

Application Instructions for First-Year Applicants



✓ Application Checklist

1. Common Application or Coalition Application
2. \$70 Application Fee or Fee Waiver
3. School Report and Counselor Recommendation
4. One Teacher Recommendation
5. Official High School Transcript(s) from All Secondary Schools Attended
6. Early Decision Agreement (Required for ED1 and ED2 Applicants Only)

✓ Financial Aid Checklist

Only if applying for need-based financial aid

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
2. CSS Profile

Common Application or Coalition Application

CMC accepts the Common Application or Coalition Application for first-year admission, without preference for one over the other. Applications may be submitted online at commonapp.org or coalitionforcollegeaccess.org.

If you are applying as a Questbridge National Match applicant, please visit cmc.edu/admission/QuestBridge-applicants for more information.

High School/Secondary School Credentials

Please have your school's college counselor send the school report, a counselor recommendation, and official high school transcript reflecting work completed through your junior year. If you attended multiple high schools, please submit all secondary school transcripts.

The school report and counselor recommendation provide the Admission Committee with important context about your high school. Understanding the context of your high school helps us best assess your academic preparation for CMC.

One Teacher Recommendation

Your recommendation should be completed by a teacher who taught you in a core academic area (English, mathematics, foreign language, science, or social sciences).

Mid-year Transcript

Please have your school's college counselor submit an official transcript when seventh-semester or tenth-trimester grades are available.

Interview and Optional Video Response

While interviews and video responses are not required, they are highly recommended and are a great way for you to tell us about yourself beyond what you provided in your application. All homeschooled applicants are required to interview.

Testing Policy

CMC's provisional test-optional policy is extended to applicants applying through the Fall 2027 entry term. This policy permits students to choose whether to submit SAT or ACT results for admission consideration as part of their academic record. CMC will return to a test-required policy for the Fall 2028 application cycle. For more information, visit our website.

Applicants who choose not to submit their scores will (a) not be asked to disclose their reasons and (b) not be disadvantaged in our admission and merit-based scholarship consideration processes. Students who matriculate to CMC—and who chose not to submit their scores for consideration during the admission process—will be asked to submit their ACT and SAT scores to CMC post-enrollment. The test scores will be used solely for institutional research purposes.

Reporting Test Scores and Superscoring

CMC will accept official and self-reported test scores. CMC will continue to superscore the ACT or SAT. This means that we will accept the highest scores from each section of the ACT or SAT, regardless of the test date. We do not superscore across test types. Students must self-report all subsections from each test date.

English Proficiency Test Scores

All international applicants, regardless of their country of citizenship, whose first language is not English or who do not attend a school in which English is the primary language of instruction for a minimum of three years, must submit score results from one of the following approved English language tests.

Test	Score Requirement
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet-Based Test Only	100 minimum recommended score (TOEFL Essentials is not accepted.)
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	7.5 minimum recommended score
Cambridge English C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency	190 minimum recommended score
Duolingo English Test	130 minimum recommended score



Merit-based scholarships are available for first-year applicants and are determined by the Office of Admission through the application review process. For priority consideration for merit scholarships, your application for admission must be submitted by December 1; and all supporting credentials must be submitted no later than January 10. There is no separate application process for CMC scholarships. For more information about merit-based scholarships, please visit: cmc.edu/admission/scholarships.



Application Plans

Applicants may choose to apply either Early Decision (ED) or Regular Decision (RD). CMC offers two early decision deadlines (ED1 and ED2), in which the admission decision is binding. Regular Decision (RD) is not binding. Your application for admission and supporting credentials must be submitted by the deadline that you select. (See chart for more details.)

Students for whom CMC is clearly their first choice may apply under an ED option. The applicant, parent, and college counselor/school official must electronically sign the ED Agreement form. Applicants who are admitted under ED are expected to enroll at CMC, to withdraw all other college applications, and to not initiate new ones.

For more information
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Application Deadlines

Application Round	Application Due
Early Decision I	November 1
Early Decision II	January 10
Regular Decision	January 10

Financial Aid Deadlines

Application Round	CSS Profile & FAFSA Due
Early Decision I	November 8
Early Decision II	January 17
Regular Decision	January 17

The FAFSA is set to release in October.



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