



You can apply to Pomona College by using The Common Application, available online at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) or in your high school guidance counselor's office. If these options are not available to you, you can request a paper version of The Common Application by contacting the Office of Admissions at (909) 621-8134.

In completing your application, keep in mind that these application instructions are specific to applying to Pomona College and may differ from those accompanying The Common Application.

### 1. Preliminary Application

As soon as you have decided to apply to Pomona College, you should complete and return the *Preliminary Application* to the Office of Admissions. With this form, you can include your waiver request from your counselor. If you apply online, you should submit your payment using a credit card at that time.

### 2. Application Fee

The non-refundable application fee is \$65. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Pomona College. The fee must be paid in U.S. dollars, drawn against a U.S. bank, and can be submitted with the *Preliminary Application*. If you apply online, we strongly suggest you submit your payment by credit card. Please submit your payment only once.

### 3. Admission Programs

Students applying for first-year admission and those who will have completed less than one academic year at another college should apply for freshman standing.

- **Early Decision – Freshman Standing**

If Pomona is your first choice college, you may consider applying under one of the Early Decision options. Please note the deadlines. All application materials must be received by the appropriate application deadline.

- **Regular Decision – Freshman Standing**

Applications should be received by our office by January 2, 2010.

### 4. Interviews

*Interviews are very strongly recommended for all applicants.*

All Southern California applicants are expected to interview and must do so on campus. If you plan to be in the area, please contact the Office of Admissions at (909) 621-8134 to schedule your appointment prior to the appropriate interview deadline. We suggest you call two to three weeks prior to your preferred date, and earlier for appointments on Saturdays or in December.

If you reside outside of the Southern California area, you may request an alumni interview in your home area. Please complete an Alumni Interview Request card or call the above number before the posted deadline.

### 5. Required Application Materials

- **Required Application Supplements**

The Common Application (online or paper version) should be accompanied by Pomona's *Required Common Application Supplement* and you should provide your counselor with the *Required School Report Supplement*. Both of the supplemental forms are included in this packet and are available at the Office of Admissions and on our Website at [www.pomona.edu](http://www.pomona.edu).

- **School Report**

This form, in addition to the *Required School Report Supplement*, should be completed by your counselor and received by our office by the appropriate application deadline. The *Midyear Report* form is due in our office by February 15, 2010.

- **Two Teacher Evaluations**

Evaluation forms should be completed by teachers who know you well and have instructed you in *core academic subjects* for at least one full semester. Core academic subjects are mathematics, English, science, social studies and foreign languages.

- **Official Transcripts**

Arrange for your high school to send us your transcript, complete through your junior year, by the application deadline. In addition, grades for the first term of your senior year must be received by our office by February 15, 2010.

*No admission decision will be made without receipt of mid-year transcript. All offers of admission are conditional pending final grades.*

- **Entrance Examination Results**

The College Board SAT Reasoning Test and two SAT Subject Tests of your choosing or the American College Testing (ACT) Assessment is required.

*All examination scores must be sent to Pomona College directly from the testing agency by the appropriate application deadline.*

Students who have not attended a school where English is the medium of instruction must also submit Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with their application materials. If providing TOEFL results presents a hardship, please contact the Office of Admissions for possible alternatives.

- **Required Signature(s) and Optional Photograph**

Complete this required form by providing your signature, indicating that you understand and accept the application and admission requirements. Also, if you have decided to apply to Pomona College under one of our Early Decision options, you must sign the Early Decision Agreement.

Submission of a photograph is optional. Pictures serve to remind us that the application represents a human being, rather than a mere collection of numbers, grades and activities.

### 6. Arts, Athletics and Science Supplements

In addition to your application, you can submit supplementary information related to the Arts, Athletics and the Sciences. See the enclosed *Supplementary Materials Submission Information* sheet in this packet for more information.

## International Students

Pomona does not have a separate application for international students. International students should follow all instructions articulated here.

If you have further questions, you can obtain a *Guide for International Students* from our Website at [www.pomona.edu](http://www.pomona.edu). If you do not have access to the Web, please contact the Office of Admissions.

## Special Instructions for Reapplicants

If you have filed a Pomona freshman application in the past, you may not need to complete a new one. Please inform the Office of Admissions and you will be notified of materials required to bring your previous application up to date. You will be sent an *Application for Reactivation* which must be received, in our office, by the appropriate application deadline.

## Financial Aid Application Instructions

*Pomona College is committed to awarding financial aid to each enrolling student found to have financial need. A student's financial need is not negatively considered by the Admissions Committee and does not affect the admission decision for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.*

Pomona College actively seeks to enroll an economically diverse student body.

No student should hesitate to apply to Pomona because of cost. The College meets 100 percent of the calculated financial need for enrolling students, and all financial aid is awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need. A complete description of the

## Mailing Instructions

When sending items to the Office of Admissions via mail, please indicate on the lower left-hand corner of your mailing envelope the admissions program for which you are applying (e.g., Early Decision 1, Early Decision 2 or Regular Decision).

Send communication concerning admissions to:

Pomona College  
Office of Admissions  
333 N. College Way  
Claremont, CA 91711-6312  
[admissions@pomona.edu](mailto:admissions@pomona.edu)

Pomona College financial aid policies and procedures is contained in the *Pomona College Catalog* and the brochure *Affordable Excellence*.

Further financial aid inquiries and requests for materials should be directed to:

Pomona College  
Office of Financial Aid  
550 N. College Avenue, Room 117  
Claremont, CA 91711-6327  
(909) 621-8205  
[financial.aid@pomona.edu](mailto:financial.aid@pomona.edu)

## Notification

You will be notified by email or mail when we receive your *Preliminary Application* or *The Common Application*, and again when your entire application is complete. If you do not receive these two notifications regarding your application, please contact the Office of Admissions at (909) 621-8134.

If you submit your application on or just before the application deadline, it will take longer for us to provide notice to you due to the extremely heavy volume of documents that we receive in the days surrounding deadlines.

**Important: If you provide an email address in your application, missing items notification will be sent to that address, along with instructions for tracking missing application items electronically. If you do not provide an email address, we will attempt to send a single notification of missing application items via mail. Pomona College cannot be responsible for messages blocked by SPAM filter programs or problems with internet service providers or postal service delivery.**

<b>Application Deadlines</b>					
<i>All application materials are due in our office by the appropriate application deadline.</i>					
<b>Interview Deadline*</b>					
	<i>On-Campus</i>	<i>Alumni Interview Request</i>	<b>Application Deadline</b>	<b>Admission Decision</b>	<b>Reply Date</b>
<i>Early Decision 1</i>	Nov. 15	Oct. 15	Nov. 1	Dec. 15	Jan. 1
<i>Early Decision 2</i>	Dec. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 28	Feb. 15	March 1
<i>Regular Decision</i>	Dec. 30	Dec. 1	Jan. 2	April 5	May 1
<i>Students Studying Outside of the U.S.</i>	Dec. 30	<i>Contact office for availability</i>	Dec. 15	April 5	May 1

\*Although not required, interviews are very strongly encouraged (see instructions).