

Application For First-Year Admission

Type of Admission	Description	When to Apply	Notification from Clark	Candidate's Reply
Regular Admission <i>Fall</i>	For freshman admission in fall semester.	As early as possible in first semester of senior year, but no later than February 1. <i>To be considered for merit-based scholarships, apply by January 15.</i>	April 1	May 1 – Clark subscribes to the Candidate's Reply Date Agreement of the College Entrance Examination Board
Regular Admission <i>Spring</i>	For freshman admission in spring semester.	By November 1	December 15	Within two weeks of notification
Early Decision	If Clark is your first choice, you may apply for early decision on the application supplement.	By November 15	January 1	Two weeks after notification (Binding agreement)
Early Admission <i>Fall</i>	Admission after junior year; high school recommendations required.	As early as possible in first semester of junior year; but no later than February 1	Early April	May 1
International Admission	For non-U.S. citizens attending schools within U.S. or outside U.S. International students should contact the Admissions Office for a separate International Application form.	By February 1	Early April	May 1
Transfer Admission	Transfer students should contact the Admissions Office for a separate Transfer Student Application form. A maximum of 50% of degree and major requirements (junior standing) may be awarded in transfer.			
<i>Fall</i>	Admission with Advanced Standing for students attending two- and four-year colleges.	By April 1	Rolling notification after deadline	Two weeks after notification
<i>Spring</i>	Admission with Advanced Standing for students attending two- and four-year colleges.	By November 1	Rolling notification after deadline	Two weeks after notification

Financial Aid

At Clark University the vast majority of financial assistance is offered on the basis of financial need. Need is determined from information that parents and students supply on both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA – administered by the US Government) and PROFILE (administered by the College Scholarship Service of the College Board).

You may obtain PROFILE registration information and the FAFSA from your high school guidance office. You may also register online for the PROFILE at www.collegeboard.com (code number 3279) and for the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov (code number 002139). The PROFILE is usually available in October and the FAFSA in November. Priority

consideration is given to students who file both forms by the suggested deadlines: February 1 for September first-year admission; November 1 for January admission; and April 1 for September transfer admission. Families who have not filed their tax returns should use estimated figures on their financial aid applications. Do not delay filing of the FAFSA and PROFILE until you have filed your tax returns.

Early Decision candidates should file the PROFILE by December 1 and the FAFSA by February 1. Based on information submitted on the PROFILE, Early Decision candidates will receive an estimated financial aid award in late December.

Application Instructions

Admission to Clark is competitive

Candidates are selected for their academic promise and for their special talents and experiences. Secondary school achievement and standardized test scores, as well as recommendations from teachers, principals, and guidance counselors are also carefully evaluated in each candidate's application for admission.

High School Preparation

The completion of a minimum of 16 acceptable units of credit in a secondary school program is required for admission. Such preparation typically includes four years of English; three years of mathematics; three years of science; two years of both a social science and a foreign language; and other credit electives, including the arts.

The Application and Fee

Please complete all the personal, educational and academic data. A non-refundable application fee of \$50 or fee waiver request must accompany this application. To encourage students to visit campus, we will waive the \$50 application fee if you bring in your completed personal application and essay during a campus visit.

The family data section is followed by academic honors, extracurricular activities and athletic interests. If the space provided is insufficient, please attach a separate, typed resume of your personal activities and employment history. Your application is not considered complete until all supporting credentials, including your personal statement, are received.

To be considered for merit-based scholarships, the application, \$50 fee, essay, official high school transcript and standardized test scores must be received by January 15.

International and Transfer Admission

Clark uses the Common Application for all applicants, however additional forms and instructions are required for international students (non-U.S. Citizens) and transfer students (who have completed at least one semester of college coursework). Please contact the Admissions Office to obtain additional forms and instructions if you are applying as a transfer or international applicant.

Personal Statement/Essay

Please write an essay about one of the topics listed under Personal Statement. If you elect to attach separate pages, be sure to include your name and address at the top of each page.

Application Supplement

The Application Supplement is a required part of your admission application to Clark and requests additional important information. Your responses to the two short-answer questions will help the Admissions Committee better understand you, your interests and experiences, and your "fit" as a potential Clark student. These are not additional essays; a paragraph or two is sufficient. Be sure to include your name and address, and staple your responses to the Application Supplement.

Personal Data

You are required to answer Question 1 in the Personal Data section of the Supplement. Your application will not be acted upon if you do not answer this question.

Early Decision

If Clark University is clearly your first choice, you are encouraged to apply

Early Decision. By signing the Early Decision statement on the application supplement you are agreeing that, if admitted and if your estimated financial aid award is sufficient, you will deposit at Clark and withdraw all other college applications. The Early Decision deadline is November 15, with notification by January 1. A candidate who is "deferred" under Early Decision will automatically be reconsidered for regular decision. It is not necessary to file another application, and the commitment to Clark is no longer binding if admitted under regular decision.

Special Academic Option for First-year Students

The International Studies Stream is a special program that allows students to fulfill the University's broad liberal arts requirements with courses that focus on international themes and issues. Students participate in study abroad experiences or internships and develop enhanced foreign language proficiency. Special outside-the-classroom activities include field trips, conferences and concerts. The International Studies Stream can be combined with any major.

School Report and Transcript

Complete the name and address section of the School Report Form, then give it to the guidance counselor, principal or headmaster of the secondary school you are currently attending or last attended. This form provides Clark with a statement of good standing on your behalf. Also, you must arrange to have an official transcript of your coursework and grades forwarded to Clark.

Academic Reference

Complete the name and address section of the academic reference form and provide your teacher with a stamped, addressed envelope for direct mailing to Clark. You should choose an instructor who knows you well and who has taught you—ideally during the last year—in an academic subject.

Tests

All U.S. first-year students must submit results of the SAT I or ACT standardized tests.

If English is not your primary language, you must submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). Successful candidates usually score in the 550-650 (213-280) range. TOEFL is given worldwide. Information concerning test dates and locations may be obtained by writing to: TOEFL, P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, U.S.A., or on the web at www.TOEFL.org.

Students may earn advanced standing with scores of 4 or 5 on Advanced Placement (AP) tests administered by the College Entrance Examination Board, or submission of certain international educational credentials (i.e. International Baccalaureate, Abitur, A-Levels, etc.).

Interviews and Campus Visits

Interviews are not required but are strongly recommended. By far, the most informative way to learn about Clark University is to spend a day on campus. Prospective students are invited to take tours, sit in on a class and meet students and faculty. Please call, write, or e-mail the Admissions Office for information concerning interviews, tour schedules and directions to campus.

Alumni Contact

If you cannot visit the campus, we encourage you to talk with an alumni admissions representative. A local alumni interview is available in most areas to students who apply prior to January 15.