

Mail the completed form to:
Office of Admission
Carnegie Mellon University
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Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890

Or fax the completed form to:
412-268-7838
Questions? Contact Admission:
412-268-2082
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Deadlines:

Early Decision – Please see instructions on page 21 of the application booklet.

Regular Decision – Must be returned after January 1, 2009 and preferably before February 15, 2009.

Fall Transfer – Must be returned before March 1, 2009.

NOTES:

Only complete this form if you are a citizen, permanent resident or eligible non-citizen of the United States.

If you are completing this application online, turn Java on to accept data.

Carnegie Mellon Federal School Code: 003242

Be sure to get all required signatures before submitting.

Section A: Application Deadline Checklist

CARNEGIE MELLON MUST RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY THE ABOVE LISTED DEADLINES.

All Carnegie Mellon Students

- 2009-2010 signed Carnegie Mellon Financial Aid Application (applicable sections).
- Processed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – see Free Application for Federal Student Aid information on the following page.
- 2008 Student's (and spouse's, if applicable) **signed** Federal Tax Return or Employer/Income Information (see Instruction 6).
- Prior to Federal Stafford and/or Perkins Loan funds being credited, first-time borrowers at Carnegie Mellon are required to complete Federal Entrance Loan Counseling (see Instruction 11).
- Carnegie Mellon Federal Stafford Loan Borrowers:** To apply for your Federal Stafford Loan (see Instruction 9).

Dependent, Undergraduate Students Only

- 2008 Parent(s)' signed Federal Tax Return or Employer/Income Information (see Instruction 4).
- 2008 Parent(s)' W-2 Wage and Tax Statement(s) – legible copies.
- 2009-2010 Noncustodial Parent Information Form – if applicable (included in this application).
- Parents who wish to borrow a Federal PLUS Loan: To apply for your Federal PLUS Loan, all parental borrowers must complete a PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN). Carnegie Mellon's recommended PLUS Loan lenders will be available on The HUB website (www.cmu.edu/hub) after May 15, 2009 (see Instruction 10).

Attention Undergraduate Pennsylvania Residents: If you do not apply by May 1, 2009 for Pennsylvania state grant assistance, we will reduce your eligibility for the Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Grant by \$1,000 if you would have been eligible for a PHEAA state grant. This is the amount of institutional grant assistance Carnegie Mellon would have received from the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) if you had applied on time.

If you are eligible for grant assistance from your state but you do not apply, Carnegie Mellon will **NOT** provide additional grant assistance to replace your lost state grant.

Section B: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – Important Information

Important Websites:

FAFSA website: <http://fafsa.ed.gov>

PIN website: <http://pin.ed.gov>

You are required to complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you wish to apply for federal or Carnegie Mellon institutional financial aid. Federal financial aid includes the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal ACG Grant, Federal SMART Grant, Federal PLUS Loan, Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Stafford Loan and Federal Work-Study.

- Students are required to provide their Driver's License Number on the FAFSA.
- All students must complete Steps Two and Three, questions 33-60, Page 6 and 7.
- All parents must complete Step Four, questions 61-95, Page 8.
- Your financial aid eligibility cannot be determined if you do not file a FAFSA.
- To ensure that we receive your FAFSA information, you must list Carnegie Mellon in Step Six, Page 10, including our Federal School Code (003242), and complete the signatures in Step Seven, Page 10.

We recommend that you file your FAFSA electronically. The benefits of electronic filing include:

- Fast filing. Electronic filing reduces processing time by 7-14 days.
- Less need for corrections after processing. Your information is edited prior to submission. You will be prompted immediately to correct conflicting data.

Prior to completing the FAFSA on the Web, you need to request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the Department of Education.

If you are a dependent, undergraduate student, your parent must also request a PIN in order to electronically sign your FAFSA.*

Request a PIN by visiting <http://pin.ed.gov>. If you already have a PIN, you do not need to request a new one. If you have lost or forgotten your PIN, you need to request that it be sent to you again. If you think someone knows your PIN, select the Change PIN option to request a new PIN combination.

You may use your PIN for the duration of your school experience and beyond. The security of your PIN is important because it can be used to:

- Electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents.
- Access your personal records.
- Make binding legal obligations.

IMPORTANT NOTE: A PIN that is selected or viewed instantly online or is sent to you in an email is considered to be conditional until your information is verified with the Social Security Administration (1-3 days from the date you first apply). You may sign your 2009-2010 FAFSA with it, but nothing else. Once this verification is completed (to see if your information has been verified, go to <http://pin.edu.gov> and click on Check PIN Status), you will be able to use your PIN for other purposes, such as accessing other Federal Student Aid websites.

* If your parent(s) decide not to request a PIN, they have the option of printing, completing and mailing the signature page of the electronic FAFSA to the Federal Processor. Be aware that this may increase processing time; for this reason we recommend that all parents and students obtain a PIN. **THE FAFSA IS CONSIDERED TO BE INCOMPLETE WITHOUT THE SIGNATURE PAGE IF YOU OR YOUR PARENT(S) HAVE NOT USED YOUR PINS TO ELECTRONICALLY SIGN OR MAIL THE FORM.**

If you need additional information, visit the FAFSA website, <http://fafsa.ed.gov>, or call 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) seven days a week, from 8 a.m. through midnight Eastern time.

Do not submit both an electronic and a paper FAFSA application.

Section C: Application Instructions

1. **If you are not applying for need-based financial aid, you are not required to submit these forms.** Examples of need-based aid include: Federal, State or Carnegie Mellon Undergraduate Grants, Federal Loans, and Federal or State Work-Study.
2. **2009-2010 Carnegie Mellon Financial Aid Application**
Dependent, Undergraduate Students are required to complete all sections and sign this application. Independent Students are not required to complete the parental sections. If you are unsure of your status, complete Section B, Page 7: Determination of Independent Student Status prior to completing the entire application.

On this form, you will be asked to provide us with information relevant to your financial aid eligibility. **Do not leave any question blank.** If your answer is zero, please use "0." You must accurately complete the Household and Educational Information on Page 9. **Return your completed application after January 1, 2009, but before February 15, 2009 to the Office of Admission. All required tax documents should be sent to the Office of Admission on or before April 15, 2009.** Make sure you affix the appropriate postage.

3. **Parent(s)' 2008 U.S. Federal Income Tax Return or Foreign Tax Return and W-2 Wage and Tax Statement(s) – Dependent, Undergraduate Students Only**
Please send us a **signed** copy of your parent(s)' actual 2008 Federal Income Tax Return, pages 1 and 2. If you are required to complete Schedule C and/or Partnership Schedule K-1, then these documents are also required. **We will NOT accept a tax preparer's stamp in place of any signature(s). We will accept a tax preparer's name and signature.** We also require legible copies of all parental W-2 Wage and Tax Statement(s). Print your name and Student ID Number in the upper right corner of each tax document. Do not submit a copy of their prior year or an estimated tax return. If you file electronically, you are required to submit to us a **signed** copy of your electronic tax return. **All tax-related documents listed above are due to us on or before April 15, 2009.**
4. **If your parent(s) are required to file a Federal Income Tax Return in a country other than the United States,** you must provide us with a copy of their foreign tax return and provide tax information translated into U.S. dollars on a 2008 U.S. Federal Income Tax Return. This document must be **signed** by your parent(s) and a tax accountant.

If your parent(s) are not required by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to file a 2008 Federal Income Tax Return or to file a tax return in any other country, you are required to provide a list of employers and the source(s) of any income for 2008 (Section C, Number 16).

5. **Student's/Spouse's 2008 U.S. Federal Income Tax Return or Foreign Tax Return**
We also require a **signed** copy of your actual 2008 Federal Income Tax Return. **We will NOT accept a tax preparer's stamp in place of any signature(s). We will accept a tax preparer's name and signature.** Do not submit a copy of the prior year or an estimated tax return. If you file electronically, you are required to submit to us a **signed** copy of your electronic tax return. **All tax-related documents listed above are due to us on or before April 15, 2009.**
6. **If you are required to file a Federal Income Tax Return in a country other than the United States,** you must provide us with a copy of your foreign tax return and provide tax information translated into U.S. dollars on a 2008 U.S. Federal Income Tax Return. This document must be **signed** by you and a tax accountant.

If you are not required by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to file a 2008 Federal Income Tax Return or to file a tax return in any other country, you are required to provide a list of employers and the source(s) of any income for 2008 (Section A, Number 9).

7. **Documentation Eligibility (U.S. Citizenship or Eligible Noncitizen)**
You must be a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident alien to receive federal student aid. If you are a U.S. Citizen, but were not born in the United States, please send us documentation of your citizenship (e.g., a copy of your passport or naturalization certificate).

If you are a U.S. permanent resident alien or refugee, send us verification. Acceptable forms of verification include a photocopy of both sides of your I-551 or I-551C card. Other acceptable forms are listed on the top of Page 2 of the FAFSA.

8. **Noncustodial Parent Information – Dependent, Undergraduate Students Only**
Since we believe that parents have the responsibility to provide educational support for their children regardless of marital status or living arrangements, we require information from your noncustodial parent in cases where parents are divorced, separated or remarried. The information we require is listed specifically on the Noncustodial Parent Information Form included in this application.
9. **Federal Stafford Loans**
If you are a first-time borrower at Carnegie Mellon, you must complete a Federal Stafford MPN online. Carnegie Mellon's recommended Stafford Loan lenders will be available on The HUB website (www.cmu.edu/hub) after May 15, 2009.
10. **Federal PLUS Loans – Parents of Dependent, Undergraduate Students only**
All parents wishing to borrow a Federal PLUS Loan for the first time are required to complete a Federal PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN). Carnegie Mellon's recommended PLUS Loan lenders will be available on The HUB website (www.cmu.edu/hub) after May 15, 2009.
11. **Federal Entrance Loan Counseling**
All first-time Federal Stafford and Perkins Loan borrowers must complete entrance counseling prior to their federal loan funds being credited to their student accounts. During the entrance counseling session, you will be informed of your rights and responsibilities as a borrower as well as debt management strategies and advice on repayment options. We will notify you via email to complete the counseling session online prior to the approval of your loan.

Useful Websites

FAFSA	www.fafsa.ed.gov
Tuition Management Services	www.afford.com
The College Board.....	www.collegeboard.com
FastWeb.....	www.fastweb.com
American Education Services.....	www.aessuccess.org
PHEAA (Pennsylvania State Grant).....	www.pheaa.org
Student Gateway to the U.S. Government	www.students.gov
The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid	www.finaid.org
National Student Loan Data System	www.nsls.ed.gov
Loan Locator	www.studentclearinghouse.org
Fellowships and Scholarships Office.....	www.cmu.edu/fso
You Can Deal With It.....	www.youcandealwithit.com
Independent 529 Plan.....	www.independent529plan.org

Carnegie Mellon University does not discriminate and Carnegie Mellon University is required not to discriminate in admission, employment, or administration of its programs or activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or other federal, state, or local laws or executive orders.

In addition, Carnegie Mellon University does not discriminate in admission, employment or administration of its programs on the basis of religion, creed, ancestry, belief, age, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity. Carnegie Mellon does not discriminate in violation of federal, state, or local laws or executive orders. However, in the judgment of the Carnegie Mellon Human Relations Commission, the Presidential Executive Order directing the Department of Defense to follow a policy of, "Don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue," excludes openly gay, lesbian and bisexual students from receiving ROTC scholarships or serving in the military. Nevertheless, all ROTC classes at Carnegie Mellon University are available to all students.

Inquiries concerning application of these statements should be directed to the Provost, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, telephone 412-268-6684 or the Vice President for Campus Affairs, Carnegie Mellon University, 5000 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, telephone 412-268-2057.

Carnegie Mellon University publishes an annual campus security report describing the university's security, alcohol and drug, and sexual assault policies and containing statistics about the number and type of crimes committed on the campus during the preceding three years. You can obtain a copy by contacting the Carnegie Mellon Police Department at 412-268-2323. The security report is available through the World Wide Web at www.cmu.edu/police/.

Obtain general information about Carnegie Mellon University by calling 412-268-2000.