



COLUMBIA COLLEGE & FU FOUNDATION SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & APPLIED SCIENCE

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID & EDUCATIONAL FINANCING

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CANADIAN & MEXICAN APPLICATION FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID 2009-2010 International Student Financial Aid Application for 1st Year & Transfer Applicants

- CANADIAN & MEXICAN CITIZENS WHO ARE ALSO U.S. PERMANENT RESIDENTS SHOULD FOLLOW THE GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID FOR ELIGIBLE NON-CITIZENS: <http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/finaid/application/>.

IMPORTANT: Admission to Columbia is NEED-BLIND for all Canadian & Mexican citizens, which means that when your application is reviewed by the Office of Admission, it is looked at without regard to your ability to pay for the total cost of attending Columbia. Columbia is committed to meeting the full demonstrated financial need of all Canadian & Mexican citizens admitted as first-year students.

While transfer admission to Columbia is need-blind for Canadian & Mexican citizens, only limited institutional grant aid is available for transfer students. Columbia may therefore be unable to meet the full need of all admitted transfer students. If you are uncertain as to whether you should apply as a first-year or transfer applicant, please contact the Office of Admission at 212-854-2522.

FIRST-YEAR APPLICANTS CHECKLIST

- The *Canadian & Mexican Student Financial Aid Application* should be postmarked by **November 14, 2008 for Early-Decision** candidates and postmarked by **March 2, 2009 for Regular-Decision** candidates.
- A signed copy of all pages of your and your parents' 2008 Canadian and Provincial Tax returns or Mexican Tax Returns should be postmarked by **March 2, 2009**. If, at the time of application, 2008 tax returns are unavailable, please submit 2007 returns for preliminary evaluation and submit 2008 returns once completed. **Early decision candidates should also submit 2007 returns postmarked by November 14, 2008.** If you/your parents are not required to file a 2008 tax return, you/they should complete the Parent/Student Non-Tax Filer Statement (available at <http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/finaid/downloads/>).

IF NEEDED:

- If your parents are divorced or separated, each parent will need to complete the *Canadian & Mexican Student Financial Aid Application*. Photocopy this form and provide copies for both your custodial and non-custodial parents. Applications from non-custodial parents should be postmarked by **November 14, 2008 for Early Decision** candidates and postmarked by **March 2, 2009 for Regular Decision** candidates.
- If you or your parents own all or part of a business, corporation or partnership or are farm tenants, a complete copy of the most recent business tax return (including ALL schedules)

must be submitted to Columbia postmarked by **November 14, 2008 for Early Decision** candidates and postmarked by **March 2, 2009 for Regular Decision** candidates.

TRANSFER APPLICANT CHECKLIST

- The *Canadian & Mexican Student Financial Aid Application* should be **submitted to be received by Columbia no later than April 20, 2009.**
- A signed copy of all pages of your and your parents' 2008 Canadian and Provincial Tax returns or Mexican Tax Returns should be **submitted to be received by Columbia no later than April 20, 2009.** If, at the time of application, 2008 tax returns are unavailable, please submit 2007 returns for preliminary evaluation and submit 2008 returns once completed. If you/your parents are not required to file a 2008 tax return, you/they should complete the Parent/Student Non-Tax Filer Statement (available at <http://www.studentaffairs.columbia.edu/finaid/downloads/>).

IF NEEDED:

- If your parents are divorced or separated, each parent will need to complete the *Canadian & Mexican Student Financial Aid Application*. Photocopy this form and provide copies for both your custodial and non-custodial parents. Applications from non-custodial parents should be **submitted to be received by Columbia no later than April 20, 2009.**
- If you or your parents own all or part of a business, corporation or partnership or are farm tenants, a complete copy of the most recent business tax return (including ALL schedules) must be submitted to Columbia **submitted to be received by Columbia no later than April 20, 2009.**

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- Read all application instructions carefully.
- Be sure to meet all deadlines. Need-based institutional aid can be guaranteed only to students who meet deadlines for all forms and documents.
- Print the student's name and Columbia Applicant ID Number on all documents you submit to the Office of Financial Aid & Educational Financing.
- Keep copies of all documents which you submit.

UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Please attach an additional letter to explain any unusual circumstances that might affect your family's ability to contribute toward your education costs.

Please return this completed form to: Columbia University Office of Financial Aid & Educational Financing, 100 Hamilton Hall, Mail Code 2802, 1130 Amsterdam Avenue, NY, NY 10027 or FAX 212-854-5353.

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Section B—Parents' Information

12. What is your parents' current marital status? (Mark only one box.)

- Married
 Separated/Divorced
 Mother living/Father deceased
 Father living/Mother deceased
 Other (explain) _____

13. Father's name: _____ 14. Mother's name: _____
 a. Age: _____ a. Age: _____
 b. Address: _____ b. Address: _____
 c. Occupation/Title: _____ c. Occupation/Title: _____
 d. Employer: _____ d. Employer: _____
 e. Number of years with employer e. Number of years with employer

15. How many people, including yourself, depend on the income of your parents for daily living expenses?

16. **Family Member Listing.** Provide information for **all** family members you included in question 11 or 15. **Do not give information about yourself.**

Full name of family member	Age	Educational information 2008-09							Educational information 2009-10		
		Relationship to you	Name of school or college	Year in school or college	Tuition and fees	Room and board	Scholarships and gift aid	Amount of parents' contribution	Name of school or college	Total cost	Amount of parents' contribution

Section C—Financial Information

17. Documentation must be provided to verify income and asset information requested on this form. Please check the type of documentation you will be sending.

- Tax forms
 Statement from employer
 Other (specify—for example, bank statement) _____

18. What is the present exchange rate of your country's currency to the U.S. dollar? (for example, 3,100 pesos = \$1) _____ = \$1

19. Does your government currently impose restrictions on the exchange and release of funds for study in the United States? Yes No

If yes, describe restrictions: _____

20. Do you have a source of emergency funds once you arrive in the United States? Yes No

If yes, name source: _____

Amount available in U.S.\$ _____

21. How will you pay for your transportation to the United States? _____

22. During 2008, how much of your household income (before taxes or expenses) came from the following sources (in U.S. dollars)?

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| a. Father's work | \$ _____ | e. Family business | \$ _____ | i. Interest or dividends | \$ _____ |
| b. Mother's work | \$ _____ | f. Family real estate holdings | \$ _____ | j. Housing, food, and other living allowances | \$ _____ |
| c. Your work | \$ _____ | g. Pension/annuity/retirement | \$ _____ | k. Other (explain) | \$ _____ |
| d. Your spouse's work | \$ _____ | h. Other members of the household | \$ _____ | | |

23. Will there be a significant increase or decrease in your family's income next year? Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Section D—Asset Information

24. Does your family own its home? Yes No (If yes, complete 24a–24d below.)

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| a. What year was it purchased? _____ | c. How much does your family still owe on the purchase price? U.S.\$ _____ |
| b. What was the original purchase price? U.S.\$ _____ | d. What is the present market value? U.S.\$ _____ |

25. Does your family own a business? Yes No (If yes, complete 25a–25d below.)

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| a. Date business commenced _____ | c. Your parents' share of business value U.S.\$ _____ |
| b. Type of business _____ | d. Your parents' share of business indebtedness U.S.\$ _____ |

Section D— Asset Information (continued)

26. Please list the value of the following family assets (if applicable):

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| a. Land and buildings (other than home or business) U.S.\$ _____ | d. Assets owned by student U.S.\$ _____ |
| Indebtedness on land and buildings U.S.\$ _____ | e. Money owed to family by others U.S.\$ _____ |
| b. Savings U.S.\$ _____ | f. Repayment (of 26e) expected this year U.S.\$ _____ |
| c. Investments (such as stocks and bonds) U.S.\$ _____ | g. Other (jewelry, artwork, antiques, etc.) U.S.\$ _____ |

27. Do you or your family have money, property, or assets in another country? Yes No (If yes, complete the grid below. Include amounts in **26** above.)

	U.S.\$ Value	In which country(ies)?	Asset owner
Money	U.S.\$ _____		
Property	U.S.\$ _____		
Assets	U.S.\$ _____		

28. Do you or your family own an automobile(s)? Yes No (If yes, complete **28a** and **28b** below for each automobile.)

- a. Make (VW, Fiat, Ford, Toyota, etc.): _____ b. Year of manufacture: _____

Section E—Expenses

29. How much did your family spend on the following expenses during 2008? SPECIFIC AMOUNTS ARE NEEDED.

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| Rent or mortgage | U.S.\$ _____ | Amount allocated to savings/retirement | U.S.\$ _____ |
| Utilities | U.S.\$ _____ | Automobile maintenance | U.S.\$ _____ |
| Food | U.S.\$ _____ | Insurance (health and property) | U.S.\$ _____ |
| Clothing | U.S.\$ _____ | Entertainment | U.S.\$ _____ |
| Household necessities | U.S.\$ _____ | Vacations | U.S.\$ _____ |
| Medical expenses | U.S.\$ _____ | Servants | U.S.\$ _____ |
| Educational expenses | U.S.\$ _____ | Other | U.S.\$ _____ |
| Loan payments | U.S.\$ _____ | Please explain: _____ | |
| Taxes | U.S.\$ _____ | | |

30. How much money does your family owe to other people or to financial institutions? U.S.\$ _____

Reason for debt: _____ Amount paid on debt in 2008 U.S.\$ _____

31. Does your family employ other people? Yes No If yes, how many in the home? In the family business?

Section F—Expected Support for Educational Expenses

32. Enter the expected amount of annual support toward your educational costs from the sources listed below:

Sources	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Student's vacation earnings	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Student's assets	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Family's income	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Family's assets	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Relatives and friends	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Your government	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Agencies and foundations	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Private sponsor (explain in Section G)	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____
Other (explain in Section G)	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____	U.S.\$ _____

33. List agencies/foundations/government to which you are applying for financial aid. (If more than two, attach a list.)

Agency/Foundation/Government	Application Date	Award Notification Date	Expected Amount in U.S.\$

Section G—Explanation/Special Circumstances

Use this space to explain any unusual expenses, other debts, or special circumstances that the institution should consider when it is deciding how much financial aid, if any, you will receive. Use additional sheets of paper if necessary.

Section H—Certification and Authorization

We declare that the information on this form is true, correct, and complete. The college has our permission to verify the information reported by obtaining documentation as needed.

WARNING: Providing false information may jeopardize a student's visa status and furthermore may result in a college revoking its initial decision to enroll the student.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
 SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
 FATHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
 MOTHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____