

2009 Transfer 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 on the Admissions and Financial Aid Timetable for Transfer Students. 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 Transfer 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 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 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 spring transfers; June 1 or two weeks after you receive Cornell's offer of acceptance for fall transfers).**

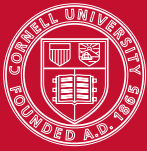
If unable to document permanent residency status by the deposit date, you must submit the International Financial Aid Application. Questions concerning aid for those applying for permanent residence should be directed to intl-inquiry@cornell.edu.

** 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 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 (available on the Cornell Admissions web site) to the Transfer P.O. Box found in the mailing instructions by the November 1 deadline for spring transfer admission and the March 15 deadline for fall transfer admission. Aid for other international students is very limited.

Financial Aid Application Checklist

- Transfer 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 (I-551), if required
- Copy of your passport or departure record (I-94), if required
- International Financial Aid Application (if applicable)



2009 Transfer Financial Aid Application

Deadlines (Postmark Dates)

Spring-semester applicants Nov. 1
Fall-semester applicants March 15

Please send this form to the address below. 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, and are required to submit this form in order to apply for financial assistance. Other international students should complete the International Financial Aid Application found on the admissions web site.

Be sure to adhere to the financial aid application deadlines listed for spring-transfer and fall-transfer applicants. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment.

**Transfer Financial Aid
Cornell University
P.O. Box 6411
Ithaca, NY 14851-6411
Fax: 607 255-6329**

Please type or print.

Student Name: _____

Address: _____
last first middle

U.S. Social Security Number: _____

Student E-mail: _____

Parent E-mail: _____

All applicants: To be considered for any Cornell-administered financial assistance, complete and return this form to the address above by the noted due dates. Attach **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 indicating 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). **Financial Aid Applications received without either 2007 or 2008 tax returns, or a letter of explanation, are considered incomplete and cannot be processed.**

- **Spring-semester applicants:** Complete the 2008–09 College Scholarship Service (CSS) PROFILE online at www.collegeboard.com and the 2008–09 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by November 1.
- **Fall-semester applicants:** Complete the 2009–10 CSS PROFILE online at www.collegeboard.com and the 2009–2010 FAFSA no later than March 15.
- The FAFSA Title IV school code for Cornell University is 002711. The school code for the CSS PROFILE is 2098.

This section to be completed by the student:

- List all postsecondary institutions attended (from most recent to least recent) and dates of attendance:

- Check the box that applies to your status:

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

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- Check each box that applies to your family situation:

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

** If your parents are separated, divorced, 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 provide the name and address of the parent with whom you **do not** reside (if the address is not available, please explain on a separate page):

name number and street city state zip or postal code

- Are you in default on any student loans? Yes No If yes, please name the institution(s) at which default occurred, state the type(s) of loan(s) in default, and list the amount(s) of the default: _____

- Identify the sources and list the amounts of all resources available for college expenses in the 2009–10 academic year.

Scholarships, prizes, and other awards: _____ \$ _____

Veterans' educational benefits: _____ \$ _____

Tuition benefit from parent's employer: _____ \$ _____

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■ If you are applying for consideration as an independent student, you must provide the following information (*check all that apply*):

- I have not been, and will not be, claimed by my parents as an exemption on federal or state income tax returns for the 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 calendar years.
- I have not resided, and will not reside, at my parents' home for more than a total of six weeks in calendar years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- I have not received, and will not receive, more than \$750 from my parents in calendar years 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.
- I was born before January 1985.

Unless you meet these four criteria, your parents must complete the section below and submit their financial data on the CSS PROFILE and FAFSA. If you meet all four criteria, submit only your own financial data on the CSS PROFILE and FAFSA. (The four criteria are subject to change by federal regulation or university policy at any time.)

This section to be completed by the parent:

■ Provide information below for **all** your (the parent's) dependent children. 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 for all college siblings listed below, Cornell will require verification of enrollment from the sibling's college registrar. The Cornell student's aid will be reduced if a sibling listed as enrolled does not attend full time for the full academic year.

Name	Age	Claimed on federal tax return 2008?	Name of present school	For 2009–2010 School Year						
				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)	___	Yes	To be determined by Cornell University			
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_____	___	___	_____	_____	___	___	_____	_____	_____	_____

■ If you (the student's parents) are divorced, 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. \$ _____

■ Do you (the parent) 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)**.

■ Write 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 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? Yes No If yes, please specify for whom the payments are made, the type of loan, the current amount owed, and the expected 2008 monthly payments. _____

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

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; state and federal 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: _____