

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

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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.

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 or the Common Application website at 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

Transfer Applicants



- If you are applying as a transfer student, check off the transfer box on the Supplemental Form.

Required Credentials

1. Common Application

Complete the Common Application and the Wellesley College Supplemental Form and send them with an application fee of \$50 (drawn on a U.S. bank; payable to Wellesley College).

Please note the application fee is waived if you apply online. An applicant requesting an application fee waiver should enclose documentation from a financial aid officer or college dean.

2. Transfer Application Supplement

Complete the Supplemental Form for Transfer Applicants, which includes a listing of courses currently in progress, a transfer statement, and an essay.

3. Official Test Scores

Have official SAT I or ACT scores sent directly to Wellesley; SAT II tests are not required of transfers, but are strongly recommended. It is the student's responsibility to request that the appropriate testing agency send her scores to Wellesley.

4. Official College Transcript(s)

Arrange for each college attended to send

copies of Official College Transcripts directly to the Office of Admission. Student copies are not acceptable.

5. Official Secondary School Transcript

This official transcript should be sent directly from the high school with seal or stamp affixed.

6. School Report Form

Deans/academic advisors should use the School Report Form in the Common Application to provide comments and/or a recommendation. While some of the information requested on this form may not be relevant to current college students (class rank, difficulty of course selections), it should serve as a starting point for the dean or academic advisor who writes this recommendation.

7. Two Recommendations

Please provide two recommendations from college academic instructors.

8. Course Catalog(s)

Please send complete course catalogs from each college attended. They should contain

descriptions of all courses taken for which you would like to request transfer of credit.

9. Interview

An interview is required of all transfer applicants, either on campus or with an alumna in your area. For an on-campus interview, call the Office of Admission at (781) 283-2270 no later than two weeks before the application deadline. You may request an off-campus interview online at www.wellesley.edu/Admission/form6.

Financial Aid Applicants

Financial aid is available to transfer students. The admission process is need-blind for U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Transfers applying for financial aid must file the following forms:

- Wellesley College Application for Financial Aid
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- CSS Financial Aid Profile from the College Scholarship Service. Register online at www.collegeboard.com.

Notification of Candidates

Applicants for entrance in September (Fall Term) will be notified of the Board of Admission's decision in April. Applicants for entrance in February (Spring Term) will be notified in mid-December.

Credit Evaluation Guidelines

Wellesley does not automatically grant credit for courses taken at other colleges. Each candidate's record is evaluated in terms of Wellesley's degree requirements and according to the accreditation of the institutions involved. Credit is given only for those courses which are comparable to courses offered in the liberal arts curriculum at Wellesley. A tentative evaluation concerning the transfer of credits will be made by the Registrar at the time of the offer of admission.

Students over 24 years old: If you are 24 years of age or older, you should apply through the Elisabeth Kaiser Davis Degree Program for nontraditional-age students. Please call the Office of Admission at (781) 283-2270 to request the appropriate application form.

International Students: Wellesley admits transfer students from U.S. colleges and universities only. Any student who wishes to apply from an international college or university must apply as a first-year student, not as a transfer student. Please refer to the application instructions for information on international admission and financial aid.

Previous Applicants: If you have previously applied to Wellesley, you must submit a new application, including a final high school transcript and an application fee of \$50 (unless you apply online).

TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Dates to Remember

Spring Term	Fall Term	Admission Deadlines
Oct. 27	Jan. 19	• Interview Request Deadline
June & Nov.	Dec. & Jan.	• Last possible Test Dates
Nov. 15	Feb. 10	• Application Postmark Deadline Common Application Wellesley Transfer Supplement \$50 Application Fee (waived if you apply online)
		• Instructors' Recommendations • Dean's Report for Transfers • College Transcript • Course Catalog • Secondary School Transcript
mid-Dec.	April	• Notification from Wellesley College
Jan. 5	May 15	• Candidates' Reply Date (deposit due)

Spring Term	Fall Term	Financial Aid Deadlines
Oct. 15	Jan. 10	• CSS Profile Registration: <i>2004-05 for Spring Term</i> <i>2005-06 for Fall Term</i>
Nov. 15	Feb. 10	• Wellesley Financial Aid Application • 2003 Federal Income Tax Returns + W-2s • CSS Profile Form: <i>2004-05 for Spring Term</i> <i>2005-06 for Fall Term</i>
	May 1	• FAFSA: <i>2004-05 for Spring Term</i> <i>2005-06 for Fall Term</i> • 2004 W-2s: <i>for Fall Term only</i> • 2004 Federal Tax Returns: <i>for Fall Term only</i>