

Instructions for Applying for Financial Aid for Early Decision, Regular Decision and Transfer Applicants

U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents

Required Form	Deadlines*	How to Apply/Submit Forms	Helpful Information
2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) (required for federal financial aid programs)	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1	Apply at 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) at fafsa.gov.
2021-2022 CSS Profile (required in order to receive consideration for institutional financial aid)	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1	Complete the CSS Profile online at cssprofile.org as early as October 1.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carnegie Mellon's CSS Profile Code is 2074. 2. As soon as you decide which schools you're applying to, you should register for the CSS Profile at cssprofile.org. This should be two weeks before the earliest college deadline at a minimum. 3. Have your tax returns and financial documents available. You'll also be charged an application fee of \$25 for your first college and \$16 for each additional one. Fee waivers are available by calling the Office of Admission. 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.
2019 Tax Returns & W-2 Forms	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 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 (idoc.collegeboard.org/idoc/) and login information to securely upload your documents online.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Parents and students should submit signed copies of all pages and schedules of their 2019 federal tax returns, W-2s and tax schedules. 2. 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 may be asked to provide tax information translated into U.S. dollars on a U.S. tax return.
IRS Tax Return Transcript Request	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1	If requested by Carnegie Mellon, we recommend requesting your transcript online. To request a transcript, go to irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript .	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	Spring Transfer: November 1 Early Decision: November 15 Regular Decision: February 15 Fall Transfer: March 1	If your family has special circumstances, please complete our Special Circumstances form after you've submitted all required financial aid documents. Visit admission.cmu.edu/register/specialcircumstances .	

* 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.