

MIT freshman application & financial aid information

What a pain!
Complicated forms with
boring questions.
Parents on your case
to just sit down and do it.
You want to go to college,
but there's got to be a better way than
filling out stupid forms.

Maybe there is but,
(at the risk of sounding like your parents)
we've found **this works**.

Our job in the admissions process
is to carefully evaluate and compare the applications
of qualified students.

So we want to get to know you as well as we can.

Believe it or not,
what emerges from all the details is a fairly good portrait.
In reviewing that portrait, we not only evaluate
your academic ability, but also

your personal attributes and achievements.

That's why you need to **present yourself, your abilities and your goals**
as fully as possible, and to carefully consider
what you'd like us to know about you
that test scores and transcripts won't reveal.

We'll treat that information with sensitivity and respect.

And we promise to thoughtfully consider
your application to MIT.



Application list and tips

Use this space to check off the completion of each step as you navigate the application process.

- Register for a MyMIT account at my.mit.edu. It only takes a few minutes to sign up, and you'll need this account to apply online, track the various components of your application, arrange to stay overnight at MIT with a current student, and keep tabs on your financial aid forms. You'll also need a MyMIT account to set up your MIT interview.
- Schedule your MIT interview — by October 20 if you are applying Early Action, or by December 1 if you are applying Regular Action. Though an interview is not required, it's a very effective way for us to learn more about you and for you to introduce yourself as a real live individual. Last year, of eligible applicants, we admitted 17% of those who had an interview (or who had their interview waived) but only 6% of those who chose not to interview. Interviews are conducted by Educational Counselors, or ECs — MIT alumni volunteers who meet with prospective students in their home communities. You'll find your interviewer's name and contact information in your MyMIT account.
- Complete **PART 1**. This includes biographical information and requires the submission of the \$65 application fee. To request a fee waiver, ask your high school guidance counselor, principal or other school official to fill out the SAT Request for Waiver of College Application Fee form or submit an official letter on your behalf. Attach the completed form or letter to your Part 1.
- Complete **PART 2**. This asks for your responses to essay questions, a list of your activities and honors, and your test scores. Please use our form when listing your activities. Part 2 also asks for self-reported courses and grades, on which you will report your secondary school course work. The Self-reported course work form is to be completed only by students in U.S. school systems.
- Two **TEACHER EVALUATIONS** are required — please give them to your teachers early! One should be from a math or science teacher and one should be from a humanities teacher. We find that the best recommendations are written by teachers who know an applicant well as both a student *and* a person — please choose accordingly.
- The **SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT** form is to be completed by your guidance counselor or principal.
- The **MID-YEAR GRADE REPORT** form is also to be completed by your guidance counselor or principal. This form is required for all applicants (including Early Action admitted students) **who currently attend a U.S. or U.S.-based high school**. It should be returned to us as soon as possible after completion of the fall semester (or after completion of the second quarter, if your school uses a quarter-based schedule). If your school uses a trimester schedule, please return this form to us following completion of the first trimester. We realize that most Early Action applicants will not have first term grades by November 1; if you apply Early Action, return this form to us as soon as these grades are available.
- The receipt deadline for all **FINANCIAL AID MATERIALS** is February 15; please see pages 5-8 in this booklet for detailed instructions on how to apply. Financial aid at MIT is entirely need-based and we are committed to meeting 100% of every student's demonstrated financial need. An applicant's ability to pay has no bearing whatsoever on admissions decisions. Approximately 72% of all MIT undergraduates receive some form of scholarship or grant assistance.
- If you wish to make contact with one of MIT's athletic coaches, or submit a portfolio to either the architecture or music faculty for consideration, please follow the instructions on page 3.

Please note

- Read the instructions thoroughly before completing the application.
- Complete and submit Part 1 of the application as soon as possible. **We encourage you to apply online.** To begin the process, register at my.mit.edu.
- After you submit Part 1, schedule your interview immediately. To get your interviewer's name and contact information, register for your MyMIT account at my.mit.edu.
- Please try to get everything in before the deadline. Early filing allows us to create your official file and start processing your application, but does not advantage or disadvantage your application in any way.
- Unless otherwise indicated, all deadline-related dates in this application are *postmark* dates (or *submission* dates if applying online). It is acceptable for the submitted materials to reach our office a few days thereafter.
- If you use a courier service or overnight mailing carrier to send your application, address it to: MIT Office of Admissions, Room 3-108, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307.

Applying to MIT

We're so happy that you are considering applying to MIT.

We're aware that applying to college can be both scary and exhilarating, a truly daunting task, especially when you add it to your already-packed schedule of tough coursework, activities, social and family life responsibilities. You may wonder why you need to go through it at all. But remember that selection is always based upon the match between you and the school. We've introduced MIT to you through our publications, our mailings and our web site. It's your turn now to introduce yourself to us through the application.

Just keep in mind that, no matter what you have heard about how hard it is to get admitted to MIT or how expensive it is to attend, we do admit approximately 1,500 undergraduate students per year and three out of four of them receive some form of financial assistance.

Since admission is always based upon the match between college and student, we should never select each other based upon reputation alone. There should be a sense of resonance between us. In order to determine that resonance, we really need to understand each other, what our values are, what makes us come alive. So here's who we are:

MIT is a unique place with specific core values:

We are a meritocracy. We judge each other by our ideas, our creativity and our accomplishments, not by who our families are. And we define our meritocracy comprehensively. Certainly academic achievement is paramount, but what a boring campus we'd have if that were our only criteria in judging merit.

We are relevant. We're proud to generate useful knowledge that makes a difference in the world, changing it for the better.

We are entrepreneurial. The key to success at MIT is to have a good idea and be prepared to run with it.

We are inventive. While we respect tradition, we are not afraid to abandon the past or to strike out in new or unusual directions in search of a better way to do things.

We are unconventional. In an institution where the currency in trade is intelligence, it is OK to be different. Our acceptance of each other frees us up to be our real selves.

The cost of educating future leaders in engineering, science and technology is expensive, but MIT has always been committed to meeting that cost. We meet the full financial need of all admitted financial aid applicants with a comprehensive financial aid award that includes scholarships and grants, loans and jobs. Furthermore, we offer flexibility in determining the appropriate amounts of borrowing and term-time work for each undergraduate year, allowing you to make the most of your undergraduate experience at MIT.

Since the only way to determine your eligibility for financial aid is to submit an application, we urge you to apply for financial aid by the deadline of February 15, 2007. Your prospects of admission are not affected in any way by your family's financial situation or your need for aid.

This application is our best attempt to learn all about you. We hope that you will do your best to help us get to know you. Don't try to appear as someone you *think* we want. Simply be yourself. We want to know you as you really are.

All the best,

Marilee Jones
Dean of Admissions

Daniel T. Barkowitz
Director, Student Financial Aid

The application process

We here in the Office of Admissions get lots of questions about the best strategy for completing the application. In general, our advice is pretty simple: “Be yourself.” While there is no magic formula for admission, we’ve got a few tips to help smooth the process and reduce your stress.

The important dates

As soon as possible

Register for your very own MyMIT account at my.mit.edu. MyMIT gives you access to stories, blogs, deadline reminders and application tracking!

Submit Part 1 (*Biographical information*)

October 20

Deadline for Early Action applicants to contact their EC to schedule the interview

November 1

US citizens/permanent residents only:
Postmark deadline for Early Action application

Deadline for Early Action interview

November

Last month to take standardized tests for Early Action application

December 1

Deadline for Regular Action applicants to contact their EC to schedule the interview

December 15

Deadline for interviews for Regular Action applicants

Mid-December

Early Action applicants notified of admissions decision

December

Last month to take standardized tests for Regular Action application; January tests may be accepted on a case-by-case basis

January 1

Postmark deadline for Regular Action application

February 15

Receipt deadline for all Financial Aid materials

Late March

Regular Action applicants notified of admissions decision

May 1

Postmark deadline for enrollment decision of accepted students (Early Action or Regular Action)

Take the tests and report all your scores

We require the following tests: 1) the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Plus Writing; and 2) two SAT Subject Tests, one in Mathematics (Level 1 or Level 2) and one in Science (Physics, Chemistry, or Biology E/M).

If your native language is not English, you may satisfy testing requirements by taking the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) in place of the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT Plus Writing. You still must take two SAT Subject Tests, one in Mathematics (Level 1 or Level 2) and one in Science (Physics, Chemistry, or Biology E/M). If you have been using English for less than five years or do not speak English at home, we strongly suggest you take the TOEFL.

While we do require the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT Plus Writing, we realize that some of you may also have taken older versions of these tests. In such circumstances, we will consider scores from each section of both the older and newer versions of the tests and use the highest score achieved in each section for our evaluation. This is also the case if you have taken the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT Plus Writing more than once. Since reporting multiple scores will not hurt you, we recommend that when you register to take tests, you ask for all of your scores to be reported to MIT.

Your scores must be reported to us officially from the testing agency; scores you list on your application and scores appearing on your school transcript will not be considered official. Our SAT and TOEFL code is 3514 and our ACT code is 1858.

It is important that you register for tests with the same name as you have indicated on your application or MyMIT account. Your record and test scores will not be linked in our system if the names do not match.

You can get more information and register for the SAT tests online at www.collegeboard.org, for the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) at www.ets.org/toefl, and for the ACT at www.act.org.

Apply Online

We encourage you to apply online. It’s easy and convenient. You can work on the application in multiple sessions, editing it as many

times as you wish, with the ability to upload essays and send them electronically. Another benefit is that once you create an account with us, we will provide you with electronic information about MIT and admissions updates via our website and by email. To learn more about applying online, register for a MyMIT account at my.mit.edu and follow the link to our online application.

Consider Early Action

You may want to consider MIT’s Early Action option (US citizens and permanent residents only). If you can complete the testing requirements by the November testing date, have your interview by November 1, and submit your application (Part 1 and Part 2) and supporting documents by November 1, MIT will consider your application in early December. At that time we will either offer you admission, deny you admission, or defer the decision until March. If we offer you admission, you have until May 1 to decide if you will attend. We’ll reconsider deferred applicants without prejudice in March and will notify you with all other candidates in late March. If you wish to be considered for Early Action, check the appropriate box on Part 1.

Please do not be concerned that applying Early Action will put you at a disadvantage. Statistically speaking, the opposite is true. The admit rate for those who apply Early Action (including those who are accepted in Early Action and those who are deferred and later accepted in Regular Action) is generally higher than for those who apply Regular Action.

Submit Part 1 (*Biographical information*) as soon as possible

The first step in the application process is to submit Part 1 (*Biographical information*). Submitting this form and your application fee initiates your application process. If the application fee presents a hardship for you and your family, you may qualify for a fee waiver. To request a fee waiver, ask your high school guidance counselor, principal or other school official to fill out the SAT Request for Waiver of College Application Fee form or submit an official letter on your behalf. Attach the completed form or letter to Part 1 of your application.

Part 1 asks you to provide contact information and biographical data. You will also indicate on the Part 1 if you intend to apply for Early

Action or Regular Action. The remaining pieces — Part 2 (*Essays, activities and tests* and *Self-reported course work*), teacher evaluations and Secondary school report — should be postmarked no later than November 1 for Early Action or January 1 for Regular Action. As soon as first-term grades are available, return the Mid-year grade report.

Schedule the interview early

Next, schedule your interview with a member of MIT's Educational Council, a network of over 2,300 MIT graduates around the world who volunteer to interview for the Office of Admissions. The interview is **highly recommended**, but optional.

You will receive your Educational Counselor's (EC) name and contact information via your MyMIT account (register at my.mit.edu). Please note that there may be times when there is no EC in your area and we will waive your interview. It is your responsibility to check your MyMIT account to find out the name of your EC, and to schedule the interview before the interview deadline.

You should schedule your meeting with your EC at the earliest possible date. Please do not call your EC late at night, early in the morning, or on holidays. Early Action applicants must contact their EC by **October 20** to schedule the interview, and complete the interview by **November 1**. Regular Action applicants must contact their EC by **December 1** and complete the interview by **December 15**. ECs cannot accept interview requests after December 1. (If you are applying Early Decision/Action elsewhere, you may need to schedule your interview before you submit your application to MIT. This is fine.)

While you will not be penalized if you do not have an interview, the interview does add a personal dimension to your file that cannot be seen through the application forms alone. In fact, last year 17% of applicants who had an interview (or had their interview waived) were admitted, while 6% of those eligible who chose not to have one were admitted.

Keep in mind that the interview is intended to be a two-way exchange. Just as your EC is getting to know you, he or she is providing you with information about MIT. Before your meeting, review your interests and activities and prepare questions for your EC. Then relax and enjoy the conversation.

Distribute the forms early

You will need references from two teachers (one math or science teacher and one humanities, social science, or language teacher). We find that the best recommendations are written by teachers who know an

applicant well as both a student *and* a person — please choose accordingly. In addition, your guidance counselor or principal will need to send us a Secondary school report and a Mid-year grade report. Give them the forms early so that they have time to fully consider the best way to present your accomplishments.

Read through the application first

Take some time to read through the application and think about the questions. Think about how to present yourself, your abilities, and your goals as fully as possible, and carefully consider what you'd like us to know that test scores and transcripts won't reveal. We're not trying to invade your privacy; we simply want to get to know you better and to understand the context in which you've achieved your success. The more complete your application, the better the snapshot we get of your life.

Complete Part 2

For Part 2 (*Essays, activities and tests* and *Self-reported course work*), please use the forms we provide to list your information. For question 4, the essay, you should attach a separate sheet to the page. The Self-reported course work form should be completed only by students in U.S. school systems.

Think about your essays before writing

Use your essays to make a personal statement, to tell us things that demonstrate your character, personality, compassion, sense of fairness, humor, integrity. Redefine our questions or question our assumptions — whatever it takes to show us who you really are. Your essay shouldn't be long, and it doesn't have to be fit for publication in *The New Yorker*. This is not a writing test. We just want to get a sense of how you think, what you care about, and how you express yourself.

Check the status of your application online

It's your responsibility to ensure that we receive all of the required pieces of your application. We make that easy for you by posting the status of your application online. If you decide to apply online, you will be able to track your application from the same account. If you don't have an online account and/or you submit your Part 1 on paper, we will send you a letter (once Part 1 is received) with instructions on how to access your application status on our website. You will also be able to view the name and contact information of your Educational Counselor. Your record will be updated frequently, usually within a day or two of receiving new materials. Please keep in mind, however, that processing of paper forms may take up to two weeks during peak periods.

Information for international students

If you are not a citizen or permanent resident (Green Card holder) of the United States, you are considered an "international" student. An international citizen who lives in the U.S. but does not have a Green Card is considered an international student. International students should be aware that the large number of candidates for the spaces designated makes competition especially keen.

We request that you submit with your application a brief account of the grading system in your school and the results of any external examinations (such as GCSE/"O" and "A" levels or the International Baccalaureate) that are required for entrance to universities in your country. Do not complete the Self-reported course work form or the Mid-year grade report form if you are in a non-U.S. school system.

If your native language is not English, review the testing requirements on page 2 of this booklet.

International students are not eligible to apply for Early Action.

Contacting a coach

If you are an accomplished athlete and you plan to participate at the varsity level in college, we encourage you to contact the MIT coach for your sport(s) directly by visiting www.mitathletics.com.

Submitting a music or art portfolio

Highly advanced musicians who are serious about pursuing musical performance or composition at MIT are welcome to submit a CD/DVD or score (or mp3/pdf email attachment) containing two recent, unedited, contrasting samples of their best work for evaluation by the music faculty. Please send submissions to: MIT, Room 4-243, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139, or electronically to auditions@mit.edu.

Students who are interested in architecture or art are welcome to submit a portfolio containing any art, photography, or architectural work for evaluation by the architecture faculty. Please send submissions to: Jan Wampler, Director of Design - Undergraduate Program, MIT Department of Architecture, 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139.

For both music and art submissions, please write "Undergraduate Application Materials" on the envelope and include your full name and date of birth on any materials you send.

About MIT

Who you'll find here

- 4,066 undergraduates (43% women)
- 79% of each entering freshman class receives financial aid, including scholarships, loans and jobs
- 19% of undergraduates are underrepresented minorities (African-American, Chicano/Mexican American, Native American, Puerto Rican)
- 8% of undergraduates are internationals
- 6,140 graduate students
- 992 full-time faculty
- 7 Nobel laureates
- 19 MacArthur Fellows
- 3 Pulitzer Prize winners

What you study:

General Institute Requirements

- **Science Core**

Physics	2 subjects
Calculus	2 subjects
Biology	1 subject
Chemistry	1 subject
- **Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences** 8 subjects
- **Restricted Electives in Science and Technology (REST)** 2 subjects
- **Lab Requirement** 1 subject

In addition to the seventeen subjects, you must satisfy the Communication Requirement and the Physical Education Requirement.

Some good news

You may be granted some advanced placement through College Board Advanced Placement tests, college transcripts, advanced higher international exams, and advanced-standing examinations at MIT.

You may cross-register for classes at Wellesley College, Harvard University, Massachusetts College of Art and The School of the Museum of Fine Arts. You may also spend your junior year at the University of Cambridge in Cambridge, England, through the Cambridge-MIT Institute.

First semester of freshman year is on a Pass/No Record basis. Approximately 98% of freshmen return as sophomores.

What the majors are

MIT offers degrees in five schools. You choose your major after your freshman year, and approximately 20% add a second major after sophomore year. MIT offers the S.B. degree in the following fields:

Engineering: aeronautics and astronautics; biological engineering; chemical engineering; civil engineering; environmental engineering science; electrical science and engineering; electrical engineering and computer science; computer science and engineering; materials science and engineering; archeology and materials; mechanical engineering; nuclear engineering.

Science: biology; brain and cognitive sciences; chemistry; earth, atmospheric, and planetary sciences; mathematics; mathematics with computer science; physics; physics with electrical engineering.

Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences:

American studies; anthropology; comparative media studies; creative or expository writing; East Asian studies; economics; foreign languages and literatures (French, German or Spanish); history; humanities; humanities and engineering; humanities and science; Latin American studies; linguistics; literature; music; philosophy; political science; psychology; Russian studies; theater; women's studies. Science, Technology, and Society is available as a double major or joint major in conjunction with the science and humanities or engineering and humanities programs.

Architecture and Planning: art and design, with concentrations in architectural design, building technology, visual arts, or history, theory, and criticism of art and architecture; planning.

Management: management, with concentrations in information technology, operations research, marketing research, or finance.

Where you're headed

- Approximately 57% will major in engineering, 29% in science, 4% in humanities and social sciences, 2% in architecture and planning, and 8% in management.
- More than 80% will graduate with significant research experience through the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, UROP.

- After graduation, approximately 70% will eventually go to graduate or professional school, including 10% to medical school and 5% to law school.

Where you live

Approximately 94% of undergraduates live in residence halls or in MIT-recognized fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups. Housing is guaranteed for four years.

What you do for fun

Activities: There are over 330 student organizations, including 42 athletic groups; 12 media organizations; 64 ethnic, language, or international student associations; 57 musical, theater, and dance groups; 29 religious organizations; 22 service groups; 21 activism groups; 15 academic societies; and 12 student government groups.

Athletics: There are 41 varsity teams (21 men, 17 women, 3 co-educational), intramural programs in 21 sports, 35 club sports teams, 30 full- and part-time coaches. Member of National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference (NEWMAC).

Arts: At MIT you can learn how to compose music, blow glass, write poetry, work on a potter's wheel, design a theater set, make a hologram, dance the tango, make a film, and play an African drum.

You can perform with one of MIT's 57 music, theater, and dance groups, including the acclaimed MIT Symphony Orchestra, the MIT Festival Jazz Ensemble, the MIT Concert Choir, Chorallaries (one of nine a cappella groups at MIT), MIT's Gamelan Galak Tika, MIT Dramashop, Roadkill Buffet (improv comedy), Dance Troupe, and the MIT Ballroom Dance Team.

You can publish your short stories and photographs, write and stage a play, choreograph a dance, view cutting-edge contemporary art, mount your own art exhibition, form a chamber music ensemble . . . and much, much more!

For more information on the arts at MIT—and to request a free arts@mit viewbook—see the “For prospective students” section in the arts@mit web site: web.mit.edu/arts.

Making MIT Affordable

Our mission at MIT is to advance knowledge and educate students in science, technology and other areas of scholarship that will best serve the nation and the world in the 21st century. To achieve this mission we recruit and enroll the most talented and promising students, make all our admissions decisions without regard to family financial circumstances, award all our aid based on financial need, and meet the full need of each student for all four years.

As a result of our strong commitment to making MIT affordable, we have one of the most diverse campus communities among our peer institutions. We urge you not to let the cost of MIT deter you from applying to one of the world's most outstanding universities. Just consider the following facts:

- Approximately three out of four MIT undergraduates receives some form of financial assistance.
- Tuition, fees, room, board, supplies and personal expenses total \$46,350 for the 2006–2007 academic year, but our average financial aid award, including scholarships, loans and work is more than \$29,000.

Common questions and answers about the financial aid process

Q

What does it cost per year to attend MIT?

A

Our estimated cost of attendance for the year 2006-2007 is \$46,350, plus travel. Included in the total cost is tuition and fees, totaling \$33,600. We estimate that you will spend \$9,950 on room and meals, and \$2,800 on books and personal expenses.

Q

How do I apply for financial aid?

A

U.S. citizens and permanent residents begin by filing the 2007-2008 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the federal government and the PROFILE Application with the College Scholarship Service (CSS) as soon after January 1, 2007 as possible, but no later than February 15, 2007. In order to ensure the timely notification of the financial aid decision, you should not wait until your parents file their 2006 Federal income tax return before you file these applications. Use best estimates of your 2006 financial information instead. Please refer to “Financial aid application materials” at the end of this booklet for other forms you may need to submit.

If you are not a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you must complete the International Student Financial Aid Application instead of the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE. This application will be available on our web site after November 1, 2006.

Q

What is the financial aid application deadline and what if I miss it?

A

Although it takes some time and effort, it is critical that you complete your financial aid application by the February 15 deadline. Doing so will ensure that you are best prepared to make the decision to attend MIT in a timely manner. If you miss the deadline, you will still be eligible for financial aid consideration but your financial aid award may not be complete by the May 1 admissions reply deadline.

Q

Do I need to submit copies of my tax returns to you?

A

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident we will require a copy of your parents’ most recent tax return before we can determine your eligibility for financial aid. Upon completing the CSS PROFILE application, you will be sent an Institutional Documentation Service (IDOC) Cover Sheet by the College Board. You will use the IDOC Cover Sheet to submit your parents’ 2006 Federal income tax returns, miscellaneous schedules, and W-2 forms.

If your parents have not yet filed their 2006 Federal tax return by the time you receive the IDOC Cover Sheet, you should send a copy of your parents’ 2005 Federal tax return directly to MIT along with copies of their 2006 W-2 Forms. Once the 2006 Federal income tax returns are filed, you should send these to the College Board along with your IDOC Cover Sheet.

The College Board will scan the forms and perform some data entry for us. MIT will be able to view every piece of paper you submit.

If you are an International applicant, please provide a complete copy of your national income tax return along with your application for financial aid to MIT. If your country does not have an annual income tax form, please send a letter from each parent’s employer(s) indicating salary earned in local currency. Please completely translate ALL materials into English, but report figures in your local currency.

Q

What does a typical financial aid award from MIT look like?

A

We meet 100% of a family’s calculated need. The award contains a preset “self-help” component that consists of a low-interest student loan and/or MIT student job. The rest of your family’s calculated need is met with an MIT scholarship.

Q
What is the income “cut off” for financial aid?

A
We encourage all applicants for admission who think they need assistance to apply for financial aid, regardless of income level. We apply a formula that uses all of the information on the FAFSA and the CSS PROFILE. There are a number of factors other than income that we take into consideration when assessing a family’s ability to contribute. We may also take into account any special financial circumstances.

Q
Will I get the same financial aid for all four years?

A
Students must reapply for financial aid every year. We review your eligibility for assistance each year with the updated information you and your parents give to us. However, you should expect to receive the same financial aid provided there are no significant changes in your family’s finances and you meet the financial aid renewal deadlines.

Q
How are scholarships from outside sources treated by MIT?

A
We reward the receipt of outside awards by first reducing the self-help component (student loans and/or work study) and second reducing the student contribution dollar for dollar. Should the total amount of all outside awards received exceed the amount of self-help and student contribution, we reduce the MIT scholarship portion of the award. Outside awards are scholarships, grants, or benefits from federal, state, or private sources which are not administered by MIT.

Q
What type of work is available to meet the self-help component of the package?

A
A variety of work opportunities are available on campus that can fit into the busy schedule of a typical MIT student. The current campus minimum wage is \$8.75 an hour. Many part-time paid jobs are also part of community service programs, enabling students to get involved with the Cambridge/Boston community while earning money to help defray the cost of education. Most community service jobs require a student to have federal work study in their financial aid package. Students can also participate in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP), which allows students to participate in research-based collaboration with faculty members. Any student who wants to work on-campus **must** complete an Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9) before commencing employment. International students can work on campus during the academic year and during the summer. See web.mit.edu/se0 for more information about student employment at MIT.

Q
When will I be notified about the financial aid decision?

A
Both Early Action and Regular Action admitted students who apply by the February 15 deadline will be notified by April 1 of their financial aid decision. Applicants who do not meet the February 15 deadline will be notified of their eligibility to receive aid shortly after their application becomes complete. However, we reserve the right to stop reviewing late applications after May 1.

Financial aid application materials

If you wish to apply for scholarship, job and loan assistance from MIT, we must receive the following documents from you by February 15, 2007:

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you and your parents must complete the 2007-2008 FAFSA online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (alternatively the paper version is available from your high school guidance office). File the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 and designate MIT as a recipient by using our name, address and federal school code of 002178.

The CSS PROFILE

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, you and your parents must also complete the 2007-2008 CSS PROFILE application. You may complete the application online at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com>. Be sure to designate MIT as one of the recipients using our code number of 3514.

CSS Business / Farm Supplement

If you are completing the CSS PROFILE application and either parent is self-employed or owns any part of a business or farm, s/he will need to submit the CSS Business/Farm Supplement (sent to you with your IDOC packet) for each business or farm in which any interest is held.

Complete copies of your parents' 2006 Federal income tax returns (including all Schedules and W-2s)

If you are a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, we will require a copy of your parents' most recent tax return before we can determine your eligibility for financial aid. Upon completing the CSS PROFILE application, you will be sent an IDOC (Institutional Documentation Service) Cover Sheet by the College Board. You will use the IDOC Cover Sheet to submit your 2006 Federal income tax returns, miscellaneous schedules, and W-2 forms. If you or your parents own corporations, partnerships or trusts, please include copies of those tax returns (Forms 1041, 1065, 1120, 1120S, K-1).

Please note: If the 2006 Federal income tax return is not yet available, send the 2005 form and 2006 W-2 forms by the February 15 deadline directly to MIT, and send the 2006 Federal income tax return to the College Board using the IDOC Cover Sheet as soon as it is completed.

International Students

Students from countries other than the U.S. must complete the International Student Financial Aid Application. This application will be available at <http://web.mit.edu/finaid/> after November 1, 2006. If your parents are separated or divorced, each parent must complete an International Student Financial Aid Application. Please provide a complete copy of your national income tax along with your application for financial aid to MIT. If your country does not have an annual income tax form, please send a letter from each parent's employer(s) indicating salary earned in local currency. Please completely translate ALL materials into English.

Separated or divorced parents

If your parents are separated or divorced, we also require your noncustodial parent to submit a web-based noncustodial Parent's Profile (at the end of the application process for the PROFILE, you will receive further information on how to fulfill the noncustodial parent requirement). Additionally, we will need copies of 2006 Federal income tax returns and W-2 forms from the noncustodial parent. This information will be requested as part of the IDOC process highlighted above in the section on Federal tax returns.

Additional information

If your family has special circumstances or unusual expenses, please submit a detailed letter directly to the College Board as part of your IDOC packet to help us better understand your financial situation. MIT will be able to retrieve images of every piece of paper you send, so your Financial Aid Officer will be able to read your comments about any special circumstances you may share with us.

The MIT Bulletin

For detailed course listings and degree requirements consult *The MIT Bulletin* (Course and Degree Catalogue), which you can order through the MIT Press Bookstore by calling (617) 253-5249. They can also be ordered online at mitpress.mit.edu/bookstore/bulletin.html. The cost is \$5.00 plus shipping, and it is available for delivery to anywhere in the world.

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Application payment by credit card option

Complete this form to pay the application fee by credit card (instead of by check). Please attach this form to the lower right corner of Part 1.

Applicant's last/family name _____ First/given name _____ Middle initial _____

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City _____ State or province _____ Zip or postal code _____ Country _____

Type of card: MasterCard Visa American Express Amount to be paid: **\$65.00** (U.S. dollars)

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Signature of Card Holder: _____ Date: _____

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