



2009 Freshman Financial Aid Instructions

Applying for Financial Aid

Cornell has a need-blind admissions policy, which means that we review your admissions application without considering whether you've applied for aid; Cornell awards all financial aid on the basis of demonstrated financial need.

U.S. Citizens, U.S. permanent residents*, applicants who have been granted refugee or asylee status*, Canadian or Mexican citizens, and Canadian permanent residents** are eligible to apply for financial assistance, and should follow the instructions listed below.

When you apply for aid, be sure to fully adhere to the financial aid application deadlines listed for early-decision or regular-decision applicants. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment.

- 1 **Tell us that you want to apply for aid** by completing and submitting the Cornell Freshman Financial Aid Application.
- 2 **Send us a signed copy of your and your parents' (both custodial and noncustodial) most recent federal income tax returns, schedules, and W-2 forms.** Send the 2007 returns with your financial aid application, and when available, send the 2008 returns. If you enroll at Cornell, we'll require a signed copy of the 2008 federal income tax returns after they have been filed.
- 3 **Register for and complete the online College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE.** Connect to College Board Online at www.collegeboard.com. Cornell's CSS code is 2098. Your data will be sent electronically to Cornell within three weeks of completion.
If your parents are divorced, separated, or were never married, your noncustodial parent must complete the Noncustodial Parent PROFILE. Instructions are available online at CSS when you complete the PROFILE.
- 4 **If your parents own any part of a business or farm, or are self-employed, they should complete the Business/Farm Supplement (BUFS).** You can download the BUFS at finaid.cornell.edu or from www.collegeboard.com. Send the completed BUFS to Cornell with your financial aid application and required tax information.
- 5 **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.** The FAFSA is also available at your high school guidance office. The Cornell Title IV Institution Code number is 002711. Your FAFSA data will be sent electronically to Cornell. Refer to the timetable for deadline information.

* *If you are applying for aid as a U.S. permanent resident, or have been granted refugee or asylee status:* Submit a black and white copy of both sides of your Alien Registration Receipt Card (form I-551) or a copy of your passport or departure record (I-94) with appropriate endorsements to verify your status. **To be considered for aid, you must be able to document your permanent resident status by your admission acceptance deposit date (early January for early decision; May 1 for regular decision).**

If unable to document permanent residency status by the deposit date, you must submit the International Financial Aid Application. Questions concerning aid for those applying for permanent residence should be directed to intl-inquiry@cornell.edu.

** To verify your status: If you are applying for aid as a Canadian or Mexican citizen, submit a black-and-white copy of your passport. If you are applying for aid as a Canadian permanent resident, submit a copy of your Canadian permanent resident card.

Other international students must apply for aid by submitting the International Financial Aid Application (found on the Cornell Admissions web site) to the Application Processing Center by December 31. Aid for other international students is very limited.

Financial Aid Application Checklist

- Freshman Financial Aid Application
- Custodial Parent Taxes
- Non-Custodial Parent Taxes (if applicable)
- Student Taxes
- CSS Profile
- CSS Non-Custodial Parent Profile (if applicable)
- Business/Farm Supplement (if applicable)
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Copy of your Alien Registration Receipt Card (I551), if required
- Copy of your passport or departure records, if required
- International Financial Aid application, if applicable (see information on the right)



2009 Freshman Financial Aid Application

Deadlines (Postmark Dates)
 Early-decision November 1
 Regular-decision January 5

Please read the "Applying for Financial Aid" section at the front of the application booklet and note the financial aid deadlines. If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, or a Canadian or Mexican citizen or a Canadian permanent resident, complete this form and send it to:

**Financial Aid
 Application Processing Center
 349 Pine Tree Road
 Ithaca, NY 14850-2899
 Fax: 607 255-6329**

Please Type or Print
 Student: _____
 Address: _____ last _____ first _____

 U.S. Social Security Number: _____
 Student E-mail: _____
 Parent E-mail: _____

International students, other than Canadians and Mexicans, should complete the International Financial Aid Application found on the Cornell Admissions web site.

All applicants: To be considered for any Cornell-administered financial assistance, complete this form and return it to the address above. Include signed copies of your and your parents' 2007 federal (U.S., Puerto Rican, Canadian, or Mexican) income tax returns, including all schedules and W-2 forms, or a signed statement that a tax return was not filed. When they are available, also send copies of your and your parents' 2008 tax returns. Do not delay in applying for financial aid because the 2008 returns have not been completed. **Applications received without either 2007 or 2008 tax returns, or a letter of explanation, are considered incomplete and cannot be processed.**

In addition: Register for and complete the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid PROFILE at www.collegeboard.com. Also file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or available at your high school guidance office. **For PROFILE and FAFSA deadlines, please refer to the deadlines inside the application booklet, or at finaid.cornell.edu.**

If you need to provide additional information in any of the following areas, attach a separate page that includes the applicant's name and Social Security Number.

This section to be completed by the student

■ Check the box that applies to your status:

- U.S. citizen
- U.S. permanent resident*: please enclose a copy of your alien registration card
- Mexican citizen: please enclose a copy of your passport
- Canadian citizen: please enclose a copy of your passport
- Canadian permanent resident: please enclose a copy of your permanent resident card

*If you are a U.S. permanent resident, you must be able to document your permanent resident status by your admission acceptance deposit date (early January for early decision; May 1 for regular decision) in order to be considered for aid.

■ Check each box that applies to your family situation:

- Parents married Parents separated _____ date
- Parents never married Parents divorced _____ date
- Father remarried _____ date Father deceased
- Mother remarried _____ date Mother deceased

■ If your parents are divorced, separated, or were never married:

Include your custodial parent's information on the CSS PROFILE and FAFSA. Your noncustodial parent should file the Noncustodial PROFILE (instructions provided by CSS when you file the PROFILE).

If either parent is remarried, his or her current spouse's information must be included. Please explain any special circumstances on a separate page.

Please give the name and address of the parent with whom you **do not** reside. If the address is not available, attach an explanation.

name _____ number and street _____ city _____ state _____ zip _____

■ List any scholarships or tuition benefits you (the student) expect to receive during the 2009–2010 school year:

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| awarded by _____ | amount _____ | awarded by _____ | amount _____ |
| awarded by _____ | amount _____ | awarded by _____ | amount _____ |

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This section to be completed by the parent

■ Please provide information for all dependents below. Attach an additional page if necessary. If you provide significant financial support to someone who is not your son or daughter, please attach an explanation of the relationship, circumstances, and amount of support provided. Please note that Cornell will require verification of all college siblings' enrollment during the fall 2009 semester. The Cornell student's aid will be reduced if a sibling listed as being in college does not attend full-time for the academic year.

| | | For 2009–2010 School Year | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--|----------------|-------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Name | Age | Claimed on federal tax return 2008? | Name of present school | Name of anticipated school: If college Undergrad (U) or Grad(G)? | Year in school | Full-time student | Estimated tuition and fees | Estimated room and board | Estimated scholarships or gift aid | Estimated parent contribution | |
| Student Applicant | | | | Cornell (U) | 1 | Yes | To be determined by Cornell University | | | | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | |

If the student's parents are divorced or separated, or were never married:

- Write in the amount of child support received by the custodial parent during 2008 for the student. \$_____.
- In addition to child support, write in the amount of money and support the student expects to receive from the noncustodial parent during the 2009–10 school year for educational expenses. \$_____.

Use a separate page to provide additional information that you want to be considered in the student's application for financial aid.

■ Do you own all or part of a business? Yes No A farm? Yes No Are you self-employed? Yes No
 If you answered yes to any of the above, you must complete a **Business/Farm Supplement (BUFS)** and send it directly to Cornell. The BUFS may be downloaded from finaid.cornell.edu or from www.collegeboard.com.

- Write in the amount that you, the student's parents or custodial parent, think you will be able to pay for the student's 2009–10 college expenses. \$_____.
- Write in payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans (paid directly or withheld from earnings) as reported on your W-2 forms in box 12, codes D, E, F, G, H, and S. Include untaxed portions of 401(k) and 403(b) plans. \$_____.
- Write the total amount of Social Security benefits received for 2008. \$_____.
 Note the student's share of Social Security benefits received for 2008. \$_____.
- Are you making payments on educational loans? If yes, please specify for whom the payments are made, the type of loan, the current amount owed, and the expected 2008 payments. No Yes _____

■ List all motor vehicles owned, operated, or leased by your family.

| Make | Model | Year | Leased? | Purchase price | Date of purchase | Student-owned? |
|-------|-------|-------|--|----------------|------------------|--|
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| _____ | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

Student/Parent Certification *Both student and parent must sign below.*

We understand that we must furnish signed copies of our tax returns, all supporting schedules, and all W-2 forms, and that we may be asked to provide official IRS transcripts at any time.

I (the student) understand that if I am a Title IV federal aid recipient, this aid will be credited to my account to cover all educational expenses. Such expenses may include, but are not limited to, tuition/fees, room and board, and items such as extra course fees and the student health insurance plan. If I elect to have federal aid credits limited to tuition/fees, and room and board, I will notify the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment, in writing, to this effect.

We certify that all information is correct at this time and that we will notify the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment promptly, in writing, of any changes in our financial circumstances; and provide any other requested information or documentation. Furthermore, we understand that changes in financial circumstances include: receipt of outside scholarships in any amount, changes in income or assets, and change in school or enrollment status of other children. We understand that these may result in revisions to the applicant's aid package. Finally, we understand that the university may withhold or cancel financial aid if any requested information is not submitted.

We understand that information provided on this and other documents may be shared with the following: the applicant; other agencies from which we are requesting aid; and with donors.

We understand that the sources of financial aid funding for which the student is eligible may be limited if all required financial aid application materials are not postmarked or submitted online by the listed deadline.

Signature of student: _____ Date: _____

Signature of parent or legal guardian: _____ Date: _____