

# Applying for Financial Aid

## Instructions for **EARLY DECISION, REGULAR DECISION** and **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

Required Form	Deadlines*	How to Apply/Submit Forms	Helpful Information
<b>2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (required for federal financial aid programs)</b>	Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1 Spring Transfer: November 1	Apply at <a href="https://fafsa.gov">fafsa.gov</a> as early as October 1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carnegie Mellon's federal code is 003242.</li> <li>2. Be sure to sign your FAFSA electronically using your FSA ID (username and password).</li> </ol>
<b>2020-2021 CSS Profile (required in order to receive consideration for institutional financial aid)</b>	Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1 Spring Transfer: November 1	Complete the CSS Profile online at <a href="https://cssprofile.org">cssprofile.org</a> .	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Carnegie Mellon's CSS College Code is 2074.</li> <li>2. As soon as you decide which schools you're applying to, you should register for the CSS Profile online. This should be two weeks before the earliest college deadline, at minimum.</li> <li>3. Have your tax returns and financial documents available. You'll be charged \$25 for your first college and \$16 for each additional college. Fee waivers are available.</li> <li>4. Early Decision students will receive a financial aid offer within a few weeks of receiving an offer of admission if they meet the November 15 deadline.</li> </ol>
<b>2018 Tax Returns &amp; W-2 Forms</b>	Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1 Spring Transfer: November 1	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 ( <a href="https://idoc.collegeboard.org">idoc.collegeboard.org/idoc/</a> ) and login information to securely upload your documents online.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parents/guardians and students should submit signed copies of all pages and schedules of their 2018 federal tax returns, W-2s and tax schedules.</li> <li>2. You're required to submit all requested documents in one IDOC submission. Don't send documents separately.</li> <li>3. If you or your parents/guardians 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 may be asked to provide tax information translated into U.S. dollars on a U.S. tax return.</li> </ol>
<b>IRS Tax Return Transcript Request</b>	Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1 Spring Transfer: November 1	If necessary, we recommend requesting your tax return transcript online. To request a transcript, go to <a href="https://cmu.edu/sfs/financial-aid/undergraduate/index.html">cmu.edu/sfs/financial-aid/undergraduate/index.html</a>	If you and your parents/guardians 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.
<b>Additional Information</b>	Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1 Spring Transfer: November 1	If your family has special circumstances, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission for help completing our Special Circumstances Request form.	

\* 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, late submissions may impact our ability to provide you with timely information.

## COST OF ATTENDANCE OF AN ACADEMIC YEAR

The cost for entering freshmen at Carnegie Mellon for the academic year 2019–2020:

	Resident	Commuter
Tuition	\$ 55,816	\$ 55,816
Fees	1,303	1,303
Housing and Dining	14,972	3,075
Books/Miscellaneous (Est.) <sup>1</sup>	2,400	2,400
Transportation (Est.) <sup>1,2</sup>	varies	680
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 74,491+</b>	<b>\$ 63,274+</b>

1. These expenses won't appear on your Student Account invoice.
2. Transportation for resident and off-campus students varies based on home state.

**Note:** In addition, health insurance coverage is required at an estimated cost of \$2,340/year. If a student is covered under a family's health plan, a waiver can be submitted for approval by University Health Services. View more details at [cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance](https://cmu.edu/health-services/student-insurance).

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