

Introduction and Application Procedures

Admissions Timetable

November 1

Deadline for January admission application to receive notification by December 15

November 15

Deadline for Early Decision (Round I) application to receive notification by December 15

Deadline for requesting an alumni interview (for first-year applicants)

Deadline for on-campus interviews

January 1

Deadline for Early Decision (Round II) application to receive notification by February 15

Deadline for regular first-year applications

Deadline for international applications (first-year and transfer)

February 15

Deadline for Midyear Report*

Deadline for transfers to request alumni interviews

March 1

Deadline for transfer applications (by January 1 for non-U.S. citizens)

March 31

(April 10 for overseas applicants)
Notification from Bates regarding first-year admission and financial aid (if applicable)

Notification from Bates regarding transfer admission and financial aid (if applicable)

May 1

Deadline for first-year candidates to reply to offers of admission

Deadline for transfer candidates to reply to offers of admission

* Please submit the Midyear Report along with any previously unavailable credentials (if applicable) by February 15. You may fax it to us before mailing it. If this information is not available until after February 15, please mail it as soon as it does become available.

We are pleased that you have decided to apply to Bates and we look forward to learning about you. We will read your application several times over the coming months.

Application Procedures

1. Bates College uses the Common Application exclusively. In addition to the requirements of the Common Application, all students **must submit the Bates Supplement** to the Common Application.

2. Give the School Report and Midyear Report (first-year applicants only; transfer applicants should submit mid-semester grade estimates instead) to your school counselor and the two Teacher Evaluation forms to members of the faculty who have instructed you in a core academic course in the junior or senior year.

3. Fill out and return the required Bates Supplement by the appropriate deadline. Since the submission of standardized test scores is optional at Bates, please be sure to indicate your preferences on this form.

4. Include the **\$60 fee and Bates Supplement with your application**. We accept requests for fee waivers from appropriate school officials. Students who are not citizens of the United States are not required to submit a fee or fee waiver request.

Early Decision (ED)

For many students who have decided that Bates is their first choice, Early Decision is a good plan. We invite you to use either deadline: November 15 for Round I or January 1 for Round II.

Enclosed is the Early Decision Contract Form. Please read it carefully and include the signed form with your application.

Under the Early Decision Plan, it is a violation of the spirit and the letter of the agreement for an applicant to be an Early Decision candidate at two or more institutions at the same time. Students who apply under the Early Decision Plan may initiate applications to other institutions, provided that

none of the other applications is made under an Early Decision or an applicable Restrictive Early Action Plan. The obligation explicit in the Early Decision Plan, as described here and as defined by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, is a commitment on the part of the candidate to withdraw any other applications and to initiate no new applications if accepted under an institution's Early Decision Plan. (This commitment is binding only if sufficient financial aid is offered.)

International Students

All applicants who are not U.S. citizens must submit the Bates Financial Statement for International Students (available on the Admissions website) by the appropriate admission deadline.

Applicants must also send official Certificates of Completion and/or results of federal examinations, if applicable, or other documents pertinent to their country's education system. Students whose first language is not English must submit results of the TOEFL or another equivalent test.

Transfer Students

A transfer student is defined as a student who has completed at least four college/university-level courses at an accredited college or university. An official transcript must be submitted showing all previous course work, and the college catalog indicating descriptions of courses taken and those in which you are currently enrolled. Please send mid-semester grade estimates, signed by your current professors. Also required are an official and final secondary school transcript, three letters of recommendation (two from college professors and one from another academic source), a statement of good standing from an official of your current college, and an essay detailing reasons for wanting to transfer to Bates. The application deadline for fall enrollment is March 1. An interview is strongly encouraged. Transfer applicants are encouraged to use the electronic transfer Common Application forms found on the Web site at www.bates.edu/transfer-application.xml.

January Admission

First-year and transfer candidates may apply for the semester that begins in January. It is important to note, however, that there are generally very few spaces available for this semester. The financial aid budget for the year is usually expended by this time as well. As a result, a good number of January applicants are deferred to the Regular Decision pool to be considered for September. All admissions forms and credentials must be submitted by the November 1 deadline. The notification date of the decision is December 15.

Reapplying

If you have applied to Bates within the last two years, you may reapply by reactivating your original application regardless of the previous decision. To reactivate an application, please submit a letter stating your intent to reactivate for a specific semester, the appropriate financial aid document(s), any new supporting credentials (e.g., academic documents, exam results, recommendations from teachers or employers, etc.), an essay detailing your activities since the initial application, and any other pertinent information. It is not necessary to pay an application fee for the reactivation process. Students who have earned credit at another college or university must also follow the guidelines for transfer students.

Visiting Students

Degree candidates at other institutions may enroll at Bates for a semester or a year as visiting students. The application, official secondary-school and college transcripts, three recommendations (two from college professors and one from a dean or advisor), a statement of good standing from a college official, and an essay on the applicant's interest in becoming a visiting student are required by March 1 (for September admission) or November 1 (for January admission). An interview is strongly encouraged.

Interviews and Campus Visits

Interviews are strongly recommended. If you do not interview, either on campus or with an alumni interviewer near your home, you may be placing yourself at a

disadvantage in the evaluation process. From June 15 to November 15 we schedule personal interviews for weekdays on the hour. Campus tours are available throughout the year; please consult www.bates.edu/admissions.xml for exact dates and times. We can arrange alumni interviews for students unable to visit campus. Requests for alumni interviews must be received by November 15. Transfer applicants may request alumni interviews until February 15.

To schedule an on campus or alumni interview, contact us at:

Admissions Office
Bates College
23 Campus Avenue
Lewiston, Maine 04240-6098
Telephone (207) 786-6000
Fax (207) 786-6025
Web: www.bates.edu

Financing a Bates Education

Any family which foresees difficulty in meeting the full cost of a year at Bates should plan to apply for financial aid. No two family situations are alike, and applications for aid are individually reviewed with great care.

In establishing a student's eligibility for financial assistance, Bates uses a modified version of the College Scholarship Service's institutional methodology. Bates reviews a family's income and assets in calculating a parental contribution and carefully considers other factors such as the size of the family, the number of siblings who may be attending college, and any unusual family expenses. Students are expected to contribute toward the family's share of their college expenses from savings and previous-year or summer earnings. The difference between the calculated family contribution and the budgeted total costs at Bates (tuition, room, board, books, and travel expenses) is the student's need, and is the basis upon which the financial aid package is determined.

If a family's resources are not sufficient to cover the student's total budget, the student will receive a financial aid package to cover the difference. A financial aid package is offered to students at the time of their acceptance and typically consists of a Bates scholarship, a student loan, and campus employment.

Applying for Financial Aid

Applicants (U.S. citizens, dual citizens, and permanent residents) for financial aid must submit a College Scholarship Service Financial Aid PROFILE form and Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). U.S. citizens should send all financial aid paperwork to the address listed below. For deadlines and other details, please consult: www.bates.edu/sfs.xml

Please direct any questions regarding financial aid to:

Office of Student Financial Services
Bates College
44 Mountain Avenue
Lewiston, Maine 04240-6098
Telephone (207) 786-6096
Fax (207) 786-8350
E-mail: finaid@bates.edu