
THE COLLEGE OF
WOOSTER

The Application

We welcome your application to The College of Wooster. The questions which follow are designed to give you an opportunity to share with us some of yourself: your academic and extracurricular achievements, goals and ideas. We hope to know you as an individual, and want to be able to make an admissions decision that is both fair and thoughtful. To that end, please read the instructions carefully and answer all questions as fully as possible. Please print neatly in ink or type the application form. Wooster's Application for Admission is the Common Application. If you would like to submit your application to Wooster and any of the 232 colleges who participate in the Common Application program, you may make photocopies of the enclosed forms. **The easiest way to apply to Wooster is online. Access Wooster's Web site at <http://www.wooster.edu/admissions>.**

If you are admitted to The College of Wooster, you should understand that you are bound by the provisions of the Code of Academic Integrity, a copy of which may be found in the *College Catalogue* (www.wooster.edu/admissions/catalogue). Any questions about the admissions process should be directed to the Office of Admissions, The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio 44691-2363. Toll-free: 800-877-9905, FAX: 330-263-2621, E-mail: admissions@wooster.edu.

Early Decision

Students who decide early in their senior year that Wooster is their clear first choice should consider one of the College's Early Decision options. Early Decision candidates should take the SAT or ACT by November of their senior year and have their scores sent to Wooster. *Early Decision Option I* candidates should submit their applications no later than December 1. Notification of acceptance is made by December 15. *Early Decision Option II* candidates should submit their applications no later than January 15. Notification of acceptance is made by February 1.

The Early Decision options are considered binding, and candidates who choose to apply Early Decision are expected to enroll at Wooster if they are accepted. They may submit Regular Decision applications to other colleges and universities, but must withdraw those applications if they are accepted at Wooster.

Tentative financial aid awards will be made shortly after offers of admission to Early Decision applicants who complete the CSS Financial Aid PROFILE for Wooster. Further information about PROFILE may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid (1-800-877-3688). Early Decision applicants should also complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1.

Regular Admission

Students who choose this option may apply any time before February 15. *Students who would like to be considered for the College Scholar Awards should submit their application no later than December 13. Students who wish to be considered for the Clarence Beecher Allen Awards should submit their application for admission no later than January 1.* Candidates are notified of the admission decision by April 1. Anyone wishing to apply after February 15 may do so but priority for admission and financial assistance will be given to those applicants who meet the deadline. If you are accepted and plan to enroll at Wooster, you must submit a non-refundable tuition deposit by May 1.

Transfer Admission

The College of Wooster welcomes applications from students who wish to transfer from two-year or four-year institutions. Transfer students are admitted for the Fall or Spring Term, depending upon the needs of the applicant and available space at the College. The deadlines for transfer applications are **June 1** for the Fall Term and **December 1** for the Spring Term. Please see the *College Catalogue* (www.wooster.edu/admissions/catalogue) for a complete description of the policies regarding transfer of credit.

School Report and Teacher Evaluation Forms

Please complete the information at the top of the School Report and the Teacher Evaluation forms before giving them to your counselor and teachers. The teachers who write your evaluations should have taught you in an *academic class* in your *junior or senior year*. Your counselor and teachers should return the information to the Office of Admissions, The College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio 44691-2363. An official high school transcript should accompany the School Report.

Admission Tests

You are required to submit a report of your scores on either the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) or the Assessment of the American College Testing (ACT) Program. Please have the scores sent directly from the testing service or be certain your test results are officially reported on your secondary school transcript. Wooster does not require SAT II subject tests, but we welcome test results as they are often helpful in the evaluation process.

The CEEB code for The College of Wooster is **1134**; the ACT code for Wooster is **3260**.

The Essay

The required essay is an important part of the application. Essays are read carefully for content, mechanics, grammar and style. The essay allows the admissions staff to come to know you as an individual, and gives you an opportunity to share information with us that may not be evident through other parts of the application. Please neatly print or type your essay; you may attach extra pages if necessary.

The Application Supplement

Please complete the Application Supplement so we can learn more about you. This should be sent to the Office of Admissions with your application. If you submit your application electronically, you may access the Application Supplement from Wooster's Web site at <http://www.wooster.edu/admissions>.

Other Recommendations and Materials

We welcome any additional information or materials which you would like to share with the Office of Admissions. Additional letters of recommendation are helpful when they come from someone who has had significant interaction with you outside of school. For example, if you regularly volunteer for work in the community, you might want to include a letter from your supervisor or coordinator. Materials such as slides of art work and recordings of musical performances are also welcome and will be shared with faculty members in the appropriate areas. **NOTE:** A written request must accompany the materials if you would like them returned to you.

Application Fee

All applications must be accompanied by a non-refundable \$40 application fee. Your check or money order should be made payable to The College of Wooster. If this fee presents a financial hardship, please have your guidance counselor submit an official College Board fee waiver, or a letter requesting a fee waiver, on your behalf.

Financial Aid

All applicants for need-based financial aid must complete two aid applications:

- the 2003-2004 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); **and**
- **either** the CSS Financial Aid PROFILE
- **or** the Wooster Aid Application enclosed within.

The CSS Financial Aid PROFILE must be used by **Early Decision** candidates. **Regular Decision** candidates who would like an early estimate of their aid eligibility should use the CSS PROFILE. All other **Regular Decision** candidates should use the Wooster Aid Application.

Applicants for Spring Semester 2003 admission please note: If you wish to apply for need-based financial aid, you must complete the 2003-2004 FAFSA **and** either the Wooster Aid Application or the CSS Financial Aid PROFILE.

Applicants will be informed of merit scholarship competition results and need-based aid awards shortly after they are offered admission. All need-based aid awards are tentative pending submission of required documentation.

Questions about need-based financial aid should be addressed to the Office of Financial Aid, The College of Wooster, Wooster, OH 44691-2363. Toll free: 800/877-3688, FAX 330/263-2634.

Campus Visits

We encourage all prospective students to visit the campus as part of the application process. Students and their families may have a tour of the campus and its facilities; an interview with an admissions officer will give us an opportunity to know you better and to respond to your questions about Wooster. You may also attend a class, eat in the dining halls, and perhaps attend a cultural or athletic event on campus.

To schedule a campus visit, please call the Office of Admissions toll free at 1-800-877-9905. We are open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. until noon on Saturdays (during the academic year). Seniors who wish to do so may spend one night on campus while the College is in session except during exam weeks and College holidays; two weeks notice is required to arrange an overnight stay. Detailed information about accommodations, airport transportation and the Wooster area is available from the Office of Admissions.