

Freshman Application to Yale College For Entrance in September 2009

Application Instructions

Please submit the Common Application and the Yale Common Application Supplement, along with the application fee of \$75 or a fee waiver request and supporting information, by **November 1, 2008** for Single-Choice Early Action, or by **December 31, 2008** for Regular Decision.

We strongly encourage candidates to apply online by going to www.commonapp.org. The online versions of the Common Application and the Yale Supplement are easy to use and ensure quick and accurate transfer of your personal information to our database. Online applicants have the option of paying the application fee by credit card, debit card, or electronic check.

If you will use the paper application, please write Early Action or Regular Decision on the front of the envelope that contains your Common Application and Yale Supplement. Whether you apply online or use paper forms, please be sure that the envelopes sent to Yale that contain the teacher evaluations, the School Report, and the Midyear Report all are marked Early Action or Regular Decision as well. Your application will be processed more quickly as a result. Be sure to save copies of all your completed forms.

Fee Waiver Request

If you wish to apply for a fee waiver, you will need to supply the following information: the combined annual income of your family in U.S. dollars, the number of dependents listed for tax purposes by your parents, and a brief statement of any additional circumstances that should be considered in a review of your fee waiver request. (The online application form will ask you for this information.)

Single-Choice Early Action

If you would like an admissions decision by mid-December, you may apply under Yale's Single-Choice Early Action program. The program is like other non-binding plans in that candidates who are admitted early need not respond to the offer of admission until May 1, and may apply Regular Decision to other schools. Being admitted early would, for example, still allow you to compare offers of financial aid in the spring. Yale's early plan is unlike standard Early Action programs in that you may not simultaneously apply Early Action or Early Decision to any other school. (Put another way, students who are candidates for another college's Early Action or Early Decision program may not apply for Single-Choice Early Action at Yale.) If you apply early to Yale, you will be asked to sign the Single-Choice Early Action Agreement on the Supplement stating that you intend to file only the one Yale early application.

In order to be considered under this program, check Restrictive

Early Action at the top of the Common Application and again at the top of the Yale Supplement. Then submit those online forms together by November 1. In mid-December you will receive a response: an acceptance or denial of admission, or a deferral, meaning that the Admissions Committee will consider your application again in the Regular Decision pool and send you final word on your candidacy in April. Applicants denied admission under Single-Choice Early Action are not eligible for further consideration for freshman admission in the fall of 2009.

Single-Choice Early Action candidates are evaluated in the same way as are those who apply for Regular Decision. Senior grades are not often available for early candidates, so you should be confident of your record to date at the point of application – and have all your testing completed by early November – if you want to use the Single-Choice Early Action program.

See Timetable for Testing below for the last possible test dates for Single-Choice Early Action.

Standardized Testing

Yale requires official results of the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) SAT Reasoning Test and any combination of two SAT Subject Tests, or the American College Test (ACT).

SAT

Only scores reported directly to Yale by the College Board are considered official. Be sure to ask that the College Board send a report to Yale of all previous test results and include Yale's CEEB Code (No. 3987) on future test registrations. Your application may be considered incomplete if we do not receive the required test scores. Note that Yale no longer accepts the "old" SAT.

ACT

If you will not be taking the College Board SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests to meet Yale's testing requirement, you may substitute the examination administered by the American College Testing (ACT) Assessment Program (Code No. 0618). Yale is one of the schools that require the ACT Writing Test, so be sure to register for the ACT Assessment Plus Writing if it is available. (The ACT Plus Writing is offered only on the October and December international test dates in 2008-2009, and not all international test centers are scheduled for every test date. If the writing test is not available, Yale will accept the ACT without the writing test.) Bear in mind, however, that some Yale departments use the SAT Reasoning Test and/or SAT Subject Tests for course placement.

See Timetable for Testing below for the last possible test dates for the SAT and ACT.

TOEFL or IELTS

Students at Yale must be able to understand rapid, idiomatic English and to express themselves easily in both spoken and written English. As part of the assessment of a candidate's competence in English, Yale strongly recommends the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for any applicant whose first language is not English and who has not received at least two years of his or her secondary education in an English-medium curriculum. A minimum score of 600 is expected on the paper-based TOEFL; a minimum score of 100 is expected on the Internet-based TOEFL; a minimum score of 7 is expected on the IELTS exam.

See Timetable for Testing below for the last possible test dates for the TOEFL and IELTS.

Timetable for Testing

Last possible test months for Single-Choice Early Action:

SAT Reasoning Test	October	November*†
SAT Subject Tests (2)		November†
ACT	October	
TOEFL		November†
IELTS	October	

* Assumes that you have already taken the required Subject Tests.

† While November test results usually arrive in time for Early Action consideration, there is no guarantee that they will. Without official test results, your application may have to be moved to Regular Decision.

Last possible test months for Regular Decision:

SAT Reasoning Test	January*	
SAT Subject Tests (2)	January	
ACT		February†
TOEFL	January	
IELTS	January	

* Assumes that you have already taken the required Subject Tests.

† While February test results usually arrive in time for Regular Decision consideration, there is no guarantee that they will. Without official test results, your application may be declared incomplete. Test sooner if at all possible.

Interviews

Alumni interviews are conducted by the Yale Alumni Schools Committee wherever there is a local association. If an interview is possible, you will be contacted by a member of the local committee

after your admissions file has been opened. Alumni interviews are encouraged but not required. Alumni interviewers can be a valuable resource, providing firsthand knowledge of what it is like to live and study at Yale. Please note that in the fall, Alumni Schools Committees schedule Single-Choice Early Action interviews before Regular Decision interviews.

Interviews on campus are not required, but some appointments are available for high school seniors through mid-November. If you would like to schedule a campus interview, you should make a request online well in advance at www.yale.edu/admit/visit/ interviews. If you do not have access to the Internet, contact our office at 203 432-9386. Students who have on-campus interviews may be offered Alumni Schools Committee interviews if there is sufficient alumni coverage in the area. We encourage you to take advantage of the local interview as well, if it is offered.

Supplementary Materials

Students with exceptional abilities that cannot be demonstrated elsewhere in the application may consider submitting supplementary materials. This should be done only when the submissions will demonstrate a high level of excellence in a particular field and be worthy of possible review by Yale faculty members. Before submitting supplementary material, applicants should review Yale's instructions at www.yale.edu/admit/freshmen/application/supplementary.

Materials must be postmarked by November 1 for Single-Choice Early Action candidates or by December 31 for Regular Decision candidates. Supplementary materials, unfortunately, cannot be returned.

Mailing Instructions

Application forms or supplementary materials should be mailed to:

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Yale University
P.O. Box 208234
New Haven, Connecticut 06520-8234

Street address (for use on an envelope mailed via Federal Express, UPS, TNT, etc.):

Office of Undergraduate Admissions
Yale University
38 Hillhouse Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

Students with Disabilities

For information about Yale's resources for students with disabilities, please contact:

Resource Office on Disabilities
103 W. L. Harkness Hall, 100 Wall Street
P.O. Box 208305
New Haven, Connecticut 06520-8305
203 432-2324 or 2325 (TTY/tdd)

International Applicants

If you are applying from a school outside the United States, the application procedure and timetables are essentially the same as for candidates applying from schools in the United States. Either the SAT Reasoning Test and two SAT Subject Tests, or the ACT, is required, with only two exceptions. Students whose home countries (e.g., mainland China) do not have a testing center are, of course, exempt. In addition, students enrolled in A-level programs may use completed A-level results as a substitute for the SAT Subject Tests on a one-for-one basis provided that official test results arrive at Yale by February of 2009. No other substitutions are acceptable. As part of the assessment of a candidate's competence in English, Yale strongly recommends the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for any applicant whose first language is not English and who has not received at least two years of his or her secondary education in an English-medium curriculum.

All candidates should be certain to have official copies of external examination results (GCSEs or O-level equivalents, A-levels, Australian HSC results, and so on) sent to Undergraduate Admissions at Yale. Applications will be considered incomplete without them. Students in the final year of A-level or IB Diploma programs should be sure their schools report predicted outcomes to Yale. Applications will be considered incomplete without those predicted grades.

If the secondary school transcript is written in a language other than English, it should be accompanied by an official translation. The same holds for supporting documents such as the required letters of recommendation, two from teachers and one from the college counselor or university adviser. The school principal, headmaster, or academic tutor may complete the School Report and Midyear Report of the Common Application if your school does not have a college counselor.

Matriculating international students must in most cases submit a completed Certification of Finances form (available at www.yale.edu/sfas/financial/forms) and supporting documents that indicate his or her family or sponsor will have sufficient funds to cover tuition, room and board, and living expenses at Yale. Once a student's financial resources have been verified, the University will grant the I-20, which the student will then take to a U.S. embassy or consulate abroad to apply for a visa.

Majors at Yale

(for use in answering the Possible Major question on the Yale Supplement)

0000	If you are undecided, indicate 0000	0137	French
0010	African American Studies	0241	Geology & Geophysics
0492	African Studies	0142	Germanic Languages & Literatures
0102	American Studies	0048	German Studies
0304	Anthropology	0144	History
0013	Applied Mathematics	0145	History of Art
0205	Applied Physics	0056	History of Science & Medicine
0418	Archaeological Studies	0053	Humanities
0106	Architecture	0051	International Studies
0006	Art	0154	Italian
0207	Astronomy	0026	Japanese
0015	Astronomy & Physics	0028	Judaic Studies
0228	Biology: Ecology & Evolutionary	0060	Latin American Studies
0211	Biology: Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental	0160	Linguistics
0082	Biomedical Engineering	0063	Literature
0218	Chemical Engineering	0261	Mathematics
0217	Chemistry	0068	Mathematics & Philosophy
0025	Chinese	0066	Mathematics & Physics
0031	Classical Civilization	0278	Mechanical Engineering
0030	Classics: Greek, Latin or Greek & Latin	0111	Modern Middle East Studies
0080	Cognitive Science	0266	Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry
0226	Computer Science	0167	Music
0023	Computer Science & Mathematics	0168	Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations
0079	Computer Science & Psychology	0170	Philosophy
0100	Computing and the Arts	0076	Physics
0027	East Asian Studies (China)	0205	Physics, Applied
0029	East Asian Studies (Japan)	0078	Physics & Philosophy
0328	Economics	0374	Political Science
0037	Economics & Mathematics	0075	Portuguese
0231	Electrical Engineering	0376	Psychology
0084	Electrical Engineering & Computer Science	0179	Religious Studies
0067	Engineering Sciences	0178	Renaissance Studies
0138	English	0090	Russian
0073	Environmental Engineering	0182	Russian & Eastern European Studies
0022	Environmental Studies	0385	Sociology
0039	Ethics, Politics, & Economics	0094	Spanish
0083	Ethnicity, Race, & Migration	0098	Special Divisional Major
0041	Film Studies	0097	Theater Studies
		0134	Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

Joint Statement on Common Ivy Group Admissions Procedures

The University is committed to basing judgments concerning the admission, education, and employment of individuals upon their qualifications and abilities and affirmatively seeks to attract to its faculty, staff, and student body qualified persons of diverse backgrounds. In accordance with this policy and as delineated by federal and Connecticut law, Yale does not discriminate in admissions, educational programs, or employment against any individual on account of that individual's sex, race, color, religion, age, disability, status as a special disabled veteran, veteran of the Vietnam era or other covered veteran, or national or ethnic origin; nor does Yale discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

University policy is committed to affirmative action under law in employment of women, minority group members, individuals with disabilities, special disabled veterans, veterans of the Vietnam era, and other covered veterans.

Inquiries concerning these policies may be referred to Director of the Office for Equal Opportunity Programs, 104 William L. Harkness Hall, 80 Wall Street, 203 432-0849.

In accordance with both federal and state law, the University maintains information concerning current security policies and procedures and prepares an annual crime report concerning crimes committed within the geographical limits of the University. Upon request to the Office of the Secretary of the University, P.O. Box 208230, New Haven, Connecticut 06520-8230, 203 432-2310, the University will provide such information to any applicant for admission.

In accordance with federal law, the University prepares an annual report on participation rates, financial support, and other information regarding men's and women's intercollegiate athletic programs. Upon request to the Director of Athletics, P.O. Box 208216, New Haven, Connecticut 06520-8216, 203 432-1414, the University will provide its annual report to any student or prospective student.

Student-Right-to-Know Act

In accordance with federal law, the University prepares the graduation rate of degree-seeking, full-time students in Yale College. Upon request to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, P.O. Box 208234, New Haven, Connecticut 06520-8234, telephone 203 432-9300, the University will provide such information to any applicant for admission.

For all other matters related to admission to Yale College, please call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, 203 432-9300.

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 among the member institutions have grown over the years, and we 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 admissions decisions according to its own particular admissions policy.

However, it is clear that the transition between secondary school and institutions of higher learning is complex and that efforts should be made to simplify the admissions process through 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 which could be construed as applying 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 or reliable unless it is received directly from that institution's admissions 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 admissions 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 that 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 admissions programs (spring notification of final admissions 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 admissions literature available at each Ivy institution for details concerning its particular December Notification Plan, if any.

III. Early Evaluation

Beginning in January and continuing until March 15, institutions may, on their own initiative, advise an applicant of his or her chance of admission (i.e., 'likely,' 'unlikely,' or 'possible'). As these are merely tentative assessments, it should be understood that no commitments are involved on the part of either the institution or the applicant.

IV. April Notification

On a common date in early April, applicants to the Ivy institutions will be notified by mail of admissions decisions and financial aid awards.

V. Financial Aid

All the Ivy institutions follow the common policy that any financial aid will be awarded solely on the basis of demonstrated 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 requested to announce his or her decision to accept or decline an offer of admission until the Candidates' Reply Date of May 1. All such candidates may delay their commitment to attend until May 1 without prejudice. By that date all admitted candidates must affirm in writing their single college choice. This 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 remove 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.

Participating Institutions

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