

Applying for Financial Aid

Regular Decision U.S. Citizen and Permanent Residents*

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| 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (required for federal financial aid programs) | February 15 | Apply at www.fafsa.gov as early as October 1. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carnegie Mellon's federal code is 003242. 2. Be sure to sign your FAFSA electronically using your FSA ID (username and password). |
| 2018-2019 CSS PROFILE (required in order to receive consideration for institutional financial aid.) | February 15 | Complete the CSS PROFILE online at https://profileonline.collegeboard.com . If you don't have a College Board online account, you'll need to create one in order to register for the PROFILE. Carnegie Mellon receives your PROFILE data electronically from CSS, so there's no need to send copies or printouts. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carnegie Mellon's CSS College Code is 2074. 2. As soon as you decide which schools you're applying to, you should register for PROFILE Online. This should be two weeks before the earliest college deadline, at minimum. 3. Have your tax returns and financial documents available. You'll also be charged an application fee of \$9 and an additional \$16 for each college. |
| 2018-2019 CSS Noncustodial PROFILE (only required if your parents do not share the same household in order to receive consideration for institutional financial aid.) | February 15 | Complete the CSS Noncustodial PROFILE (NCP) online at https://ncprofile.collegeboard.com . The student's CSS ID and Noncustodial PROFILE password that were assigned to you as part of the CSS PROFILE process will be needed to sign in to the NCP. Carnegie Mellon receives your Noncustodial PROFILE electronically from CSS, so there's no need to send copies or printouts. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carnegie Mellon's CSS College Code is 2074. 2. There's a \$25 fee for submission of the CSS Noncustodial PROFILE. 3. We don't require tax documents from the noncustodial parent. |
| 2016 Tax Returns & W-2 Forms | February 15 | <p>Carnegie Mellon uses the College Board Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC). Once you have filed your CSS PROFILE, you will be notified by the College Board and provided with the link to IDOC (https://idoc.collegeboard.org/idoc/) and login information to securely upload your documents online (PREFERRED METHOD).</p> <p>You may also submit documents via U.S. Postal Service to: College Board Processing Center, P.O. Box 8570, Portsmouth, NH 03802; however, it will delay processing of your materials.</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents and students should submit signed copies of all pages and schedules of their 2016 federal tax returns and W-2s. If you were required to complete Partnership Schedule K-1 from Form 1065 and/or Form 2555 (Foreign Earned Income), these should also be submitted. 2. You're required to submit all requested documents in one IDOC packet. Do not send documents separately. 3. If you or your parents are required to file an Income Tax Return in a country other than the U.S., you must provide us a copy of your foreign tax return and provide tax information translated into U.S. dollars on a U.S. tax return. |
| IRS Tax Return Transcript Request | February 15 | If necessary, we recommend requesting your transcript online. To request a transcript, go to www.cmu.edu/finaid/undergraduate/tax-transcript.html . | If you and your parents are selected for federal verification as indicated on your Student Aid Report (document you receive after filing your FAFSA), then you may be required to submit an IRS Tax Return Transcript. |
| Additional Information | February 15 | If your family has special circumstances, fax a letter detailing these circumstances to 412.268.7838. | |

* Attestations: In order to view your financial aid package on Where Am I in the Process, admission.enrollment.cmu.edu/pages/application-status, all students must complete the attestations on Where Am I in the Process.

** Deadlines listed here are preferred deadlines by Carnegie Mellon. Students who require financial aid information prior to making the enrollment deposit should adhere to these deadlines. You may submit financial aid forms after this deadline without impacting your eligibility for financial aid, however; later submissions may impact our ability to provide you with timely information.