Standard Time.

Select a Program

Documentary Film

Select Program Type

MA Content Creation 4+1

Student Classification

Full-Time Degree Seeking

### Documentary Film Application Deadlines and Requirements

#### Deadlines:

MA (Sports Storytelling and MFA candidates must submit their applications by **April 15th**.  
MA (Content Creation & Storytelling (4+1)) must submit their applications by **March 6th**.

#### Test Requirements:

Choose the following options:

**Documentary Film**

**MA Content Creation 4+1**

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GRE: Optional

International students who did not graduate from colleges or universities within the U.S. and whose native language is not English must submit **EITHER** the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) OR the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

### Other Requirements for MA (Sports Storytelling) and MFA Degrees:

Personal Interview – Based on the material contained in their application, an applicant may be invited by the department for an interview either in person or virtually.

### Other Requirements for 4+1 MA Degree Only:

The MA (Content Creation & Strategic Storytelling (4+1)) program is only open to current Wake Forest undergraduate students.

There is no application fee for the 4+1 program only. **Applicants must email [gradadmissions@wfu.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@wfu.edu) to request an application fee waiver be added to their application.**

Continue

Before clicking **Continue**, please note the following...

- The GRE is not required
- For the 4+1 Program, you can waive your application fee. In order to request a fee waiver, please email: **[gradadmissions@wfu.edu](mailto:gradadmissions@wfu.edu)**

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## Personal Information

Required Fields are marked with an asterisk (\*)

**Name \***

First Name

Demon

Middle Name (optional)

Last Name

Deacon

Preferred Name

Maiden Name (optional)

**Addresses**

**Current Address \***

Country

United States

You can now begin to submit materials for your application.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Chris Zaluski at ***zaluskcm@wfu.edu***