FAQs for Deferred Students

I have been deferred. What does this mean?
We are deferring our decision of your admission candidacy because we need more time and more information—about your performance in school this year, and about our applicant pool—in order to make our final decision. To enable us to consider your candidacy as carefully and as thoroughly as possible, we will need for you to report your midyear grades online as soon as we send you an email requesting this information.

How do I submit my midyear grades?
Log into MyCarolina, click on ConnectCarolina Student Center, and view your To-Do List for instructions on submitting your midyear grades online. Please report your grades as soon as possible after February 2, 2014, and no later than February 17, 2014. Since we will only accept midyear grades that you yourself report electronically, please do not ask your college counselor to send a paper copy on your behalf. If you are admitted, we will confirm your self-reported midyear grades when we receive your official final transcript, which is a firm enrollment requirement.

What do you mean by midyear grades?
Please report your most recent grades in all of the courses you’ve taken so far this year. Most students report first-semester grades. If your school is on a trimester system, you may report your first trimester grades. For more information and examples, please see: https://admissions.unc.edu/midyear-grade-reporting-instructions/.

May I submit additional test scores?
If you would like for us to consider additional SAT or ACT scores, please ask the appropriate testing service to send them directly to us by February 17. Our SAT code is 5816, and our ACT code is 3162. Since we receive scores electronically, you do not need to request rush or priority delivery.

Is there anything else I can do?
In making our final decision, we will consider everything you have already submitted to us, the midyear grades you will report, and the overall strength of our applicant pool. Additional letters of recommendation are not necessary.

We are honored by your continued interest in us and greatly appreciate your patience while we make our decision. For your own peace of mind, it is very important that you now turn your attentions toward successfully completing your final year of high school. This step is crucial to a smooth transition to college in the fall.

What are my chances of being admitted?
Unfortunately, this is very, very difficult to predict. Every year is different, and the number of deferred candidates who we can admit depends on a number of factors. Last year we eventually offered admission to 346 students whose decisions we had previously deferred; the number the year before was 372.

When will I receive my decision?
We will notify you of our final decision by the end of March.

Why does it take so long?
We can appreciate that you have waited patiently for our decision, and we are sorry that we must now ask you to wait still longer. We take great care in building a strong entering class each year, and every application is extremely important to us. We need the extra time to make sure that your application, along with those of the other candidates who are also awaiting a decision, receives a careful and thoughtful review before making a final decision.