



COLLEGE ADMISSION RISK ASSESSMENTS MADELEINE WHARTON

These are **risk categories, not admission probabilities**. A "Very High Risk" school can absolutely be worth applying to.

University of Alabama — LOWER RISK

Madeleine, academically, you are in a strong position here. Your 4.0 unweighted GPA and 32 superscore compare favorably to Alabama's published resident profile. Your leadership and state championship add additional strength.

Watch: Alabama does not use superscores for automatic merit, so your 31 composite is the number we need to use for that purpose.

Athletic risk: High at the current 11' PR because SEC vaulting is significantly higher.

Overall: Lower admissions risk; athletic participation is a separate question.

Auburn University — LOWER-MODERATE RISK

Your academic profile fits Auburn well. Your 32 superscore is above the Fall 2025 resident middle-50 ACT range of 25–31, and your 4.0 sits within a strong GPA range. Auburn requires testing and accepts ACT superscores.

Auburn's final Early Action/scholarship application deadline is December 1, 2026. The Honors College is a tougher bar. Its Fall 2027 application deadline is November 16.

Overall: Lower-moderate risk for Auburn; Honors is more competitive; athletics is a significant current stretch.

Samford University — LOWER-MODERATE RISK

Your 32 superscore is well above Samford's published 23–29 ACT middle range, and your leadership/service profile fits a holistic application well.

One scholarship nuance: Samford superscores ACT for admission but **not for scholarship eligibility**, so the 31 composite matters financially.

Early Action is November 1; the first scholarship deadline is December 1.

Overall: Lower-moderate risk, with very good overall fit.

University of South Alabama — LOWER RISK

Your GPA is substantially above South's stated 3.4 automatic-admission test-optional threshold. Your 32 superscore also places you at the top of South's **currently posted** Fall 2026 merit grid, but we must verify the 2027 version before relying on a dollar amount.

Overall: Lower admission risk; potentially excellent merit opportunity; athletic fit remains coach-dependent.

UAH — LOWER RISK

Your current academic numbers line up extremely well with UAH. Its actual 2027–28 scholarship grid shows **tuition** at the 4.0+/31–36 combination for Alabama residents. The freshman scholarship priority deadline is November 20, 2026.

And as a Division II program with a 12'3.5" women's school record, UAH presents a much more realistic athletic conversation than SEC programs.

Overall: Lower admission risk and one of your most strategically interesting financial/athletic options.

UAB — LOWER RISK

Your 31 composite and 4.0 UW GPA are above UAB's recent freshman averages, and your existing dermatology employment creates outstanding academic/career alignment. For 2027–28, your reported scores also fall within UAB's Presidential scholarship grid, assuming all eligibility conditions are satisfied. UAB does **not** superscore.

Overall: Lower risk and one of your strongest medicine-centered options.

Ole Miss — LOWER RISK

Your 4.0 and 32 superscore make you academically strong for this application. Ole Miss allows qualifying nonresidents with 3.2+ unweighted GPA to apply without testing, but in your case I want the score submitted because of scholarship implications.

The Fall 2027 application is already open, and the Freshman Scholarship Application/CAPApp deadline is January 10, 2027.

Overall: Lower admissions risk, potentially attractive financial opportunity and an athletic conversation worth pursuing.

University of Georgia — MODERATE-HIGH RISK

This is where I stop looking only at your 4.0.

UGA's Class of 2030 middle 50% is 4.13–4.40 **UGA core GPA**, 9–14 AP/IB/DE courses and ACT 31–34. Your 32 is competitive.

Your #7 rank, state titles, leadership and clinical work give you substance.

The biggest unknown is exactly how UGA will view your course rigor and recalculate your transcript compared with its applicant pool.

Overall: Moderate-high risk, but an entirely appropriate reach.

University of Miami – HIGH RISK

Your 32 superscore is competitive with the most readily available institutional testing profile, and Miami superscores ACT.

But Miami is selective and holistic. Your academics make you viable; your state championships, medical work, leadership and art are what could make the application memorable.

Overall: High risk but appropriate.

Harvard University – VERY HIGH RISK

Harvard requires the ACT or SAT and has November 1 REA and January 1 RD deadlines. The latest Harvard CDS reports a 34–36 ACT middle range. So your current 32 is a real vulnerability at this particular school.

But I still think your application can be intellectually defensible because your résumé contains legitimate distinction: two state championships, serious leadership, paid clinical exposure, a 4.0/top-ranked academic profile and award-winning art.

Overall: Very high risk. Apply because you genuinely want Harvard, not because we think it is predictable.

Yale University – VERY HIGH RISK

Yale currently requires ACT or SAT testing and accepts an ACT superscore. Its latest CDS gives ACT percentiles of 33/34/35. Your 32 is therefore below the 25th percentile among score-submitters in that data. A 34+ would materially improve the testing piece.

Yale's deadlines are November 1 SCEA and January 2 RD, and Yale explicitly says there is no admissions advantage to applying through one plan versus another.

Overall: Very high risk, but still reasonable as an aspirational application.

Princeton University – VERY HIGH RISK

Princeton remains test-optional for students entering Fall 2027 and explicitly says students who apply without SAT/ACT scores will not be disadvantaged. At your current testing level, I would seriously consider test-optional **unless your score improves substantially**.

Athletically, Princeton gives us a rare definitive answer: 13'0" is its published women's recruiting standard and 12'9" its admitted walk-on standard. Your current 11'0" does not put you in that athletic admissions lane.

Overall: Very high risk. Treat this as a holistic high-reach application unless your athletic mark changes dramatically.

University of Montevallo — LOWER RISK

Montevallo uses rolling admission and lists a 3.0 GPA minimum for its standard freshman pathway. Your academic profile is well above that.

You also meet the *minimum academic consideration criteria* for the M.A.P.S. scholarship, though only 12 are awarded annually and selection includes a résumé, recommendations and interview.

And the athletic fit is interesting because current Montevallo vault results are much closer to your current PR.

Overall: Lower admissions risk and one of the strongest athletic-leverage schools currently on your list.