



Financial Aid Application Instructions 2010-2011 Early Decision (U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents)

To apply for financial aid as an Early Decision candidate, complete the steps below.

1. **Indicate your intent to apply for financial aid when you complete your admission application.**
2. **College Scholarship Service Financial Aid PROFILE**
 - Visit profileonline.collegeboard.com to complete the College Scholarship Service Financial Aid PROFILE. Include Macalester's code (6390) in the school release section.
 - If you do not yet have complete 2009 tax returns, file the PROFILE with estimated figures.
3. 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 as part of the PROFILE process.
4. **Tax Returns**
 - Mail or fax a signed copy of your parents' federal tax return as shown below (with all schedules and W2 forms) directly to Macalester. Write your name at the top.
 - If you also file a federal tax return, send a signed copy and all W2 form(s) to Macalester.

| Financial Aid Form Priority Filing Dates | Early Decision I | Early Decision II |
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| Indicate intent to apply for financial aid on admission application | November 15, 2009 | January 2, 2010 |
| Financial Aid PROFILE | November 15, 2009 | January 15, 2010 |
| Noncustodial PROFILE (if applicable) | November 22, 2009 | January 22, 2010 |
| 2008 Parent Federal Tax Returns & W2 Form(s) | November 15, 2009 | January 15, 2010 |

If priority deadlines are met, responses to financial aid applications will be sent shortly after notices of admission. Students admitted under an Early Decision plan receive estimated financial aid awards, based on financial aid application materials submitted before the time of admission. Other items, which are not available until after January 1, 2010, will be required to finalize estimated financial aid packages:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
 - Include Macalester's school code (002358) in the school section.
 - You may file the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 - Paper FAFSAs may be ordered by calling 1-800-433-3243.
- Parents' 2009 Federal Income Tax Returns & W2 form(s)
- Student's 2009 Federal Income Tax Return (or non-filer statement)

More information about these requirements will be provided at the time of admission.

Visit www.macalester.edu/financialaid/apply.html for more information, including the answers to frequently asked questions about the application process.