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Princeton University prepares students to become leaders who will address the challenges of the future. Princeton aims to enroll the most talented students from all parts of the world and to provide them with an exceptional educational experience.

The University's admission process involves a holistic review of each applicant's entire file. Our process involves a highly individualized

assessment of the applicant's intellectual curiosity, achievements, and his or her potential to contribute to learning at Princeton. Students who need financial aid are not at a disadvantage in the admission process. Princeton welcomes applications from students of diverse economic backgrounds.

HOW TO APPLY

Students apply to Princeton by submitting both the Common Application and Princeton's Supplement to the Common Application, available online at www.commonapp.org.

To submit your application on paper, you may obtain the Common Application form from your guidance counselor or download and print a PDF of both the Common Application and Princeton's Supplement to the Common Application from www.commonapp.org or the Princeton website (www.princeton.edu/admission).

A nonrefundable \$65 application fee is required to cover part of the cost of processing each application. Students applying online may pay the fee with a credit card.

Applications submitted by mail should include a check or money order payable to Princeton University. If payment of this fee would cause extreme financial hardship, it may be waived upon a written request from the applicant's counselor that includes a brief explanation of the reason for the waiver.

IMPORTANT DATES

The final postmark or electronic submission deadline is **January 1**. We encourage applicants to submit their portion of the application by **December 15**, if possible. Applicants will receive a decision from us by early April.

Application outcomes include: admission to Princeton (students must accept or refuse our offer by **May 1**); refusal of admission; or assignment to a waiting list of candidates to whom offers of admission may be extended if space permits.

Applicants must take the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT (with Writing, where offered), and two SAT Subject Tests, no later than the **January 2010** test date.

TEST REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must take the SAT Reasoning or ACT (with Writing, where offered). In addition, all applicants must submit the results of two SAT Subject Tests. Applicants should have the testing agencies send official score reports directly to Princeton. Subject Tests should be in two different subjects, if possible.

SCORE CHOICE. Applicants are welcome to use the score choice option for standardized test score submission. Princeton will consider the highest individual section results across all sittings of the SAT Reasoning and the highest composite score for the ACT with Writing, as well as the two highest SAT Subject Test scores. We encourage applicants to submit all official test scores as soon as they are available.

SAT SUBJECT TESTS FOR ENGINEERING (B.S.E.).

Applicants who intend to pursue a B.S.E. degree should take one SAT Subject Test in either physics or chemistry and one SAT Subject Test in mathematics (Level I or II).

TOEFL FOR NON-NATIVE SPEAKERS OF ENGLISH.

If English is not your native language and you are attending a school where English is not the language of instruction, you must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) in addition to the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT, and SAT Subject Tests, and have your scores reported to Princeton by the testing agency. Students who have attended an English-medium secondary school for at least three years are not required to submit TOEFL results.

The TOEFL examination is administered by the Educational Testing Service at many testing centers throughout the world. You may register for the TOEFL at www.toefl.org.

PRINCETON'S TEST CODES	SAT 2672
	ACT 2588
	TOEFL 2672

TRANSFER ADMISSION

Princeton does not offer a transfer admission option. Students who have begun college or university studies elsewhere are considered transfer applicants and, as such, are ineligible to apply for undergraduate admission.

FINANCIAL AID

Princeton's no-loan financial aid program assists all qualified applicants with generous need-based grants, making the University affordable to low- and middle-income families. Committed to ensuring economic diversity, Princeton provides grants and campus jobs to meet the full demonstrated need for all students offered admission. These policies apply to both domestic and international applicants.

You may apply for financial aid at www.princeton.edu/apply/aid. If you are unable to apply for financial aid online, please contact the Undergraduate Financial Aid Office at 609-258-3330, or e-mail faoffice@princeton.edu.

MATRICULATION AND DEFERMENT

Students may only begin an undergraduate degree program at Princeton in the fall semester. Admitted students may request to defer enrollment for one year in order to travel, work, perform military service, or pursue other activities—with the exception of enrolling full-time at another college or university. Requests for deferment must be made in writing to the Dean of Admission by **May 10, 2010**.

INTERVIEWS

If there are sufficient volunteers in your area, you may be invited to meet a member of one of our Alumni School Committees after you submit your application. An interview is not required for admission to Princeton and you will not be at a disadvantage should you live in an area where volunteers are not available. We do not conduct on-campus interviews, but invite you to visit Princeton, if possible, to learn more about the University.

MORE INFORMATION

If you have additional questions regarding the application process, please contact us at:

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Admission Application Checklist

Please read all of the instructions on each page of the application forms carefully.

REQUIRED ITEMS

- Mail or electronically submit the Common Application and Princeton's Supplement to the Common Application by **January 1, 2010**. We encourage applicants to submit their portion of the application by **December 15, 2009**.
 - Include with your application the \$65 application fee. If payment of this fee would cause extreme financial hardship, it may be waived upon a written request from your guidance counselor that includes a brief explanation of the reason for the waiver.
- You will receive an e-mail (if you've provided an e-mail address) or a letter from us confirming that we have received your application.
- Ask your high school counselor, principal, or other school official to complete and send the Secondary School Report along with an official transcript of your grades by **January 1, 2010**, if possible.
 - Ask your high school counselor, principal, or other school official to complete and send the Midyear Report by **February 1, 2010**.
 - Ask two of your teachers—in different academic subject areas—to complete and send the Teacher Evaluation forms by **January 1, 2010**.
 - Be sure to take the SAT Reasoning Test or ACT, and two SAT Subject Tests, no later than the **January 2010** test date and have the testing agencies send official score reports directly to Princeton. If you reside outside the United States, we strongly advise you to complete all testing by **December 2009**.

Once we have created your application file, we will contact you if any required pieces of your application are missing. (Contact will be by e-mail if you provided an e-mail address or by mail if you did not.) You may also track your application online using the PIN you listed on your application.

Once we have received all the required pieces of your application, we will send you another e-mail or note in the mail confirming that your application is complete.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- In addition to all other required application materials, students at schools outside the U.S. must include the Common Application International Supplement.

FINANCIAL AID

- If you plan to apply for financial aid, you must complete and submit Princeton's Financial Aid Application by **February 1, 2010**.

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Optional Arts Form. Students who wish to demonstrate their talents in the arts (e.g., architecture, creative writing, dance, music, theater, visual arts) should submit Princeton's Optional Arts Form. Be sure to follow the guidelines listed in the Princeton Supplement and not those on the Common Application Arts Supplement form. The deadline to submit your samples is **January 1, 2010**. We strongly encourage applicants to submit this portion of their application by **December 15, 2009**.
- Athletes. Please do not use the Common Application Athletic Supplement. Students interested in playing a varsity sport at Princeton should contact the Princeton coach for that sport.
- Home School Supplement form. This Common Application form is for students who have been home schooled. It is available at www.commonapp.org and the Princeton website, www.princeton.edu/admission. The deadline is **January 1, 2010**.

Joint Statement on Common Ivy Group Admissions Procedures

The Ivy Group is an association of eight institutions of higher education, established in 1954 primarily for the purpose of fostering amateurism in athletics. Relations between the member institutions have grown over the years, and representatives of these institutions now meet regularly at a variety of levels to discuss topics which range from the purely academic to the purely athletic and from fundamental educational philosophy to procedures in admissions.

Each member institution has its own identity and character and protects its right to pursue its own educational objectives. Thus, although the Ivy Group institutions are similar in many respects, each member institution will continue to make its own independent admission decisions according to its own particular admission policy.

In recent years, however, it has become clear that the transition between secondary school and institutions of higher education has become increasingly complex and that greater efforts should be made to simplify the process through more uniform admissions procedures. It is our hope that by outlining carefully the procedures under which we are operating and by clearly specifying the obligations of both the applicant and the institution, we can help students pursue their college interests free of unnecessary confusion and pressure.

I. General Procedures

All contacts with students by representatives of Ivy institutions are intended to provide assistance and information and should be free of any activity that applies undue pressure on the candidate. *No information referring to the admission or financial aid status of an applicant to an Ivy institution may be considered official unless it is received directly from that institution's admission or financial aid office.*

All Ivy institutions mail admissions decision letters in early April. Those that offer an Early Decision or Early Action plan, as described below, also mail admissions decision letters in mid-December. A student who wishes a decision in December from one of these institutions must apply by November 1 and must complete the application with supporting materials shortly thereafter. A student may file only one "Early" application of any kind within the Ivy Group. Candidates in violation of this principle will not be considered until the spring.

II. December Notification

Under December Notification, an applicant may be notified that he or she has been granted or denied admission or that a final decision has been deferred until the early April notification date. Two plans currently are offered by Ivy Group institutions:

A. The College Board-approved Early Decision Plan, which is offered by Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, and the University of Pennsylvania, requires a prior commitment to matriculate. Financial aid awards for those qualifying for financial assistance will normally be announced in full detail at the same time as the admission decisions. An applicant receiving admission and an adequate financial award under the Early Decision Plan will be required to accept that offer of admission and withdraw all applications to other colleges or universities.

All the Ivy institutions will honor any required commitment to matriculate which has been made to another college under this plan.

B. A Single-Choice Early Action Plan is offered by Yale University. This plan does not require a commitment to matriculate. Students may apply to other colleges under their regular admission programs (spring notification of final admission decision) but Yale specifies that a candidate who applies in its Early Action Plan may not also apply Early Action or Early Decision elsewhere. In other words, the Single Choice Early Action Plan is unlike standard Early Action plans in that candidates must agree to file only one early application.

Students are urged to consult the admission literature available at each Ivy institution for details concerning its particular December Notification Plan, if any.

III. Early Evaluation Procedure

A. As determined by each institution, admissions offices may advise applicants of the probability of admission (e.g., likely, possible,

unlikely). Institutions may issue such probabilistic communications only in writing, from the office of admission. Such letters will have the effect of letters of admission, to be confirmed on the common notification date, subject to revocation only on the same terms as letters of admission.

B. Within each institution's overall admissions process, from October 1 through March 15 an admission office may issue probabilistic communications, in writing, to applicants who are recruited student-athletes. (Such probabilistic communications given by coaches, whether orally or in writing, do not constitute binding institutional commitments.) An applicant who receives one or more such written communications and who has made a decision to matriculate at one institution is encouraged (but not required) to notify all other institutions, and to withdraw all other applications, as promptly as possible.

C. A coach may inquire about the level of commitment to or interest in an institution of an applicant who is a recruited student-athlete, and an institution may consider that information in deciding whether or when the admissions office will offer a probabilistic communication. But an applicant may not be required to withdraw or not make other applications, or to refrain from visiting another institution, as a condition for receiving a written likely communication.

D. An institution may send a "likely" probabilistic communication letter to a candidate (whether or not the applicant is a recruited student-athlete) only if the applicant has submitted all of the materials which the institution requires in order to make an admissions decision.

E. An Ivy school may respond at any time should a non-Ivy school offer admission to a recruited student-athlete with a reply date prior to the common Ivy notification date. A response may be made only on the basis of written evidence of the offer (e.g., a copy of an official offer of a grant-in-aid, with a reply date, or a letter from a guidance counselor), or of confirmation of an offer to the admissions office by a secondary school counselor.

IV. Common Notification

On a common date, usually in early April, applicants to the Ivy institutions will be notified of admission decisions and financial aid awards unless they have been notified under Early Decision or Early Action Plan procedures.

V. Financial Aid

All the Ivy institutions follow the common policy that any financial aid for student-athletes will be awarded and renewed on the sole basis of economic need with no differentiation in amount or in kind (e.g., packaging) based on athletic ability or participation, provided that each school shall apply its own standard of economic need.

VI. Common Reply Date

Except for those applicants admitted under the College Board-approved Early Decision Plan, which requires a prior commitment to matriculate, no candidate admitted to any of the Ivy institutions will be required to announce his or her decision to accept or decline an offer of admission until the Common Reply Date of May 1. All such candidates may delay their commitment to attend until May 1 without pre-judice. By that date all admitted candidates must affirm in writing their single choice.

The preceding paragraph does not preclude students from remaining on active waiting lists and withdrawing promptly from their original college choice upon receiving subsequent waiting list acceptance to another institution. However, the Ivy institutions reserve their right to rescind acceptance decisions from candidates who make commitments to and who hold confirmed places at more than one institution concurrently.

Students who choose to remain on an active waiting list after May 1 will receive a final response no later than July 1.

VII. Participating Institutions

Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Yale University