

Need-Based Financial Aid

Macalester is committed to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of every admitted student, provided that materials are submitted by the priority dates below. To apply for need-based financial aid as a Regular Decision candidate, complete the steps below. Early Decision candidates will receive special instructions and deadlines. Be sure to keep copies for your records.

Financial Aid PROFILE

Priority filing date: February 8

- Visit profileonline.collegeboard.com to complete the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid PROFILE. Include Macalester's code (6390) in the school release section. Please note that the PROFILE may be filed before 2008 tax returns are completed.
- If your biological/adoptive parents are separated or divorced, your noncustodial parent must complete the CSS Noncustodial PROFILE. If applicable, you will receive details about the Noncustodial PROFILE service as part of the PROFILE process.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Priority filing date: February 8

- File the FAFSA and include Macalester's code (002358) in the school section.
You may file the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov.
Call (800) 433-3243 to request a paper FAFSA.

Tax Returns

Priority filing date: March 1

The following tax return documents should be submitted to the College Board Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC). You will receive IDOC instructions when you complete your Financial Aid PROFILE.

- Parents' signed 2008 federal tax return (with all schedules and W2 forms).
- Student's signed 2008 federal tax return and W2 form(s). If you will not file a 2008 federal tax return, complete the IDOC non-filer statement.

Special Scholarships

Macalester offers several special scholarships that are based on academic merit rather than financial need.

All admitted students will automatically be considered for special scholarships. Scholarships are awarded for a four-year period. These scholarships become part of a financial aid package for those who qualify for need-based financial aid.

Sources for more information and descriptions of special scholarships

- macalester.edu/financialaid/merit
- The *Macalester Financial Aid Brochure*