

## Applying to Reed

The purpose of the admission process at Reed College is to determine an applicant's preparation, motivation, and ability to participate successfully in the academic and social community at Reed. Admission decisions are based on academic achievement, verbal and quantitative skills, writing ability, qualities of character, and commitment to learning. We set no arbitrary limit on class rank, grade point average, or standardized tests.

## Required tests

All applicants for freshman and transfer admission are required to submit the results of the SAT I or the ACT. Three subject tests (SAT IIs) are optional. Applicants should take tests no later than January of the year for which they seek admission; applicants should also ask the appropriate testing agency to report the test scores directly to Reed. International students are required to submit scores from the SAT I or ACT, where available. In addition, international students are encouraged to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

## Applying as a regular freshman

**Please note:** If you have completed high school (or the equivalent) and have taken college courses *since completing*, you may be required to apply as a transfer candidate. Please refer to the section in this packet entitled "applying as a transfer."

Regular freshman applicants should submit the Common Application and application fee (\$50) no later than January 15.

Go to [http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying\\_to\\_reed/application\\_forms.html](http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying_to_reed/application_forms.html) to download the other required application forms, or find them in this packet.

**All remaining application forms must be received in the admission office before the Admission Committee will begin reviewing the application. Those whose applications are not complete by March 1 will be at a disadvantage when financial aid awards are made.**

The following items are **required** to complete the regular application for admission:

- **The Common Application first-year application form (online or in paper form)**  
To submit the application **online**, go to <http://www.commonapp.org> and follow instructions for applying to Reed. Be sure to submit all other required credentials as listed below. These forms cannot be submitted electronically. If you submit your application online, **do not** also send a paper copy.
- **Application fee (\$50)**  
To pay by credit card, go to <https://www.applyweb.com/public/register?s=reedadap>. Reed does not participate in the Common Application's fee-payment site. A check or money order should be sent to Reed College Office of Admission, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd., Portland, OR 97202-8199. Please put the student's full name on the check.  
In case of financial hardship, you may submit an **official fee waiver request** from your college counselor.

- **School report with counselor recommendation**  
Provide your school's college counseling office with this form and one of the enclosed admission envelopes. Please make sure your counselor knows that a recommendation is required.
- **High school transcript through junior year**  
Ask your school to forward an **official** copy of your high school transcript through 11th grade.
- **Mid-year report form with grades or high school transcript with mid-year grades**  
When first semester or trimester grades are available, ask your college counseling office to complete the mid-year report form **and** to send an updated transcript.
- **SAT I or ACT test scores**  
If not recorded on your official transcript, these scores must be sent to Reed by the testing agency.
- **Two teacher evaluations**  
Ask two teachers in **different** academic disciplines to write your recommendations and provide each with a teacher evaluation form and admission office envelope.
- **Reed application supplement form with essays**  
Be sure to prepare and send **all** of the following required essays:
  1. **Personal statement**  
Answer one of the essay options on the Common Application or another college's application. Remember to state the question to which you are responding on the top of the essay.  
**If you wrote a personal statement on the Common Application, you have met this requirement.** A second personal statement is optional.
  2. **"Why Reed?" essay**  
This essay is instrumental in helping the admission committee determine the match between you and Reed, so be thorough. Let us know how you first became interested in Reed and why you think Reed would be an appropriate place to continue your education.
  3. **Writing sample**  
Submit a copy of a recently written research or expository paper (in the English language) with grade or instructor's comments.

**If you are applying for financial aid**, submit the appropriate forms to the processors by January 15, 2008 (for more details, see section entitled "applying for financial aid"). You should also submit the Financial Aid Form to Reed's financial aid office, in the envelope provided, by January 15.

Admission decisions will be mailed at the end of March to candidates whose applications are complete and have been reviewed by mid-March. Those who are admitted will be expected to respond to the admission office by the uniform candidate's reply date, May 1, or two weeks after a final decision on financial aid has been sent. Admission decisions for those who complete their applications after mid-March will be mailed approximately two weeks after receipt of all application materials.

## Applying as an early decision candidate

If Reed is your first-choice college, and you are certain that you will attend Reed if admitted, then you are invited to apply as an early decision candidate. There is no early decision option for transfer students or for students who wish to enter Reed before completing a full four-year high school program. International students may apply only under option I. As an early decision applicant, you may submit regular applications to other schools but, if admitted to Reed, you will be expected to withdraw all applications to other schools, and you may not initiate any new applications. You may not apply to more than one institution as an early decision candidate.

Early decision applicants should submit the Common Application and application fee (\$50) no later than November 15 (option I) or January 2 (option II). **Be sure to note on ALL parts of your application, including the envelopes, that you are an early decision candidate.**

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**All required items must be received in the admission office before the Admission Committee will begin reviewing the application.**

The following items are **required** to complete the early decision application:

- **The Common Application first-year application form (online or in paper form)**

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- **Application fee (\$50)**

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In case of financial hardship, you may submit an **official fee waiver request** from your college counselor.
- **School report with counselor recommendation**

Provide your school's college counseling office with this form and one of the enclosed admission envelopes (mark envelope: early decision). Please make sure your counselor knows that a recommendation is required.
- **High school transcript through junior year**

Ask your school to forward an official copy of your high school transcript through 11th grade.
- **SAT I or ACT test scores**

If not recorded on your official transcript, these scores must be sent to Reed by the testing agency.
- **Two teacher evaluations**

Ask two teachers in **different** academic disciplines to write

your recommendations and provide each with a teacher evaluation form and admission office envelope (mark envelope: early decision).

- **Reed application supplement form with essays**

Be sure to prepare and send **all** of the following required essays:

1. **Personal statement**

Answer one of the essay options on the Common Application or another college's application.

Remember to state the question to which you are responding on the top of the essay.

**If you wrote a personal statement on the Common Application, you have met this requirement.** A second personal statement is optional.

2. **"Why Reed?" essay**

This essay is instrumental in helping the admission committee determine the match between you and Reed, so be thorough. Let us know how you first became interested in Reed and why you think Reed would be an appropriate place to continue your education.

3. **Writing sample**

Submit a copy of a recently written research or expository paper (in the English language) with grade or instructor's comments.

**If you are applying for financial aid**, submit the appropriate forms to the processors by the appropriate deadline (November 15 for ED I; January 2 for ED II). You should also submit the Financial Aid Form to Reed's financial aid office by the appropriate deadline (November 15 for ED I; January 2 for ED II). For more details, and information about financial aid forms, see section entitled "applying for financial aid").

The Admission Committee will admit, deny, or postpone early decision applications. If you are admitted, you will be expected to send the non-refundable enrollment deposit to the admission office by January 10 for ED I, and February 15 for ED II. Postponed applications will be reviewed again with the regular freshman applications in the spring; in such cases, all prior early decision obligations will no longer be applicable.

Interviews are recommended for those applying for early decision.

## Applying as an early admission candidate

The Admission Committee will consider applications from unusually qualified high school students who wish to enter Reed before completing high school. Please note that candidates who apply for early admission may not also apply for early decision. To be a viable early admission candidate, you should have an outstanding high school record and have exhausted the educational opportunities available to you at your high school.

Early admission candidates follow the basic application process for regular freshmen. However, the application must be accompanied by a letter from a high school counselor or principal supporting your plan to apply as an early admission candidate.

Early admission applicants should submit the Common Application and application fee (\$50) no later than January 15.

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them in this packet. Be sure to submit all other required credentials as listed below. These forms cannot be submitted electronically.

**All required items must be received in the admission office before the Admission Committee will begin reviewing the application. Those whose applications are not complete by March 1 will be at a disadvantage when financial aid awards are made.**

The following items are **required** to complete the early admission application:

- **The Common Application first-year application form (online or in paper form)**  
To submit the application online, go to <http://www.commonapp.org> and follow instructions for applying to Reed. Be sure to submit all other required credentials as listed below. These forms cannot be submitted electronically. If you submit your application online, **do not** also send a paper copy.
- **Application fee (\$50)**  
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In case of financial hardship, you may submit an **official fee waiver request** from your college counselor.
- **School report with counselor recommendation supporting your early admission to college**  
Provide your school's college counseling office with this form and one of the enclosed admission envelopes. Please make sure your counselor knows that a recommendation is required.
- **High school transcript**  
Ask your school to forward an **official** copy of your high school transcript through 10th grade.
- **Mid-year report form with grades or high school transcript with mid-year grades**  
When first semester or trimester grades are available, ask your college counseling office to complete the mid-year report form **and** to send an updated transcript.
- **SAT I or ACT test scores**  
If not recorded on your official transcript, these scores must be sent to Reed by the testing agency.
- **Two teacher evaluations**  
Ask two teachers in **different** academic disciplines to write your recommendations and provide each with a teacher evaluation form and admission office envelope.
- **Reed application supplement form with essays**  
Be sure to prepare and send all of the following required essays:
  1. **Personal statement**  
Answer one of the essay options on the Common Application or another college's application.

Remember to state the question to which you are responding on the top of the essay.

**If you wrote a personal statement on the Common Application, you have met this requirement.** A second personal statement is optional.

## 2. "Why Reed?" essay

This essay is instrumental in helping the admission committee determine the match between you and Reed, so be thorough. Let us know how you first became interested in Reed and why you think Reed would be an appropriate place to continue your education.

## 3. Writing sample

Submit a copy of a recently written research or expository paper (in the English language) with grade or instructor's comments.

Interviews are strongly recommended for those applying for early admission.

**If you are applying for financial aid**, submit the appropriate forms to the processors by January 15, 2008 (for more details, see section "applying for financial aid"). You should also submit the Financial Aid Form to Reed's financial aid office by January 15.

Early admission candidates who intend to apply for financial aid should note that federal regulations required that the student receive a high school diploma, a GED, or state certification in order to be eligible to receive federal financial aid funds.

## Applying as a home-schooled candidate

Specific guidelines for applying as a home-schooled candidates are available on the web at [http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying\\_to\\_reed/freshmen\\_special.html#homeschooled](http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying_to_reed/freshmen_special.html#homeschooled).

Home-schooled candidates who intend to apply for financial aid should note that federal regulations require that the student receive a high school diploma, a GED, or a state certification in order to be eligible to receive federal funds.

## Applying as a transfer

You are considered a transfer candidate if, by the time you would enroll at Reed, you will have completed one or more terms (such as quarter, trimester, or semester) as a full-time student at an institution of higher education, earned a minimum of six Reed units of allowable transfer credit (one Reed unit is equivalent to four semester hours or six quarter hours of credit), or received financial aid at an accredited institution of higher learning.

Transfer applicants should submit the Common Application and application fee (\$50) no later than March 1.

Go to [http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying\\_to\\_reed/application\\_forms.html](http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying_to_reed/application_forms.html) to download the other required application forms, or find them in this packet. Be sure to submit all other required credentials as listed below. These forms cannot be submitted electronically.

**All remaining application forms must be received in the admission office before the Admission Committee will begin reviewing the application. Those whose applications are not complete by April 1 will be at a disadvantage when financial aid awards are made.**

The following items are **required** to complete the **transfer** application for admission:

- **The Common Application transfer application form (online or in paper form)**

To submit the application **online**, go to <http://www.commonapp.org> and follow instructions for applying to Reed. Be sure to register as a transfer applicant at the Common Application website; doing so will ensure that you are directed to the appropriate (transfer) application. Submit all other required credentials as listed below. If you submit your application online, **do not** also send a paper copy.

- **Application fee (\$50)**

To pay by credit card go to <https://www.applyweb.com/public/register?s=reedadap>. Reed does not participate in the Common Application's fee-payment site. Send a check or money order to Reed College Office of Admission, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd., Portland, OR 97202-8199. Please put the student's full name on the check.

In case of financial hardship, you may submit an **official fee waiver request** from your college counselor.

- **College official's report**

Fill out the top portion of this form and have the dean or registrar of your current college—or most recent college if not currently enrolled—prepare the rest of this form and send it to Reed. (Do not send the school report nor the mid-year report forms; they are for first-year applicants only.)

- **Final high school transcript**

Have your high school forward an **official** copy of your high school transcript showing graduation date.

- **College transcripts**

Submit **official** copies of transcripts from all the colleges you have attended, regardless of whether you want credit at Reed for these courses.

- **SAT I or ACT test scores**

If not recorded on your official high school transcript, these scores must be sent to Reed by the testing agency. (SAT I or ACT scores are required of all transfer applicants, regardless of the number of years you have attended college, and whether or not you have earned an AA.)

- **Two instructor evaluations**

Ask two instructors to write your recommendation letters. At least one of the recommendations should come from a college-level instructor (professor, teaching assistant, teaching fellow, etc.). The teacher evaluation forms are not necessary, but the recommendation letters should be written on college (or, if applicable, high school) letterhead.

- **Reed application supplement form with essays**

Prepare and send all of the following required essays:

1. **Personal Statement**

Answer the essay prompt on the Transfer Common Application: Please reflect on your reasons for considering a transfer. Why are you transferring? Why was your most recent college not a good fit? What do you know now that you didn't know during your first college search process?

2. **"Why Reed?" essay**

This essay is instrumental in helping the admission committee determine the match between you and Reed, so be thorough. Let us know how you first became interested in Reed and why you think Reed would be an appropriate place to continue your education.

3. **Writing sample**

Submit a copy of a recently written research or expository paper (in the English language) with grade or instructor's comments.

4. **If you are not currently enrolled in college**, please

submit a brief statement addressing what you have been doing since last enrolled in formal schooling.

**If you are applying for financial aid**, submit the appropriate forms (see section "applying for financial aid") to the appropriate processors by March 1. You should also submit the Financial Aid Form to Reed's financial aid office by March 1.

Admission decisions will be mailed by May 15 to candidates whose applications are complete and have been reviewed by mid-April. Admitted students are expected to respond to the admission office two weeks after the letter of acceptance has been sent.

## Applying as an international student

As an international applicant, you should submit the Common Application and application fee (\$50 in U.S. funds) or official fee waiver request by the appropriate deadline.

Go to [http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying\\_to\\_reed/application\\_forms.html](http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying_to_reed/application_forms.html) to download the other required application forms. Be sure to submit all other required credentials as listed below. These forms cannot be submitted electronically.

**All remaining items must be received in the admission office before the Admission Committee will begin reviewing the application.**

The following items are **required of international students** to complete the application for admission:

- **The Common Application first-year application form (online or in paper form). If applying as a transfer, complete the Common Application transfer application form and follow requirements listed under "applying as a transfer."**

To submit the application **online**, go to <http://www.commonapp.org> and follow instructions for applying to Reed. If you submit your application online, **do not** also send a paper copy.

- **Application fee (\$50)**

To pay by credit card go to <https://www.applyweb.com/public/register?s=reedadap>. Reed does not participate in the Common Application's fee-payment site. To pay by check or money order, send to Reed College Office of Admission, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd., Portland, OR 97202-8199. Please put the student's full name on the check.

In case of financial hardship, you may submit an **official fee waiver request** from your college counselor.

- **School report with counselor recommendation**

Provide your school's college counseling office with this form and one of the enclosed admission envelopes. Please make sure your counselor knows that a recommendation is required. If your school does not have a position equivalent to a college counselor, please contact the admission office to discuss your options.

- **Secondary school transcripts**

For proper evaluation the Admission Committee requires full, **official** secondary school transcripts and college or university records, if any. This includes a description of the courses taken and a statement of grades or evaluations for each course.

- **SAT I or ACT test scores**

If not recorded on your official transcript, these scores must be sent to Reed by the testing agency. TOEFL or IELTS and SATII test scores are recommended, but not required.

- **Two teacher evaluations**

Request two teachers in **different** academic disciplines to write your recommendations and provide each with a teacher evaluation form and admission office envelope.

- **Reed application supplement form with essays**

Be sure to prepare and send **all** of the following required essays:

1. **Personal Statement**

Answer one of the essay options on the Common Application or another college's application. Remember to state the question to which you are responding on the top of the essay. **If you wrote a personal statement on the Common Application, you have met this requirement.** You may submit a second personal statement if you choose.

2. **"Why Reed?" essay**

This essay is instrumental in helping the admission committee determine the match between you and Reed, so be thorough. Let us know how you first became interested in Reed and why Reed would be an appropriate place to continue your education.

**If you are applying for financial aid**, submit the following forms directly to the financial aid office in the envelope provided with this application:

- **Reed financial aid form**
- **International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA)**

Canadian students should submit the CSS Profile but not the ISFAA.

**If you are a U.S. Permanent Resident**, you must submit a photocopy of your Alien Registration (green card) with your application to Reed. Non-U.S. citizens or non-permanent residents applying for financial aid are not eligible to apply early decision II.

If admitted to Reed, international citizens must submit the Certification of Finances form, from which the I-20 (student visa) document will be prepared. The I-20 cannot be prepared until a student has been admitted and has paid the enrollment deposit.

## Reapplying to Reed

Please note that you are allowed to reapply only once.

Students who applied to Reed previously, and who did not subsequently attend the college, may reapply for a later year. The admission office keeps applications on file for two years. The college requires that students who were not initially admitted to Reed complete—or be working toward—a full year of solid academic coursework elsewhere before reapplying.

A student applying for financial aid should note that reapplying does not guarantee a financial aid award for the semester the student enrolls at Reed; the application process must be completed annually to determine eligibility for financial aid.

Reapplying students should apply either as a freshman or a transfer. To determine if you should apply as a transfer student, please see the section entitled "applying as a transfer." If you have any questions, please contact the admission office.

## Reapplying as a freshman

Freshman applicants who are reapplying to Reed should submit the Common Application and application fee (\$50) no later than January 15 (unless they are applying early decision, in which case they should follow ED deadlines).

Go to [http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying\\_to\\_reed/application\\_forms.html](http://www.reed.edu/apply/applying_to_reed/application_forms.html) to download the other required application forms, or find them in this packet. Be sure to submit all other required credentials as listed below. These forms cannot be submitted electronically.

**All remaining application forms must be received in the admission office before the Admission Committee will begin reviewing the application. Those whose applications are not complete by March 1 will be at a disadvantage when financial aid awards are made.**

The following items are **required** to complete the re-application for first-year admission:

- **The Common Application first-year application form (online or in paper form)**

To submit the application **online**, go to <http://www.commonapp.org> and follow instructions for applying to Reed. Be sure to submit all other required credentials as listed below. If you submit your application online, **do not** also send a paper copy.

- **Application fee (\$50)**

To pay by credit card go to <https://www.applyweb.com/public/register?s=reedadap>. Reed does not participate in the Common Application's fee-payment site. To pay by check or money order, send to Reed College Office of Admission, 3203 SE Woodstock Blvd., Portland, OR 97202-8199. Please put the student's full name on the check.

In case of financial hardship, you may submit an **official fee waiver request** from your college counselor.

- **School Report with counselor recommendation**

Provide your school's college counseling office with this form and one of the enclosed admission envelopes. Please make sure your counselor knows that a recommendation is required.

- **Final high school transcript**

Ask your school to forward an **official** copy of your high school transcript showing date of graduation.

- **College transcript/s**

Provide **official** transcripts of any coursework you've taken after high school graduation or after earning your GED.

- **Additional teacher recommendation**

Ask one teacher to write a recommendation (to be added to the two you submitted previously); provide the teacher with a teacher evaluation form and admission office envelope.

- **Reed reapply supplement form with essays (do not send the regular Reed application supplement)**

- **Be sure to prepare and send all of the following required essays:**

1. **Personal statement**

Answer one of the essay options on the Common Application, or answer any question from another college's application. Please state the question or prompt you are answering on the same page as your essay. **If you wrote a personal statement on the Common Application, you have met this requirement.** You may submit a second personal statement if you choose.

2. **"Why Reed?" essay**

This essay is instrumental in helping the admission committee determine the match between you and Reed, so be thorough. Let us know how you first became interested in Reed and why you think Reed would be an appropriate place to continue your education. (We know you answered this question the first time you applied; however, we are interested in hearing your current perspective on why you continue to believe that Reed will be an appropriate place—academically and socially—for you to continue your education.)

3. **Writing sample**

Submit a copy of a recently written research or expository paper (in the English language) with grade or instructor's comments.

4. **If you have not been enrolled full time in school, submit a statement addressing what you have been doing since you last applied to Reed.**

**If you are applying for financial aid**, submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile to the appropriate processors by January 15, 2008. You should also submit the Financial Aid Form to Reed's financial aid office by January 15.

Admission decisions will be mailed at the end of March to candidates whose applications are complete and have been reviewed by mid-March. Those who are admitted will be expected to respond to the office of admission by the uniform candidate's reply date, May 1, or two weeks after a final decision on financial aid has been sent. Admission decisions for those who complete their applications after mid-March will be mailed approximately two weeks after receipt of all application materials in the admission office.

## Reapplying as a transfer

Transfer applicants who are reapplying to Reed should submit the Common Application and application fee (\$50) no later than March 1.

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**All remaining application forms must be received in the admission office before the Admission Committee will begin reviewing the application. Those whose applications are not complete by April 1 will be at a disadvantage when financial aid awards are made.**

The following items are required to complete the re-application for transfer admission:

- **The Common Application transfer application form (online or in paper form)**

To submit the application **online**, go to <http://www.commonapp.org> and follow instructions for applying to Reed. Be sure to register as a transfer applicant at the Common Application website; doing so will ensure that you are directed to the appropriate (transfer) application. If you submit your application online, do not also send a paper copy.

- **Application fee (\$50)**

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In case of financial hardship, you may submit an **official fee waiver request** from your college counselor.

- **College official's report**

Fill out the top portion of this form and have the dean or registrar of your current college—or most recent college if not currently enrolled—prepare the rest of this form and send it to Reed. (Do not send the school report nor the mid-year report forms; they are for first-year applicants only.)

- **Final high school transcript**

Have your high school forward an **official** copy of your high school transcript showing date of graduation.

- **College transcripts**

Submit **official** copies of transcripts of any coursework you've taken after high school or after earning your GED, regardless of whether you want credit at Reed for these courses.

- **One professor or college-level instructor recommendation**

This recommendation should come from a college-level instructor (professor, teaching assistant, teaching fellow, etc.) The teacher evaluation forms are not necessary, but the recommendation letter should be written on college letterhead.

- **Reed reapply supplement form with essays (do not send the regular Reed application supplement)**

- **Be sure to prepare and send all of the following required essays:**

**1. Personal Statement**

Answer the essay prompt on the Transfer Common Application: Please reflect on your reasons for considering a transfer. Why are you transferring? Why was your most recent college not a good fit? What do you know now that you didn't know during your first college search process?

**2. "Why Reed?" essay**

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**3. Writing sample**

Submit a copy of a recently written research or expository paper (in the English language) with grade or instructor's comments.

- 4. If you are not currently enrolled in college,** please submit a brief statement addressing what you have been doing since last enrolled in formal schooling.

**If you are applying for financial aid,** submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile to the appropriate processors by March 1, 2008. You should also submit Reed's Financial Aid Form to the financial aid office by March 1, 2008.

Admission decisions will be mailed by May 15 to candidates whose applications are complete and have been reviewed by mid-April. Admitted students are expected to respond to the admission office two weeks after the letter of acceptance has been sent.

## Application fee

The application fee is \$50. Payment of the application fee may be made by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or by personal check or money order. To pay the fee by credit card, go online to the secure website <https://www.applyweb.com/public/register?s=reedadap> or complete the application fee form and submit it to the admission office for processing. Reed does not participate in the Common Application fee-payment website.

We will consider a fee waiver request in cases where the application fee poses a financial hardship. Such requests must be supported by the College Scholarship Service (CSS) waiver request form or by a letter from your college counselor indicating financial hardship.

## Late applications

Students should make every effort to submit the application by the published deadline. Under special circumstances, the Admission Committee will consider applications submitted after the deadlines. Any student wanting to submit a late application should call the admission office to discuss the request.

## Deferrals

If admitted, you may request to defer your enrollment for one academic year. Deferral requests should be directed to the dean of admission by the appropriate reply date, and must be accompanied by the non-refundable enrollment deposit. If your request for deferral is approved, the deposit will reserve a place in the desired entering class and will be applied toward your first semester's tuition. During the deferral year, you must agree not to enroll as a full-time student at another college or university, and you must not initiate any new applications to other colleges or universities. If your request for deferral is not granted, Reed will return your deposit and note procedures for reapplying at a later date. **Please write or call the financial aid office if you have applied for assistance and are considering deferral.**

## Financial aid

Reed adheres to a policy of awarding financial assistance to students according to financial need as determined by an analysis of the information submitted on several forms.

**U. S. citizens** applying for aid must submit three forms: the Reed Financial Aid Form (found in this packet or online at <http://web.reed.edu/financialaid/forms.html>), the FAFSA, and the CSS PROFILE, as well as parent and student income tax returns (including all schedules and W-2 and 1099 statements).

The FAFSA is available at most high schools and colleges and online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). CSS PROFILE registration materials are available online at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>. The Reed College code for the FAFSA is 003217; The Reed College code for the PROFILE is 4654.

**International students** applying for financial aid must submit three forms: the Reed Financial Aid Form (found in this packet), the International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA), and the Certification of Finances form, all of which are also available online at <http://www.reed.edu/financialaid/forms.html>. International students do not submit the FAFSA.

**Canadian students** applying for aid must submit two forms: the Reed Financial Aid Form (found in this packet) and the CSS PROFILE. CSS PROFILE registration materials are available online at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com/index.jsp>.

Early admission, home-schooled, and other candidates who do not have a high school diploma should note that a GED is required to be eligible for federal financial assistance.

If you have questions, you may reach Reed's financial aid office at 503/777-7223 or 800/547-4750; the email address is [financial.aid@reed.edu](mailto:financial.aid@reed.edu).