FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST-TIME STUDENTS

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 complete the PROFILE online at cssprofile.collegeboard.org
- Include Oberlin College (code 1587) on your PROFILE registration.
- Complete the PROFILE application before **January 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 is available on our website, www.oberlin.edu/financialaid.
- Return the Non-Custodial Parent Statement by **January 15.**

_____   **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For citizens of the United States only.**
- File the FAFSA online at https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa
- 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 15.**

_____   **Send signed copies of both your and your parent(s)' federal tax returns.**
- Include all W2 forms.
- Do not send state returns.
- Be sure self-prepared tax returns are signed.
- Send the tax returns on or before **February 15.**
- If your parent(s) are not required to file a federal return, they must complete the non-filer statement.
  The statements are available on our website, www.oberlin.edu/financialaid.

Other requirements: Please submit all other forms in a timely manner once requested.

Early Decision applicants should register for the College Scholarship Service PROFILE as soon as possible so that results of the PROFILE can be used to estimate financial aid eligibility. Early Decision is binding. If you wish to receive an estimate before submitting your application, please refer to the following web page: https://www.oberlin.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/applying-aid-prospective-students/myintuition-cost-estimator

International students who wish to be considered for financial aid must indicate that on the application for admission. Students applying for financial aid must complete the CSS Profile at cssprofile.collegeboard.org along with the International Financial Declaration Form. Admissions decisions will not be made until these forms are received. If you are unable to submit the CSS Profile, we will accept the International Student Application for Financial Assistance.

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 upload your documents at https://www.oberlin.edu/financial-aid/document-upload.

Students applying to Oberlin College are asked to complete several forms and worksheets, including the CSS Profile Application, to help the institution better assess how to equitably distribute the more than $75 million in institutional financial aid provided by the college. The CSS Profile Application has no bearing on the federal assistance students receive. Students only need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if they wish to be considered for ONLY federal and state grants, loans, and/or work-study.