

APPLICATION PROCESS

All applicants are highly encouraged to visit campus and to meet with us for an interview, if possible. The campus visit is an essential part of the college search process.



Early Decision

Students who have decided that Franklin & Marshall is their first-choice college are encouraged to apply Early Decision. Early Decision applicants who are admitted to the College are committed to attend and are obligated to withdraw all applications to other colleges or universities. F&M values students who commit early to the College. Early Decision applicants receive full consideration for need-based financial aid.

There are two Early Decision deadlines: **November 15** and **January 15** of your senior year. To apply Early Decision, applicants must fill out the Early Decision Form. Students who apply Early Decision I or II will be notified of the College's decision by **December 15** and **February 15**, respectively.

Standardized Tests

Most applicants to F&M will submit either SAT or ACT scores. The College will consider the student's highest score in the Critical Reading and Math sections of the SAT. We do not include scores from the SAT Writing section in our application evaluation. SAT Subject Tests are not required, but may be submitted to demonstrate a student's strength within academic subjects. If you submit your ACT scores, the College will evaluate your application based on your highest composite score.

Standardized Test Option

Students who do not believe their standardized test scores reflect their academic ability may choose the Standardized Test Option in lieu of standardized test scores. Students using this option must submit two recent (junior or senior year) graded writing samples (creative or analytical), preferably from a humanities or social science course. Samples should include teachers' comments, grades and a description of the assignment. Students also must submit the Standardized Test Option Form to indicate their intent.

Additional Materials

Applicants are encouraged to submit materials to supplement their applications. Such materials might include recordings of musical performances, writing samples or copies of artwork. Please send supplementary materials to the Office of Admission. Materials will only be returned, upon request, if return postage is included with your sample.

Application Deadlines

Early Decision I: November 15
(notification by December 15)

Early Decision II: January 15
(notification by February 15)

Regular Decision: February 1
(notification by April 1)

Admission Checklist

- Complete and submit the Common Application, available at www.commonapp.org.
- Write a Personal Statement. You may select any of the topics listed on the Common Application, which includes a topic of your own choosing.
- Complete and submit the Franklin & Marshall College Common Application Supplemental Form, available at www.fandm.edu/admission.
- If necessary, complete any additional relevant forms: Early Decision and/or Standardized Test Option.
- Complete the first section of the School Report Form and give it to your guidance counselor, college adviser or headmaster, who will complete the form, attach your official transcript and return both to the Office of Admission.
- Complete the first section of the Teacher Evaluation Form and give it to two teachers who have taught you a major subject during your junior or senior year.
- Staple a check or money order for the nonrefundable \$60 application fee, payable to Franklin & Marshall College, to the front page of the application. If you are applying online, you may submit your \$60 application fee through Common Application.

Note: An application fee waiver submitted by a guidance counselor, college adviser or headmaster will be accepted in lieu of payment.

- Have official standardized-test results forwarded from the Educational Testing Service or the American College Testing Service to Franklin & Marshall College:

Franklin & Marshall SAT Code: 2261

Franklin & Marshall ACT Code: 3574

Standardized test scores included on an official transcript also are accepted.

Submit all completed application materials to:

Franklin & Marshall College
Office of Admission
P.O. Box 3003
Lancaster, PA 17604-3003

Financial Aid Checklist

Franklin & Marshall is committed to meeting 100 percent of institutionally determined need for all four years.

- Indicate intention to apply for need-based financial aid when asked on the Common Application for admission.
- Complete and submit CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, available at www.collegeboard.com (Franklin & Marshall's school code is 2261).
- Complete and submit Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at www.fafsa.ed.gov (Franklin & Marshall's school code is 003265).
- If your parents are divorced or separated, the parent (and current spouse) with whom you reside must complete the FAFSA and the PROFILE. The biological or adoptive parent with whom you do not reside must submit a Noncustodial PROFILE.
- Parent(s) who own a business and/or farm also must complete the Business/Farm Supplement provided by the College Board.
- Early Decision I & II: Signed copies of 2009 federal income tax returns, tax form schedules and W-2s for you and your parents.
- Regular Decision: Signed copies of federal income tax returns for 2010, tax form schedules and W-2s for you and your parents.
- International students should send the Franklin & Marshall International Financial Aid Form to the Office of Admission along with their application (www.fandm.edu/x20080).

Franklin & Marshall College is committed to having an inclusive campus community, and as an Equal Opportunity Employer, does not discriminate in its hiring or employment practices on the basis of gender, race or ethnicity, color, national origin, religion, age (40 and older), disability, family or marital status, or sexual orientation. The College does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, sexual orientation, disability, or national or ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other College-administered programs.