Application Instructions
for First-year Applicants

Application Checklist

1. Common Application or Coalition Application
2. $70 application fee or fee waiver
3. Official high school transcript(s) from all secondary schools attended
4. School Report and Counselor Recommendation
5. One Teacher Recommendation
6. Early Decision Agreement (required for ED1 and ED2 applicants only)

Financial Aid Checklist

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

Application Components

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 can be submitted online at commonapp.org or mycoalition.org.

If you are applying to CMC through QuestBridge National Match, please visit cmc.edu/admission/QuestBridge for more information.

High School/Secondary School Credentials
A college counselor or school official at your current or most recent high school must send the School Report with an attached school profile, the Counselor Recommendation, and your official high school transcript(s) reflecting grades 9-11. If you attended multiple high/secondary schools, you must submit all official transcripts.

The School Report provides important context about your high school which will help us assess your academic preparation for CMC. The Counselor Recommendation form must be submitted and your counselor can include a written recommendation, as well.

One Teacher Recommendation
The recommendation should be completed by a teacher who has instructed you in a core academic area (English, mathematics, foreign language, science, or social sciences). We will accept up to two (2) additional recommendations from other teachers, coaches, advisors, supervisors, mentors, etc.

Testing Policy
CMC is test-optional for applicants applying for fall 2022 admission. This means that you are not required to submit ACT or SAT scores with your application to be considered for admission. CMC will accept ACT or SAT scores as a part of your application if you choose to include them. On your application for admission, you will be asked to indicate whether or not you choose to include your test scores.

Reporting Test Scores and Superscoring
CMC will accept official and self-reported test scores (ACT, the SAT, or both). We will superscore the ACT or SAT, which means we will accept the highest scores from each section of the ACT or SAT, regardless of test date. We do not superscore across test types. When self-reporting your test scores, please provide all subsections from each test date. ACT writing, SAT essay, and SAT subject tests are neither required nor necessary.

English Proficiency Test Scores
International applicants, regardless of their country of citizenship, whose first language is not English, and who attend a school in which English is not the primary language of instruction, must submit official results from one of the following approved English language tests:
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
  - Internet based test only
  - 100 minimum score
- International English Language Testing System (IELTS)
  - 7.5 minimum score
- Duolingo English Test
  - 120 minimum score

Mid-year Transcript
Please have your college counselor submit another official transcript or grade report when your mid-year grades are available (seventh-semester or tenth-trimester grades). Mid-year transcripts are generally provided after you submit your application for admission.

Interview and Optional Video Response
While admission interviews and the optional video response are not required, completing at least one is highly recommended. All homeschool applicants are required to interview.
CMC awards limited merit-based scholarships to first-year applicants. Merit scholarships are determined by the Office of Admission through the application review process. For priority consideration for our merit-based scholarships, you must submit your application for admission by December 1. There is no separate application required. For more information about merit-based scholarships, visit cmc.edu/admission/scholarships.

Application Plans

Applicants can 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 you select (see chart).

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*Financial aid awards are available upon admission for applicants with a complete financial aid application.

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

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