

## THE PROCESS

# Applying to Wellesley College



- The following explains your choices of decision plans, categories of candidates, and options for applying to Wellesley
- Please note the application fee is waived if you apply online.
- For more information about this application or other aspects of the admission process, you may contact:

### Board of Admission

Wellesley College  
106 Central Street  
Wellesley, MA 02481-8203

tel: (781) 283-2270  
fax: (781) 283-3678  
e-mail: [admission@wellesley.edu](mailto:admission@wellesley.edu)  
web: [www.wellesley.edu/Admission](http://www.wellesley.edu/Admission)

### Office of Student Financial Services

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web: [www.wellesley.edu/SFS](http://www.wellesley.edu/SFS)

## Decision Plans

- You must indicate your decision plan by checking the appropriate box on the application and on all other forms where requested.
- To learn more about Wellesley's decision plans, please visit our website at: [www.wellesley.edu/admission/faq.html](http://www.wellesley.edu/admission/faq.html).

### Early Decision (ED)

Application postmark deadline: November 1  
Supporting materials must be received  
by November 1

Early Decision is a binding decision plan for strong students who decide that Wellesley is their first choice. Early Decision candidates must apply by November 1 of their senior year. By mid-December, Wellesley informs the ED applicant of the admission and financial aid decisions.

### Early Evaluation (EE)

Application postmark deadline: January 1  
Supporting materials must be received  
by January 1

Early Evaluation is a nonbinding decision plan under which students get an early indication of their chances for admission. At the end of February, students who apply under the EE decision plan receive a letter which lists their chances for admission as "likely," "possible," or "unlikely." All supporting materials must be received by January 1. EE notifications are

sent to these applicants by the end of February; applicants receive their final admission and financial aid decisions from the Board of Admission in April.

### Regular Decision

Application postmark deadline: January 15  
Supporting materials must be received  
by January 15

Candidates under this plan will receive their admission and financial aid decisions in the same mailing in April.

## Candidates

### Accelerating Candidates

Accelerating candidates are candidates who leave high school after 11th grade. Students under this plan are considered for admission along with candidates for Regular Decision. Their records must demonstrate sufficient academic and personal maturity to compete successfully. An interview is required of these applicants, and they are not eligible for the ED or EE decision plans.

### International Candidates (non-U.S.

citizens; not permanent residents of the U.S.)  
Financial aid is available for only a limited number of international citizens. Therefore, admission is highly competitive for students applying for financial assistance. Wellesley will

only accept those students for whom we can provide the necessary financial support, if needed.

- International students who plan to compete for financial aid are eligible to apply only under the Regular Decision plan (postmark deadline: January 15).
- International students **not** applying for financial aid are eligible to apply under the additional decision plans listed above.
- International candidates must complete the Wellesley College Supplemental Form and the Additional Form for Students Applying from Outside the U.S. International candidates need to write one essay only. See the form Essay for Students Applying from Outside the U.S.

### Transfer Candidates

Transfer applicants must have completed at least one year of college-level work in the U.S. Only incoming sophomores and juniors are eligible to apply. All transfer students must complete 16 units (64 semester hours) at Wellesley. Financial aid is available to transfer applicants.

### An interview is required of all transfer applicants.

Spring Term applicants have a November 15 postmark deadline with notification in mid-December; Fall Term applicants have a February 10 postmark deadline with notification in April. See instructions and Additional Form for Transfer Applicants.

## Online Applications

- To apply to Wellesley electronically or to download an application, visit our website at: [www.wellesley.edu/admission/application](http://www.wellesley.edu/admission/application) or the Common Application website at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org).
- We must receive your online application by or on the postmark deadline. The application fee is waived if you apply online.

## INSTRUCTIONS

# First-Year Application



- **The Wellesley College Supplemental Form is required of all applicants.** It is **not** a pre-application.
- Wellesley College accepts the Common Application.
- The Supplemental Form for Students Applying from Outside the U.S. is required of all those applying from outside the U.S.
- **To be considered for need-based financial aid, you must submit the Financial Aid Application by the stated deadline for the appropriate decision plan.**
- Please designate under which plan you wish to apply on each section of the application.

## Required Credentials

### 1. Common Application

Complete the Common Application and the Wellesley College Supplemental Form. If mailing your application, send it with an application fee of \$50 (drawn on a U.S. bank; payable to Wellesley College) to Board of Admission, Wellesley College, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481-8203. An applicant requesting an application fee waiver should enclose documentation from her guidance counselor. **Please note the application fee is waived if you apply online.**

### 2. Teacher Evaluations

Wellesley requires two academic teacher recommendations. Please photocopy or download and print the Recommendation Forms, **write the due date on each form** (depending on your decision plan), and give one to each teacher to complete and mail.

### 3. Counselor Report

Ask your counselor to complete the School Report Form and to include an official high school transcript and school profile. The Midyear Report Form should be sent to Wellesley **as soon as midyear grades are available.**

### 4. Standardized Test Scores

The Scholastic Assessment Tests (SAT I and three SAT II tests) or the American College Test (ACT) are required of **all** first-year applicants. See the schedule of latest possible testing dates on the inside back cover. One of the three SAT II Tests must be the SAT II: Writing Test. All applicants must request that the official score reports be sent to Wellesley College. You may either list Wellesley on the test registration form or ask your guidance counselor for an additional Report Request Form. Wellesley SAT school code # is 3957. Wellesley ACT school code # is 1926.

### For Students for whom English is a Second Language

The TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the ELPT (SAT II: English Language Proficiency Test) is strongly recommended for all students for whom English is not their first language and who have been studying in English for less than five years. Indicate the date you took/will take the exam; all exams must be taken by the January 15 application deadline.

### For Accelerating Candidates

An interview is required. The deadline to request an interview is December 15.

### For Students Applying from Outside the U.S.

Students applying from outside the U.S. should also complete the Students Applying from Outside the U.S. form as part of the application for admission.

## Financial Aid Applicants

- For applicants who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents, the admission process is “need-blind” – students are selected without regard to their ability to pay the cost of a Wellesley education.
- However, for international citizens, financial aid is limited. The College policy is to admit only those international students for whom we can provide financial support, if needed.
- For financial aid instructions and forms for U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and international citizens, visit our website at [www.wellesley.edu/SFS](http://www.wellesley.edu/SFS).
- If you have questions regarding the financial aid process, please contact the Office of Student Financial Services at: (781) 283-2360 or e-mail: [finaid@wellesley.edu](mailto:finaid@wellesley.edu).

## Optional Credentials

### • Interview

Wellesley does not require but strongly recommends an interview for first-year applicants. To arrange an interview on campus, please call (781) 283-2270 no later than two weeks before the application deadline. If you have not had an on-campus interview and would like to request an off-campus interview with an alumna representative, you may do so online at [www.wellesley.edu/Admission/form6](http://www.wellesley.edu/Admission/form6). You need not have applied to request an interview. Off-campus interviews are viewed equally to those conducted on campus. The lack of an interview will not affect your application if you are a first-year applicant.

### • Additional Essay Topic

In addition to the five Personal Statement topics offered on the Common Application, Wellesley invites you to consider a sixth option as one of your choices (please submit only **one** essay): “Wellesley is a small, residential college with a

diverse population. Share with us an experience that illustrates what it means to you to join a multicultural community in which you are living with people from many different backgrounds.”

### • Arts Background Supplement

Candidates are welcome to submit high quality audiotapes/CDs of music performances or art on 35mm slides. The material will be evaluated by the appropriate department and will not be returned to the applicant. Videos will not be reviewed. Refer to the Arts Background Supplement when submitting your materials.

### • Athletic Resume

If you are interested in athletics, you may complete the Athletic Background Card on the back inside cover of the Wellesley viewbook or online at [www.wellesley.edu/Admission/form7](http://www.wellesley.edu/Admission/form7). You may also submit an athletic resume. Send to: Director of Athletics, Wellesley College, Keohane Sports Center, 106 Central Street, Wellesley, MA 02481-8203.