



INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

Everything you need to apply for admission to Macalester is included. The forms are intended to make our process more fair, complete and personal than lists and statistics alone would be. We look forward to hearing from you so
START FILLING US IN.

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APPLICATION OPTIONS

The following options are available as methods for applying. *All methods and forms are equally acceptable and will be considered without bias.* However, if you feel that a particular form does not fully represent your interests, abilities and talents, please feel free to submit additional documentation.

Macalester Online Application

You can complete a Macalester Application for Admission online by going to the college's Web site at **www.macalester.edu** and following the instructions found there. Please note that some forms (recommendations) will need to be given to teachers and counselors for completion and mailing to Macalester. The forms are included in this packet and may also be downloaded and printed.

Macalester Paper Application

These forms are included in this application packet. The entire application (or individual forms) can also be downloaded and printed from the Macalester College Web site at **www.macalester.edu**. If you need any forms mailed to you, call us at (800) 231-7974.

Common Application Online/Paper

The Common Application is available at the Common Application Web site: **www.commonapp.org**. Students using the Common Application must also submit a Macalester Common Application Supplement. This supplemental form is included in this packet or may be downloaded from the Macalester Web site at **www.macalester.edu**.

Mail all forms to:

Office of Admissions
Macalester College
1600 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55105-1899

Phone: (651) 696-6357
Toll free: (800) 231-7974
FAX: (651) 696-6724
www.macalester.edu
E-mail: admissions@macalester.edu

First-Year Applicants: Materials should be postmarked by the deadline indicated.

	Fall Application Deadline	Notification Date	Candidate's Reply Date
Early Decision I*	November 15	December 15	January 15
Early Decision II*	January 2	February 7	March 7
Regular Decision	January 15	March 31	May 1

*Please read the description of the Early Decision Plan.

Nondiscriminatory Policy:

Macalester College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious preference, creed, gender, national or ethnic origin, age, marital status, sexual orientation or disability.

Transfer Applicants

Fall Application Deadline	Notification Date	Candidate's Reply Date
January 15	March 31	May 1

FIRST-YEAR APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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- 1. Application Form**
- Part 1** **Part 1** of the Application should be mailed as soon as you have decided to apply to Macalester. Upon receipt of this form, we will establish a file for you and the rest of your application credentials.
- Part 2** **Part 2** must be completed and postmarked by the appropriate deadline. Be certain to make a copy for your records.
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- 2. Application Fee** Enclose the U.S. \$40 non-refundable application fee (or a fee-waiver request) with your application. Checks or international money orders should be made payable to Macalester College. The application fee may also be paid online at: www.macalester.edu/admissions/applying/applications. In cases of financial hardship, this fee may be waived. Requests for fee waivers **must be signed by your school counselor or headmaster** and should explain why a fee waiver would be appropriate.
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- 3. Essays** Submit your essays with the application form; print your name on each page.
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- 4. Athletic and Arts Supplements** Complete and return the Athletic Participation Supplement and/or the Visual/Performing Arts Supplement if these areas are important to you. Return the athletic supplement **only** if you plan to participate in intercollegiate sports in college.
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- 5. School Report (Counselor or Head of School Evaluation)** Fill in the top portion of this form and give it to your counselor or headmaster to complete and mail to Macalester. Be sure to give your school official ample time to complete the form prior to your application deadline. Your application cannot be reviewed until this form is received.
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- 6. Transcript** Request that your secondary school send Macalester an official transcript of your classes including standardized examination results. If you have attended more than one high school, check to make sure **all** years are on the most recent transcript (or have a separate transcript sent from each school).
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- 7. Teacher Recommendations** Complete the top portion of both Teacher Recommendation forms and ask two teachers to complete and send them to Macalester. It is **important** that you choose two teachers who have taught you in CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS (English, social studies, foreign languages, mathematics or science). Recommendations from teachers of **other** subjects may be submitted as supplementary information, but are not substitutes for the required **academic** recommendations.
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- 8. Admission Tests** You must request that scores from either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I) or the American College Test (ACT) be sent to Macalester College. Results from SAT II subject tests are not required, but will be considered if submitted. Macalester's identification codes are: SAT (6390) and ACT (2122). Students whose native language is not English must also submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
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- 9. Mid-Year School Report** Complete the top portion of this form and ask your counselor to complete the form at the end of your first term (semester or trimester) and return it to Macalester. If you are applying through the Early Decision plan, this form should be returned at the end of the first quarter or trimester.
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- 10. Early Decision Agreement** If you are applying under the Early Decision plan, it is **required** that you return the Early Decision Agreement signed by you, your parent or guardian and your counselor or headmaster. Your application will not be reviewed until this form is received.
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- 11. Financial Aid Forms** International students applying for Regular Decision admission and for financial aid must complete the International Student Financial Aid Application and the International Student Certification of Finances. Return these forms to the Admissions Office by January 15. Early Decision candidates must return the form by the Early Decision deadline. Applicants must complete all items on the form, provide all documentation required and sign the application before they can be considered for financial aid.
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- 12. Common Application** If you are using the Common Application, you must complete the Macalester International Common Application Supplement.

TRANSFER APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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- 1. Application Form**
- Part 1** **Part 1** of the Application should be mailed as soon as you have decided to apply to Macalester. Upon receipt of this form, we will establish a file for you and the rest of your application credentials.
- Part 2** **Part 2** must be completed and postmarked by the appropriate deadline. Be certain to make a copy for your records.
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- 2. Application Fee** Enclose the U.S. \$40 non-refundable application fee (or a fee-waiver request from your Dean of Students) with your application. Checks or international money orders should be made payable to Macalester College. The application fee may also be paid online at: www.macalester.edu/admissions/applying/applications. In cases of financial hardship, this fee may be waived. Requests for fee waivers **must be signed by a school official** and explain why a fee waiver would be appropriate.
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- 4. Athletic and Arts Supplements** Complete and return the Athletic Participation Supplement or the Visual/Performing Arts Supplement if these areas are important to you. Return the athletic supplement **only** if you plan to participate in intercollegiate sports in college.
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- 5. School Report (High School Counselor or Head of School Evaluation)** Fill in the top portion of this form and give it to the counselor or headmaster (at the high school from which you graduated) to complete and mail to Macalester. Be sure to give your school official ample time to complete the form prior to your application deadline. Your application cannot be reviewed until this form is received.
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- 6. College Report (Dean of Students Evaluation)** **Students attending schools in the United States** must fill in the top portion of this form and give it to the Dean of Students at their current or most recent college to complete and mail to Macalester. The College Report form may be obtained upon request from the Office of Admissions or printed from our Web site at www.macalester.edu.
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- 7. University Transcript** You must have an official transcript of all college-level coursework sent to Macalester. A transcript issued to the student is *not* considered official. You must have transcripts sent from **all** colleges you have attended.
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- 8. Secondary School Transcript** Request that your secondary school send Macalester an official final transcript of your classes and grades including standardized exam results (A/O Levels, ICSE, Abitur, Baccalaureate, IB, etc.). If you attended more than one high school, check to make sure **all** years are included on the most recent transcript (or have a separate transcript sent from each school).
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- 9. Faculty Recommendations** Complete the top portion of both Teacher Recommendation forms and ask two professors to complete them and send them to Macalester. If you have been out of college for more than one academic year and have difficulty obtaining an academic recommendation, contact the Director of Transfer Admissions at Macalester to explain your situation.
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- 10. Admission Tests** You must request that scores from either the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT I) or the American College Test (ACT) be sent to Macalester College. Results from SAT II subject tests are not required, but will be considered if submitted. Macalester's identification codes are: SAT (6390) and ACT (2122). Students whose native language is not English must also submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).
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- 11. Financial Aid Forms** International transfer applicants who apply for financial aid must complete the International Student Financial Aid Application and the International Student Certification of Finances. Return these forms to the Admissions Office by January 15. Applicants must complete all items on the form, provide all documentation required and sign the application before they can be considered for financial aid.
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- 12. Common Application** If you are using the Common Application, you must complete the Macalester Common Application Supplement.

APPLICATION PLANS, EARLY DECISION AGREEMENT

The table on the Application Options page lists Macalester's application deadlines. All materials should be **postmarked** by the deadline indicated. However, international students are strongly encouraged to begin the process well in advance due to the difficulties encountered with international postal systems. The following pages outline the application plans available for first-year and transfer applicants.

Regular Decision Plan

Most **FIRST-YEAR** students apply to Macalester under the Regular Decision Plan. All required credentials must be sent to the Office of Admissions, postmarked no later than January 15. If the application is completed on time, notification of the admission decision will be mailed by March 31. The candidate will have until the Candidate's Reply Date, May 1, to make a final commitment and submit the required enrollment deposit. All applicants should review the First-Year Application Checklist for further details.

Early Decision Plan

The Early Decision Plan is an option for **FIRST-YEAR** applicants who know that Macalester College is their first choice. If you have clearly identified Macalester as your top choice, we encourage you to apply under one of these options: Early Decision I (deadline November 15) or Early Decision II (deadline January 2). Early Decision is intended to provide you with an early notification. Each year, approximately 20% of our entering class is admitted through the Early Decision program.

This is considered a "binding" program. As an Early Decision applicant, you certify that Macalester is your first-choice college and that, if admitted, you will enroll at Macalester and withdraw all other college applications. Because you cannot have more than one "first choice," **it is a violation of the Early Decision agreement to apply to more than one college under Early Decision plans.** You may, however, initiate **Regular** (not Early Decision) applications at other colleges with the understanding that these will be withdrawn if you are offered admission by Macalester.

If you are applying for financial aid and have submitted all required forms with your application, we will notify you about financial aid prior to requiring a final commitment from you.

Applicants who are not accepted through Early Decision will either be deferred to Regular Decision or denied admission. The files of deferred candidates are reconsidered with the rest of the Regular Decision applications; these candidates are released from the binding Early Decision agreement and should continue to complete other college applications. Students who are denied admission through Early Decision will not receive further consideration for admission this year.

Please read the Early Decision Agreement (below) carefully. This agreement must be signed by the applicant, a parent or guardian, and a school counselor. All three signatures are required, and your application will not be reviewed until this form is received. It is the responsibility of the candidate to understand and comply with the rules of Early Decision. **If an Early Decision candidate violates the provisions of the program, Macalester College reserves the right to reconsider and withdraw its offer of admission.**

As with all offers of admission, an Early Decision offer is contingent upon the successful completion of secondary school coursework in good academic standing and at a level commensurate with that upon which the offer was based.

cut along dotted line

Early Decision Agreement

I am an Early Decision candidate for admission to Macalester College and agree to abide by the above rules. This is my only Early Decision application. I understand that in selecting Early Decision, I agree to withdraw applications at other institutions if I am offered admission to Macalester. I also understand that if I am applying for financial aid and have completed the early aid application process on time, I may wait for the Macalester financial aid information before making final confirmation of enrollment. **Note: All three signatures below are mandatory.**

Student's name _____ *print or type*

Student's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's or guardian's signature _____ Date _____

High school counselor's signature _____ Date _____

School _____

Transfer Admission

If you have been enrolled in a college or university as a full-time or degree-seeking student after graduating from high school OR wish to receive credit for more than the equivalent of 20 Macalester credit hours for previous academic work while attending secondary school, you should apply for **TRANSFER** admission. Transfer students are admitted for the fall term only; there are no spring-semester admissions.

Transfer applicants must complete their applications by January 15 and will receive notification of the decision on or before March 31. The Candidate's Reply Date is May 1. Transfer applicants should review the Transfer Application Checklist.

Late Applications

In exceptional cases, Macalester College may consider candidates who apply after the normal deadlines. If you are considering submitting a late application, contact the Office of Admissions for approval prior to sending your forms. Late applicants should recognize that their applications will be considered **after** those that were submitted on time. Financial aid is subject to availability.

Interviews

Seniors who wish to interview must do so by January 27 of their senior year. Admissions interviews are strongly recommended, but not required. If you're coming to campus, we hope you'll find the time to sit down and talk with someone on the Admissions staff. Interviews are available Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. (and 9 a.m.–noon on Saturdays during the fall semester).

Alien Registration Card

If you are not a U.S. citizen, but have U.S. Permanent Residency status, you must submit a copy of your Alien Registration Card (“green card”) with your application.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Macalester's long-standing commitment to internationalism includes a significant financial aid fund for qualified international students. Applicants for financial assistance should be aware that all awards are based on need and that the competition for these funds is extremely keen. Candidates applying for assistance are required to fill out the **International Student Financial Aid Application** and the **International Student Certification of Finances**. Submit these forms by November 15 for Early Decision I, January 2 for Early Decision II, or January 15 for Regular Decision. Please complete each question on the form completely and provide all documentation required. Describe any anticipated changes in your family's situation (including retirement, change of job or reduction in revenue) that may affect your ability to fund your education. All monetary figures on the form should be calculated in U.S. dollars.

Because Macalester enrolls a significant number of international students, there is a high level of competition for financial aid. Although our financial aid budget is substantial, it is **not** unlimited. As a result, one of the factors considered in determining admission is financial need. In other words, your chances of being admitted are better if you need less financial aid. For this reason, we advise you to realistically estimate your available financial resources on your financial aid application form. **Underestimating** will negatively affect your chances for admission, but **overestimating** will leave you unable to afford all four years at Macalester.

Frequently asked questions:

If I am offered a scholarship award from Macalester, am I eligible to receive it for more than one academic year?

Yes. Your initial award, which is established when you are admitted to the college, is reviewed at the end of each year you attend Macalester. As long as you continue to qualify for aid and remain in good academic standing, your award is renewed for the following year.

Can I work to help pay for my education at Macalester?

Yes. All students who qualify for financial assistance are offered part-time campus work as part of their financial aid package. On average, students work 10-12 hours per week in an office or department at the college during the academic year. Macalester also offers a limited number of full-time summer jobs to interested students, but these positions are not guaranteed. Off-campus work must be approved by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Are educational loans available to international students?

Yes. GATE loans are included in some international student financial aid packages at the discretion of the Financial Aid Office. International students may also apply for a SELF loan, which is administered by the state of Minnesota. To qualify for SELF loans, international students must have a U. S. citizen or permanent resident sign the note. Additional information is available through the Macalester Financial Aid Office. You may also wish to explore opportunities for loans through government, non-profit and private sources in your home country.

Will I have a better chance of being admitted to Macalester if I offer to pay for my first year and apply for financial aid after I have matriculated?

No. **Macalester is unable to consider applications for financial aid from international students after they have begun their studies at the college.** All candidates are required to submit an accurate and thorough assessment of their financial situation as part of their application for admission to the college.

Should I pursue outside scholarships and, if I receive them, do I need to notify Macalester?

Yes. All applicants are encouraged to pursue any source of funding that may help them to realize their goal of an education at Macalester. Money is often available through local, national, regional and global foundations. To maximize your chances of receiving financial assistance from Macalester, it is imperative that you provide us with details of any outside assistance you have obtained.

Does Macalester offer special or honorary scholarships to international students?

All financial aid awards for international students are based on need. Because the international admissions process at Macalester is highly competitive, all students who receive financial aid have exceptional academic and personal records. In this sense scholarships to international students are based on merit as well as need.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION First-Year and Transfer

Part

Part 1 of the Application should be mailed *as early as possible* to begin the application process.

Do **not** wait until you have completed all other forms. The \$40 application fee or fee-waiver request should also be enclosed.

The application fee may also be paid online at www.macalester.edu/admissions/applying/applications.

Part 2 must be sent by the appropriate deadline date below.

Please check the appropriate box below:

First-Year Candidates

Deadline

- Fall, Early Decision I* November 15
- Fall, Early Decision II* January 2
- Fall, Regular Decision January 15

Transfer Candidates

Deadline

- Fall January 15

*Macalester has a binding Early Decision policy. To apply under this plan, Macalester must be your first choice and the Early Decision Agreement must be signed and submitted.

Have you previously applied for admission to Macalester?

- Yes No If yes, when? _____

Do you plan to apply for financial aid? Yes No

International students who apply for financial aid must complete the **International Student Financial Aid Application** and the **International Student Certification of Finances**. Submit these forms by November 15 for Early Decision I, January 2 for Early Decision II, or January 15 for Regular Decision. Applicants must complete all items on the forms, provide all documentation required and sign the applications before they can be considered for financial aid.

Female Male Name _____
family first middle

Prefer to be called _____ E-mail Address _____
nickname

Permanent Address _____
number/street/apartment

city postal code country Telephone country code/city code/number

Mailing Address _____
number/street/apartment

city postal code country Telephone country code/city code/number

Use Mailing Address from _____ / _____ / _____ to _____ / _____ / _____ Fax (if available) _____
month day year month day year country code/city code/number

U.S. Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ Birthdate _____ / _____ / _____ Birthplace _____
(if applicable) month day year city/country

Citizenship:
 Countries of Citizenship (specify countries) _____
If living in U.S., type of visa
 U.S. Permanent Resident Alien Registration Number _____
 Passport Held _____
country

Education

Secondary school graduation date _____ / _____ School Code Number _____
month year (if applicable)

List all secondary schools you have attended since 9th grade (list current or most recent school first):

School	City/State/Country	Dates of Attendance (month/year)
_____	_____	_____/_____ to _____/_____
_____	_____	_____/_____ to _____/_____
_____	_____	_____/_____ to _____/_____

List all colleges or universities you have attended:

_____	_____	_____/_____ to _____/_____
_____	_____	_____/_____ to _____/_____

Optional Information

First/primary language, if other than English _____ Language of instruction in secondary school _____

Language(s) spoken at home _____ Are you married? Yes No

The Macalester community includes students from many different races, ethnic groups and nationalities. How would you describe your own racial and/or ethnic background? _____

To what other colleges are you applying? (Please note that your response to this question is used for research purposes only and will *not* affect the decision on your application for admission.)

Academic Interests

Possible area(s) of academic concentration or major _____

Possible career or professional plans _____

Testing

Please indicate the **date(s)** tests were taken or will be taken and **scores** (official score reports must be submitted):

SAT I	month/year ____/____ Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____	month/year ____/____ Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____	
ACT	month/year ____/____ English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Composite _____ Writing _____		
SAT II (optional)	month/year ____/____ Subject _____ Score _____	month/year ____/____ Subject _____ Score _____	
	month/year ____/____ Subject _____ Score _____	month/year ____/____ Subject _____ Score _____	
A.P. (optional)	month/year ____/____ Subject _____ Score _____	month/year ____/____ Subject _____ Score _____	
TOEFL or IELTS	month/year ____/____ Score _____	month/year ____/____ Score _____	month/year ____/____ Score _____

Co-Curricular Activities

Indicate activities in which you have been involved from 9th grade to the present. Mark years of participation. Include activities both within and outside of school. Include clubs, organizations, athletics, community, religious involvement, etc. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Activity	Grade Level (check boxes)					Approx. Time Spent		Positions held or honors won	Plan to participate in college?
	9	10	11	12	13	hrs./wk.	wks./yr.		

My signature below indicates that I have answered all questions truthfully, completely and to the best of my ability.

Date _____ Signature _____

Enclose a check for the \$40 application fee payable to Macalester College (or a fee-waiver request signed by your counselor) and mail to:

Office of Admissions, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105-1899, U.S.A.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Part

Part 2 of the Application must be postmarked by the appropriate date below.

If you have not previously submitted **Part 1** with the \$40 application fee, please do so at this time.

Have you previously submitted Application **Part 1**? Yes No (completed & attached)

Please check the appropriate box below:

First-Year Candidates

- Fall, Early Decision I*
- Fall, Early Decision II*
- Fall, Regular Decision

Deadline

- November 15
- January 2
- January 15

Transfer Candidates

- Fall

Deadline

- January 15

*Macalester has a binding Early Decision policy. To apply under this plan, Macalester must be your first choice and the Early Decision Agreement must be signed and submitted.

Have you previously applied for admission to Macalester?

- Yes No If yes, when? _____

Do you plan to apply for financial aid? Yes No

International students who apply for financial aid must complete the **International Student Financial Aid Application** and the **International Student Certification of Finances**. Submit these forms by November 15 for Early Decision I, January 2 for Early Decision II, or January 15 for Regular Decision. Applicants must complete all items on the forms, provide all documentation required and sign the applications before they can be considered for financial aid.

Female Male Name
family *first* *middle*

Prefer to be called _____ E-mail Address _____
nickname

Permanent Address _____
number/street/apartment

_____ Telephone _____
city *postal code* *country* *country code/city code/number*

Optional Information

First/primary language, if other than English _____ Language(s) spoken at home _____

How would you describe yourself? Please check all that apply and indicate if you would report a single primary ethnicity by circling it:

- African American, Black
- American Indian, Alaskan Native, Native American
(tribal affiliation: _____ enrolled)
- Asian American (family's origin: _____)
- Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander
- Mexican American, Chicano
- Puerto Rican, Cuban
- Latino, Hispanic or other Latin American (specify: _____)
- White, Caucasian
- Other (specify: _____)

Current school attended _____
school *city/state* *country*

How did you first learn about Macalester? _____

Have you visited the Macalester campus? Yes No

If so, please describe and give approximate date(s). _____

Work Experience

List jobs (including summer employment) you have held during the past three years:

Position Held or Description of Work	Employer	Approximate Dates	Hours/Week
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Optional Information

To what other colleges are you applying? (Please note that your response to this question is used for research purposes only and will not affect the decision on your application for admission.)

Personal Essays

Responses to three essays are required of all applicants. Please respond on a separate sheet of paper. These essays must be submitted with the application form. Additional writing samples (e.g., class papers or creative writing) are welcomed as supplements but are not substitutes for any of the essays. NOTE: Although we'll spend our time *reading* instead of *counting* your words, 250 words would generally be considered a minimum length to constitute an "essay."

Essay #1

What factors have led you to consider Macalester College? Why do you believe it may be a good match and what do you believe you can add to the Mac community, academically and personally? Feel free to draw on past experiences, and use concrete examples to support your perspective.

Essay #2

Because transcripts, test scores and awards lists provide only a partial picture of an applicant, we want to know more! Please provide us with an original piece of written work to give us more than the facts and figures. Feel free to focus on an experience, a philosophy or a significant event (or invent a topic of your own). Our hope is to get to know you better. How you help us do that is up to you!

Essay #3

Describe a situation where you have had to work or closely associate with someone from a culture very different from your own. What challenges did you face and how did you resolve them?

Final Questions/Signature

Have you ever been dismissed, suspended or subject to any school-related or legal disciplinary action? Yes No

If yes, describe and explain the situation on a separate sheet; ask your school counselor to address the situation in the school report.

Are you: (a) *graduating early from high school?* Yes No

(b) *entering college without a high school diploma?* Yes No

(c) *out of school for more than six months?* Yes No

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please describe your situation on a separate sheet of paper.

My signature below indicates that I have answered all questions truthfully and to the best of my ability. All information contained in my application is factually correct and honestly presented. Essays submitted are entirely my work. I further understand that any offer of admission, based on the information presented in my application, is subject to revocation if my application is untruthful in any way. Furthermore, I understand that offers of admission are conditional, pending successful completion and verification of current academic work at a level comparable to that upon which the offer was based.

Date _____ Signature _____

Mail completed Application to:

Office of Admissions, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105-1899, U.S.A.

SCHOOL REPORT (Secondary School Counselor Evaluation)

First-Year and Transfer

Student's Name _____
*family first middle*Address _____
number/street/apartment city postal code country

Student

Fill in the top section of this form before giving it to your counselor, principal or headmaster for completion. Also, indicate to your counselor the deadline for submission of this form by checking the appropriate box to the right. In requesting that your adviser submit this form, you are authorizing the school to provide all information requested.

Please submit by:

- Early Decision I November 15
 Early Decision II January 2
 Regular Decision January 15

List all classes you are taking this year with course title, level and term:

Level (Advanced, Honors, AP, IB)	Course Title	Term(s)	Level (Advanced, Honors, AP, IB)	Course Title	Term(s)
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Counselor

The student listed above is applying for admission to Macalester College. A candid report is essential to ensure complete and fair consideration of this candidate. Your report is an integral and important component of our evaluation and we thank you for the significant time and effort it takes to provide a thoughtful reference. It will be read with great care and attention.

Courses: Please verify that the student's current course schedule matches the classes listed above. Make corrections above if there is any discrepancy.

Transcript: Please advise your student if it is her/his responsibility to see that a transcript is sent to Macalester College. Otherwise, attach an official transcript to this report. Mid-year or second trimester grades should be sent when available.

CONFIDENTIALITY: U.S. federal law mandates that only *enrolled* students have access to their educational records. Prior to actual matriculation (e.g., during the admission process), applicants do *not* have this right of access. Macalester College will guarantee the strict confidentiality of your recommendation because it will be destroyed prior to the student's enrollment and will not become part of his/her educational record.

Cumulative Grade Average Applicant's Cumulative GPA is _____ on a _____ scale Weighted (preferred) **GPA** covers a period from _____ to _____
 Unweighted

Rank in Class Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____ If the exact rank is not available, please indicate approximate rank from the top: _____ decile Weighted (preferred)
How many students share this rank? _____ Unweighted **Rank** covers period from _____ to _____

Curriculum and Schedule Number of **A.P.** or **I.B.** courses offered? _____ Courses taken on a block schedule? Yes No
Number of **Honors** courses offered? _____ Calendar: Quarters Semesters Trimesters

Please indicate percentage of graduating class who attend: 4-year colleges/universities _____ %
2-year colleges/universities _____ %

In comparison with other college-bound students *at your school*, this applicant's course selection is:

- Less Demanding Average Demanding Very Demanding Most Demanding

Has this student ever been dismissed, suspended or subject to any school-related or legal disciplinary action? Yes No

Have any special circumstances interfered with the applicant's academic achievement (e.g., health, family, employment or other commitments)? Yes No

Do you have any concerns about this student's integrity? Yes No

If you answered "Yes" to any of the preceding questions, please describe and explain below or on a separate sheet.

Please write a summary appraisal of this student, addressing academic ability and motivation, intellectual characteristics, academic performance, co-curricular talent/dedication, organizational and leadership skills and personal qualities. We would like to know both strengths and relative weaknesses and welcome information that would help us differentiate this student from others. You may wish to attach a separate sheet if the space below is inadequate. Also, feel free to call us at (800) 231-7974 or (651) 696-6357.

How would you compare this student to other members of her/his class?

	Below Average	Average	Good <i>(above average)</i>	Excellent <i>(top 10% this year)</i>	Outstanding <i>(top few this year)</i>	One of the Top Few <i>(encountered in ___ years' experience)</i>
Academic Achievement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Extracurricular Contributions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Qualities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I recommend this student for admission to Macalester College:

Not Recommended With Reservations Fairly Strongly Strongly Enthusiastically

Counselor's Name _____ Title _____
print or type

School _____ E-mail _____

School Address _____ School Phone _____
number/street *country code/city code/number*

_____ School Fax _____
city *postal code* *country* *country code/city code/number*

School Code Number _____ Date _____ Signature _____
(if applicable)

Please attach a copy of this student's official grade report and testing record and mail to:

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MID-YEAR SCHOOL REPORT

First-Year Only

Student's Name _____
*family first middle*Address _____
number/street/apartment city postal code country

Student

Fill in the top section of this form before giving it to your counselor, principal or headmaster for completion. Also, indicate to your counselor the deadline for submission of this form by checking the appropriate box to the right. In requesting that your adviser submit this form, you are authorizing the school to provide all information requested.

Please submit by:

- Early Decision I End of 1st Term
 Early Decision II January 2
 Regular Decision End of 1st Term

Counselor

This Mid-Year School Report is to be used to report the applicant's grades for the most recent marking period. This information is *very important* to our evaluation of this candidate.

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Cumulative Grade Average Applicant's most recent cumulative GPA is _____ on a _____ scale Weighted (preferred) **GPA** covers a period from _____ to _____
 Unweighted

Rank in Class Applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____ If the exact rank is not available, please indicate approximate rank from the top: _____ decile Weighted (preferred)
 How many students share this rank? _____ Unweighted **Rank** covers period from _____ to _____

List this student's first-term classes and grades received (or attach your own form/transcript with all information included):

Level (Advanced, Honors, AP, IB)	Subject/Course Title	Grade/Predicted	Does course continue through final term?
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Please list any additional courses the applicant is taking during the final term of this school year:

Level	Subject/Course Title	Level	Subject/Course Title
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please comment if there are any changes in this student's academic record, extracurricular involvement and/or personal actions which are significant. If the student has been dismissed, suspended or subject to any school-related or legal disciplinary action, please explain here (or on a separate sheet).

Counselor's Name _____ Title _____
print or type

School _____ E-mail _____

School Address _____ School Phone _____
number/street *country code/city code/number*

_____ School Fax _____
city *postal code* *country* *country code/city code/number*

School Code Number _____ Date _____ Signature _____
(if applicable)

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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

First-Year and Transfer

Student's Name _____
*family first middle*Address _____
number/street/apartment city postal code country

Student

Fill in your name and address above and check the appropriate box to the right *before* giving this form to your teacher. **IMPORTANT:** This form should be given to a teacher who has been your instructor in a **CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECT** (English, social studies, mathematics, science or foreign language) in grades 10, 11 or 12 (or college for transfer applicants). In requesting that your teacher submit this form, you are authorizing her/him to provide all information requested.

Please submit by:

- First-Year Early Decision I November 15
- First-Year Early Decision II January 2
- First-Year Regular Decision January 15
- Transfer Admission January 15

Teacher

The student listed above is applying for admission to Macalester College. A candid report is essential to ensure complete and fair consideration of this candidate. Your report is an integral and important component of our evaluation and we thank you for the significant time and effort it takes to provide a thoughtful reference. It will be read with great care and attention.

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How long have you known this student and in what context? _____

Which course(s) did this student take from you? _____ When? _____

How would you describe this student's academic ability and motivation? How do the applicant's intellectual characteristics compare with others in his/her class? Specific illustrations are especially helpful.

If you are familiar with this student's co-curricular activities, please assess her/his dedication, talent, organizational skills, leadership potential and/or other personal qualities.

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print or type

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Yes, please send me information at the address listed above.

Yes, please send information to me at a different address: _____
number/street

_____ *city* *postal code* *country*

No, I don't need any additional information at this time.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

First-Year and Transfer

Student's Name _____
family first middle

Address _____
number/street/apartment city postal code country

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number/street

_____ *city* *postal code* *country*

No, I don't need any additional information at this time.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION SUPPLEMENT

First-Year and Transfer

If you plan to participate in intercollegiate athletics at Macalester, complete this form and submit it with your application. This information will be shared with the appropriate coaches.

Female
 Male

Name

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family
first
middle

Prefer to be called _____ E-mail Address _____
nickname

Mailing Address _____
number/street/apartment

_____ Telephone _____
city
postal code
country
country code/city code/number

School Now Attending _____
school
city/country

List athletic activity in descending order of importance to you (list only those sports in which you want to compete in college).

Mark years of participation.

Varsity Sports	Grade Level					Event/Position	Coach's Name/Phone Number
	9	10	11	12	13		

List any times, records, awards, best performances, etc. (specify events): _____

Indicate any other forms of competition other than high school or college (e.g., U.S. Swim, American Legion, Junior Olympics, ODP, USVBA, AAU):

Optional: Height _____ Weight _____

Any additional information or comments you would like to add? _____

If you have significant interest or talent in the visual and/or performing arts and wish to submit samples of your work, please complete this form and send it *with* your supplementary materials. Materials must be received by the application deadline.

If you would like your materials returned, include a properly sized, stamped, self-addressed return envelope.

Female
 Male

Name	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<i>family</i>	<i>first</i>	<i>middle</i>

Prefer to be called

nickname E-mail Address

Mailing Address

number/street/apartment

city *postal code* *country* Telephone

country code/city code/number

School Now Attending

school *city/country*

Please indicate appropriate departments:

Art (Visual) Dramatic Arts or Dance Music

Please indicate materials you are submitting:

Art (Visual) You may submit slides, photos or other representations of your best artwork. Do not send CDs or Web sites. Write your name on each slide or photo, along with the medium and completion date. If you have received any honors or awards, you may wish to list them on a separate sheet.

Music You may submit a tape or CD (audio format), up to 10 minutes in length, representing your abilities. Do not send VHS tapes. CDs must be designed for standard players. You should choose a solo performance or a piece in which your performance is prominent. Two or more contrasting pieces which show a range of ability are encouraged. Indicate your name, instrument/voice part and work performed on the tape itself. Also, you may attach a résumé summarizing your vocal, instrumental or compositional background (list years studied, instructors, awards, etc.).

If you are submitting supplementary material for consideration, please describe briefly the contents of your submission and, if appropriate, identify your role (e.g., musical instrument, voice or composer). Materials submitted without this supplement cannot be evaluated.

COMMON APPLICATION SUPPLEMENT

All students using the Common Application to apply for admission to Macalester must complete this form.

Please check the appropriate box below:

First-Year Applicants

- Early Decision I*
- Early Decision II*
- Regular Decision

Deadline
 November 15
 January 2
 January 15

Transfer Applicants

- International
- U.S. Applicants

January 15
 April 15

*To apply for Early Decision, Macalester must be your first choice, and the Early Decision Agreement form must be signed and submitted with your application.

Do you plan to apply for need-based financial aid? Yes No

Have you previously applied for admission to Macalester?

Yes No If yes, when? _____

Enter your full legal name as it appears on your Social Security card or, if you are an international student, on your passport.

- Female
- Male

Name
last (family) first middle

Prefer to be called _____ U.S. Social Security Number _____
nickname if applicable

Permanent Address _____
number/street/apartment

_____ city state (province) zip (postal code) country

Mailing Address _____ (use from _____ to _____)
number/street/apartment month/year month/year

_____ Telephone (_____) _____
city state (province) zip (postal code) country area code number

If mailing address is a boarding school, include name of school here: _____

E-mail Address _____ Birthdate _____
month day year

Birthplace _____
city/state (province)/country

Relatives who have attended Macalester:

Name	Relationship	Years of Attendance
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____	_____ to _____

Please list the places where you have lived for **six months or more** (with approximate dates):

City/State (Province)/Country	Years	City/State (Province)/Country	Years
_____	_____ to _____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____	_____	_____ to _____
_____	_____ to _____	_____	_____ to _____

U.S. Applicants: Indicate if you have received recognition from any of the following programs:

- National Merit Semifinalist
- National Merit Letter of Commendation
- National Achievement Semifinalist
- National Achievement Referred/Commended
- National Hispanic Finalist

First/primary language _____ Language(s) spoken at home _____

Language of instruction in Secondary School _____

Has either of your parents ever attended college? Yes No

Optional Information

How did you first learn about Macalester? _____

Have you visited the Macalester campus? Yes No

If yes, please describe and give approximate date(s). _____

To what other colleges are you applying? *(Please note that your response is for research purposes only and will not affect the decision on your application for admission.)*

Additional Essay(s)

All Applicants *(Please use the essay page provided.)*

■ All applicants must submit the Common Application essay.

■ In addition, all applicants must respond to the following:

What factors have led you to consider Macalester College? Why do you believe it may be a good match, and what do you believe you can add to the Mac community, academically and personally?

Feel free to draw on past experiences, and use concrete examples to support your perspective. Additional writing samples (e.g., class papers or creative writing) are welcomed as supplements, but are not substitutes for either essay.

International Applicants

■ International applicants must submit a third essay.

Describe a situation where you had to work or closely associate with someone from a culture very different from your own. What challenges did you face and how did you resolve them?

Final Questions/Signature

Have you been out of school for more than six months? Yes No

If yes, please describe your situation.

My typed signature below indicates that I have answered all questions on this form and the Common Application truthfully and to the best of my ability. All information contained in my application is factually correct and honestly presented. Essays submitted are entirely my work. I further understand that any offer of admission, based on the information presented in my application, is subject to revocation if my application is untruthful in any way. Furthermore, I understand that offers of admission are conditional, pending successful completion and verification of current academic work at a level comparable to that upon which the offer was based.

Date _____ Signature _____

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If you have not yet submitted your application fee, be sure to enclose a \$40 check (or a fee-waiver request signed by your counselor).



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