

Application for First-Year Need-Based Financial Aid, Instructions for 2012-13

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Important: If you do not apply for aid prior to admission and by the published deadlines, you will not be eligible for Smith College grant aid until you complete 64 credits at Smith. You must have a financial aid application (PROFILE or FAFSA) on file by the deadline. Applicants who have financial need, as calculated by Smith College, and who submit the required documents on time will be eligible for Smith need-based financial aid.

- ▶ This policy does not apply to students who applied for need-based aid by the deadline but were determined to be ineligible.
- ▶ Exceptions to this policy will be considered only if you have a documented family emergency or a drastic change in family circumstances.
- ▶ Students who postpone their enrollment must apply for financial aid by the published deadlines at the time they initially apply for admission.

Be sure to observe filing deadlines by allowing enough time for mailing and processing of documents. Deadlines refer to receipt of the forms. If you have problems that might delay your application or questions about forms and procedures, contact us before the deadline by e-mail, phone or mail so we can work with you.

Complete all required forms clearly with the most accurate information available to you, even if you must estimate. If you file with estimated data, make sure that your figures are realistic and as accurate as possible. The student's name and Smith-assigned ID number should

appear on all forms and correspondence.

Consult the Smith College publication *Investing in a Smith Education* for details on the determination of need and the awarding of need-based grants, loans and work study. Smith meets the full calculated financial need of eligible students whose files are complete by the appropriate deadline.

Required of All Applicants

See reverse side for deadline and document submission requirements, which vary for Early Decision and Regular Decision applicants.

CSS 2012-13 PROFILE Form

- Register for a customized PROFILE application at www.collegeboard.com or by calling the toll free registration line at 1-800-778-6888.
- List Smith College, CSS code 3762, during the registration process.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid, 2012-13 (FAFSA)

- All applicants must complete the 2012-13 FAFSA *after* January 1, 2012. We suggest that you file the FAFSA by January 31, 2012.
- List the Smith College federal code, 002209, during the application process.
- File the 2012-13 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Federal 2011 Income Tax Returns
Regular Decision (not Early Decision) applicants must submit required documents to the College Board's Imaging and Documentation Service (IDOC) for processing. You will receive instructions from the College

Board as to which documents to submit once you have completed the CSS Profile. Please do not submit duplicate documents to both IDOC and Smith College directly, as this will delay the processing of awards. Early Decision applicants will send required supporting documents to Student Financial Services at Smith College.

- Submit signed copies of all 2011 federal income tax returns for your parents and their spouses/partners. Include all pages and schedules.
- Submit copies of all W-2 forms for your parents and their spouses/partners.
- If your parents or their spouses/partners are not required to file a 2011 federal tax return, they must submit an IRS nonfiler's statement. This form is available on our Web site at www.smith.edu/finaid.
- Submit a signed copy of your (student) 2011 federal income tax return including all pages and schedules.
- If you are not required to file a 2011 federal tax return, submit an IRS nonfiler statement. This form is available on our Web site at www.smith.edu/finaid.

Smith Aid Application for Traditional Students

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Required if Appropriate

CSS Noncustodial Parent Profile
If your parents are divorced or separated or were never married, both must provide financial information. The parent with whom you live should complete the PROFILE

and FAFSA forms. Your other parent (noncustodial) should complete the CSS Noncustodial Parent Profile and submit it to College Board along with a signed copy of his/her most recent federal tax return (including all schedules and W-2 forms), as well as the federal tax returns and W-2s of his/her spouse/partner. This form is available at <https://ncprofile.collegeboard.com>.

Business/Farm Tax Returns

If your family participates (actively or passively) in a business (sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation) you must submit the tax returns for that entity.

- If the business is a corporation or partnership, attach copies of the most recent business tax returns (IRS 1065; IRS 1120; IRS 1120S; IRS K-1).
- Sole proprietors and farmers must include IRS Schedules C and/or F of their most recent IRS returns.

Trust Information Form

If you or your parents are beneficiaries of a trust, you must complete a trust information form, available on our Web site at www.smith.edu/finaid.

Transfer and international students have special financial aid requirements. Please visit our Web site at www.smith.edu/finaid and follow the links that pertain to your status.

Financial Aid Deadlines

Required Documents	Early Decision I Deadline*	Early Decision II Deadline*	Send to	Regular Decision Deadline*	Send to
PROFILE (Smith College CSS code 3762)	November 15	January 2	College Scholarship Service (CSS) Available online at www.collegeboard.com	February 15	College Scholarship Service (CSS) Available online at www.collegeboard.com
FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (Smith College federal code 002209)	February 15	February 15	Address appears on printed form. Available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov	February 15	Address appears on printed form. Available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov
Smith Aid Application for Traditional Students	November 15	January 2	Smith College Student Financial Services	February 15	College Board (IDOC) (Instructions to follow from the College Board once PROFILE is submitted)
Signed copies of parent's complete federal tax returns for 2010, including W-2s and all schedules**	November 15	January 2	Smith College Student Financial Services	(not applicable)	(not applicable)
2011 parent W-2s**	February 15	February 15	Smith College Student Financial Services	February 15	College Board (IDOC) (Instructions to follow from the College Board once PROFILE is submitted)
Signed copies of complete federal tax returns for 2011, including all schedules (parent and student)**	April 15	April 15	Smith College Student Financial Services	February 15 (priority deadline)*** April 1 (final deadline)	College Board (IDOC) (Instructions to follow from the College Board once PROFILE is submitted)
Business/Farm tax returns, if appropriate	November 15	January 2	Smith College Student Financial Services	February 15	College Board (IDOC) (Instructions to follow from the College Board once PROFILE is submitted)
Noncustodial Parent Profile, tax returns and W-2s, if appropriate**	November 15	January 2	Smith College Student Financial Services	February 15	College Board (IDOC) (Instructions to follow from the College Board once PROFILE is submitted)

* The deadlines refer to the dates by which the forms should be received. Please be sure to allow time for mailing and processing.

** Divorced or separated parents must also submit copies of their current spouse's or partner's tax returns and W-2s, if applicable.

*** Applicants who submit completed financial aid application materials by February 15 are guaranteed to receive their financial aid eligibility notice with their admission packets. Applicants who complete their applications after the priority deadline will receive notification as soon as possible once all financial aid requirements are complete.

- ▶ Retain a copy of all documents you submit.
- ▶ Please be sure all required signatures are on all forms, including federal tax returns.
- ▶ Please print applicant name and Smith-assigned ID number on all documents sent to Student Financial Services.
- ▶ We suggest that you file forms well in advance of published deadlines.

Student Financial Services (Financial Aid)

Web site: www.smith.edu/finaid. This site includes replies to frequently asked questions for prospective and newly enrolled students and up-to-date information about deadlines, forms and student employment. Links to other resources help you access a wide variety of information about education financing.

E-mail: sfs@smith.edu. This is a great way to contact the Student Financial Services staff—no busy signals, no voice mail, and you can write anytime.

Telephone: (413) 585-2530; toll-free (800) 221-2579
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time

Fax: (413) 585-2566

Write: Student Financial Services
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