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INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

For citizens of the United States and Canada only. International students should refer to the instructions at the bottom of the page.

To apply for financial aid, complete the steps below. Be sure to meet all deadlines. Students who do not complete the application process in a timely manner may not be considered for all types of financial aid.

Date Completed

Complete the CSS PROFILE Application.

- You must register and complete the PROFILE online at profileonline.collegeboard.com
- Include Oberlin College (code 1587) on your PROFILE registration.
- If tax returns are not yet available, complete the PROFILE application with estimated income figures.
- Complete the PROFILE application before **February 15**.

If your parents are separated or divorced, your non-custodial parent must complete the Non-Custodial Parent Statement.

- The Non-Custodial Parent Statement is required for determination of Oberlin College financial aid eligibility.
- The Non-Custodial Parent Statement, available on our web site, www.oberlin.edu/financialaid.
- Return the Non-Custodial Parent Statement by **February 15**.

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For citizens of the United States only.

- File the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or obtain a paper copy by calling 800.4FED-AID (433.3243)
- If tax returns are not yet available, complete the FAFSA with estimated income figures.
- List Oberlin College (Title IV code 003086) in the school section.
- Complete the FAFSA by **March 1**.

Send signed copies of both your and your parent(s)' federal tax returns.

- Include all W2 forms.
- Do not send state returns.
- Be sure all tax returns are signed.
- Send the tax returns on or before **April 15**.
- If either you or your parent(s) are not required to file a federal return, a non-filer statement must be completed. The statement is available on our web site, www.oberlin.edu/financialaid.

Early Decision applicants should register for the CSS PROFILE as soon as possible so that results of the PROFILE can be used to estimate financial aid eligibility. If all forms have been completed on time, financial aid awards for Early Decision applicants are sent soon after notification of admission.

Applicants for spring semester will receive special financial aid application instructions after applying for admission.

International students who wish to be considered for financial aid must indicate that on the application for admission. Upon receipt of the completed application for admission, the student will be sent the Foreign Financial Aid and Certification of Finances forms. These forms are available online at www.oberlin.edu/admissions/college/finances/international.shtml. Admissions decisions will not be made until the Foreign Financial Aid and Certification of Finances forms are received.

Notices of financial aid eligibility are sent near the end of March to students admitted for fall semester, and after December 1 to those admitted for spring semester.

Oberlin College reserves the right to shred any and all non-required materials.

Please **mail** or **fax** your documents, but do not do both.