

Admission Criteria – Voss Folk High School

Voss Folk High School shall be open to everyone and facilitate an inclusive learning and living environment in accordance with the purpose of the Folk High School Act concerning general education, popular education, active citizenship and human dignity.

Admission of students shall take place in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Folk High School Act and these admission regulations adopted by the school's Board.

1. Who can apply

Applicants must be 18 years old in the year the school starts.

Any special requirements for individual courses are stated in the course descriptions and application information.

A maximum of ten per cent of the students may be citizens of countries outside the EU/EEA and the United Kingdom.

2. Admission process

Admission of students shall begin no earlier than 15 November in the year before the start of a new folk high school year.

Applications are processed on an ongoing basis.

If the school subsequently has available capacity, rolling admissions will continue until the start of the school year.

The school may offer places on an ongoing basis until the start of the school year, as long as there is available capacity.

3. Prioritisation when there are more applicants than available places

If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the capacity of the school or individual courses, applicants will be prioritised according to the following criteria:

- a)** Applicants who, through their application, demonstrate motivation for the values of the folk high school, the community and the relevant course offerings.
- b)** Consideration of a diverse student community with variation in background, experience, interests, age, geographical origin and life situation.
- c)** Applicants who are considered capable of contributing positively to the living and learning environment at the school.

4. Response to applications

Applicants will receive a response no later than 25 November and, thereafter, no later than ten days after applying during the period of rolling admissions.

If an applicant who has been rejected meets the admission criteria, they will be offered the opportunity to be placed on a numbered waiting list.

If necessary in order to make a sound assessment of the application, the school may request an interview, a letter of motivation or references.

A decision on admission constitutes an individual administrative decision, and the rules of the Public Administration Act apply. The school's Board is the appeal body, and the deadline for lodging an appeal is three weeks.

5. Waiting list

Applicants who do not receive an offer of a place due to capacity limitations may be placed on a waiting list.

The waiting list follows the same prioritisation criteria as the admission process.

6. Offer of a place

Offers of a place at the school shall be made in writing.

The applicant must confirm the place by the deadline set by the school. If the place is not confirmed by the deadline, the offer may lapse.

7. Appeals

Decisions on admission constitute individual administrative decisions under the Public Administration Act.

Applicants may appeal a decision of rejection within three weeks of receiving the decision.

The appeal shall be submitted to the school, which will reconsider the matter before the case is potentially forwarded to the appeal body.

8. Publication

The admission regulations shall be publicly available on the school's website and made known to all applicants before the admission process is carried out.

The admission regulations comply with the statutory requirements concerning publicly available admission rules, prioritisation when there are more applications than available places, objective admission criteria and the right of appeal.

Adopted by the school's Board on 11 August 2026 in accordance with Section 9 of the Folk High School Act.