Deferred Students

What does it mean to have a deferred decision?
During the application review process, our committee makes one of three decisions: to accept, defer, or deny admission. Deferred students are early applicants who may very well be eligible for admission once the admissions committee has been able to see the entire pool of applicants or received additional information reflecting a more comprehensive academic profile (e.g. first semester grades, additional test scores, etc.).

What can I do to increase the likelihood I’ll be admitted?
Your academic profile is the most important part of your application file, so please report any developments. We encourage you to:
- submit your first semester or most recent grade report (required).
- have your counselor submit the most current cumulative GPA and class rank (if available).
- request transcripts from any community college reflecting dual enrollment coursework (if applicable).
- test again; retake the ACT/SAT (recommended).
- send any/all previous ACT/SAT test scores our office has not yet received.
Note: View test scores received to date on your App Tracker.

What test(s) should I take or re-take?
The admissions committee will use your best SAT critical reading and math score or your ACT composite—so again, be sure to submit all test scores. We will be able to consider results from tests held in January (SAT) and February (ACT) for fall admission. Once you register to retake either the ACT or SAT, send an email to admissions@cofc.edu informing us of the test date for which you have registered. Note: Be sure to include fall 2014 deferred admission in the subject line as well as your full legal name and date of birth in the body of the email to ensure efficient and accurate processing.

The next SAT will be held January 25; register by December 27. The next ACT will be held February 8; register by January 10. Designate the College of Charleston as an electronic test score recipient (school code: ACT 3846, SAT 5113), and we should receive your results within three weeks of your test date.

Where should I send additional materials?
You may submit additional test scores directly from the SAT/ACT testing agency and request any additional transcripts be sent directly from the high school/college to:
College of Charleston
Office of Admissions
66 George Street
Charleston, SC 29424-0001
Email: admapplicants@cofc.edu
Fax: 843.953.6322

When will I receive my final decision?
As long as we have received adequate information to formulate a more comprehensive academic profile, you will be notified of your final decision on or before April 1. Remember, you are required to submit fall semester grades to be considered further for admission.