

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS

Application Checklist

- ☐ Common Application or Coalition Application
- ☐ \$70 Application Fee or Fee Waiver
- Additional Academic Credentials
 - ☐ School Report and Counselor Recommendation
 - ☐ Two Teacher Recommendations
 - ☐ Official High School Transcript(s) from all secondary schools attended
 - ☐ Official SAT or ACT (sent directly from the testing agency)
- ☐ FAFSA and Financial Aid CSS Profile (if applying for financial aid)
- ☐ Early Decision Agreement (required for EDI and EDII applicants only)

Application Components

Common Application or Coalition Application

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

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

School Report and Counselor Recommendation

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

Two Teacher Recommendations

Recommendations should be completed by teachers who have instructed you in core academic areas (English, mathematics, foreign language, science, or social sciences).

Standardized Tests

CMC requires the SAT or the ACT for first-year admission and does not prefer one test over the other. International students whose native language is not English are required to submit either the SAT with Essay or the ACT with Writing. Scores received via any other means (e.g., fax or high school transcript) will not be considered official. Please contact us at admission@cmc.edu if you need assistance with paying the fee for official test results.

CMC will only accept the redesigned SAT or the ACT. The Admission Committee will superscore the SAT and the ACT if taken more than once, meaning we will take the highest score from individual subsections to give you the highest composite score.

SAT Subject Tests:

For most students, SAT Subject Tests are not required. Home-schooled students, however, are required to submit scores from two SAT Subject Tests, one of which must be from a math Subject Test.

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or International English Language Testing System (IELTS):

International students whose native language is not English must also submit official results from the TOEFL or IELTS. A minimum score of 100 on the internet-based TOEFL exam, or a minimum score of 600 on the paper-based TOEFL exam is required. For the IELTS, a minimum band score of 7.5 is required.

After Submitting Application

Mid-Year High School Transcript:

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

Interviews

While interviews are not required, they are *highly recommended*. All home-schooled applicants are required to interview. To schedule an on-campus or alumni interview, please visit cmc.edu/admission/visit.

Optional Video Response:

After submitting your application, you will receive instructions by email from the CMC Admission Office on how to submit a two-minute video. Submission of this video is optional and you will be provided with a prompt.

Deadlines for First-Year Admission

Regular Decision

To be considered for Regular Decision admission, you must submit your application and all supporting credentials by January 5. You will be notified of our admission decision by April 1.

Early Decision

Students for whom CMC is clearly their first choice may apply under an Early Decision (ED) option. The applicant, parent, and college counselor must electronically sign the ED Agreement form. Candidates who are admitted under Early Decision are expected to enroll at CMC, to withdraw all other college applications, and to not initiate new ones. The admission decision is binding.

Merit-Based Scholarships (Deadline: December 1)

Merit-based scholarships are available for first-year applicants and are determined by the Office of Admission through the application review process. If you would like to be considered, your application for admission and all supporting credentials must be submitted by December 1. There is no separate application process for CMC scholarships. For more information about merit-based scholarships please visit cmc.edu/admission/scholarships.

Financial Aid Deadline Reminders

APPLICATION TYPE	CSS PROFILE DUE DATE	FAFSA DUE DATE	AWARD AVAILABLE
Early Decision I	November 1	November 1	December 15
Early Decision II	January 5	January 5	February 15
Regular Decision	January 5	January 5	April 1

For more information on Financial Aid, please visit cmc.edu/financial-aid.

Admission Deadline Reminders

APPLICATION TYPE	DUE DATE	DECISION AVAILABLE	YOUR REPLY
Early Decision I	November 1	December 15	Early January
Early Decision II	January 5	February 15	Early March
Regular Decision	January 5	April 1	May 1

For more information about applying to CMC, please visit cmc.edu/admission/apply.



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