

Application Process

The BA/MPA application has two stages. First, you must apply for a nomination by the BA/MPA Faculty Advisor at Purchase College, Dr. Ryan W. Taylor, before Spring Break of your Junior Year. Second, if nominated, you must also apply for admission to Rockefeller College. Students should discuss their personal timeline with [Dr. Taylor](#) before applying.

Purchase College Application Checklist

- Unofficial transcripts of all undergraduate work to date
- Two letters of recommendation (1 must be from faculty at Purchase)
- 1- 2 page statement of background and goals
- Resume

For more details about the nomination process, please contact the BA/MPA Faculty Advisor at Purchase, [Dr. Taylor](#).

Rockefeller College Application Checklist

- Completed Degree Application
- Official transcripts* of all undergraduate work to date
- Three letters of recommendation (1 must be from faculty at Purchase and 1 must be from the BA/MPA Faculty Advisor at Purchase)
- 1- 2 page statement of background and goals
- Resume
- \$75 Application Fee

*Scanned copies of transcripts will not be accepted as official. Applications will not be reviewed without official copies of the transcripts.

Instructions for the Statement of Background and Goals:

In a 1-2 page double-spaced essay, state your reason for undertaking graduate study in Public Administration and Policy. Convey how graduate study enhances your career plans. Also, discuss any substantial accomplishments, either collegiate, professional, or in the community, which cannot be inferred through other areas of your application. Finally, explicitly talk about your area of interest, such as nonprofit management or public finance, as this information directly impacts your advisor assignment if accepted to the public administration program.