

# Duke UNIVERSITY

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION IN 2010

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Dear Applicant:

I am delighted that you are considering Duke University for your college education. Here, you will find a vibrant, thoughtful, and spirited institution that embraces change and values a sense of community. Duke is an exciting place that will not only bring out the best in you, it can transform you as well.

To apply for admission, you should submit the Common Application or the Universal College Application plus the Duke Student Supplement. If you would like to apply on-line, you will find the Common Application and the Duke Student Supplement at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org), or the Universal College Application and the Duke Student Supplement at [www.universalcollegeapp.com](http://www.universalcollegeapp.com). You may also download copies of the applications from these Web sites, or you can pick up paper copies in your school's guidance office.

We appreciate your time in completing the application. I also want to assure you that we carefully consider, in its entirety, every application that is submitted to us. Just as we are eager to learn more about your unique qualities, we hope you will get to know Duke better and find out what makes it a special place. We encourage you to visit the campus and talk with members of our community. If you can't visit in person, check out Duke's home page at [www.duke.edu](http://www.duke.edu). It will give you a taste of all that Duke has to offer. We wish you the best of luck with all of your college applications.

Christoph Guttentag

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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Undergraduate Admissions:**

Within the U.S.:  
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Fax: (919) 681-8941

For international students:  
Phone: (919) 684-8129  
Fax: (919) 681-8941

Web site: [www.admissions.duke.edu](http://www.admissions.duke.edu)

**Undergraduate Financial Aid:**

Phone: (919) 684-6225  
Fax: (919) 660-9811

Web site: [www.finaid.duke.edu](http://www.finaid.duke.edu)

There are two ways to apply to Duke. You may use either the **Common Application** ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)) or the **Universal College Application** ([www.universalcollegeapp.com](http://www.universalcollegeapp.com)), with equal consideration given to both. In addition to the forms that are part of these applications, Duke requires the Duke Student Supplement. You may submit the Duke Student Supplement before or with the Common Application or the Universal College Application, and you should include your nonrefundable \$75 application fee (payable to Duke University) or fee waiver request with the Duke Student Supplement.

**APPLYING ON-LINE:** Both the Common Application and the Universal College Application ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) or [www.universalcollegeapp.com](http://www.universalcollegeapp.com)) allow students to apply on-line. The Duke Student Supplement is also available at these Web sites and can be submitted on-line.

**PAPER APPLICATIONS:** You can download application forms from both the Common Application and Universal College Application Web sites, or you can pick up paper copies in your school's guidance office.

We give no preference to either on-line, downloaded, or paper applications from any source, but we ask that you use only one source for your materials and that you be consistent; please don't submit part of the application on-line and part on paper.

**TO OPEN YOUR APPLICANT FILE:** You must apply to either Trinity College of Arts & Sciences or the Pratt School of Engineering. Please check the appropriate box on the Duke Student Supplement and indicate "Trinity" or "Pratt" as your area of academic concentration on the Common Application or Universal College Application.

You must also apply either for Early Decision or Regular Decision, and we will process your application according to the plan you check on the Duke Student Supplement.

Apply **Early Decision** if you have determined that Duke is your top college choice. Your application is due by November 1, 2009. Priority for scheduling an alumni interview will be given to Early Decision applicants who submit either their application or the Duke Student Supplement by October 19, 2009. You, one of your parents, and your secondary school counselor must sign the Early Decision Agreement confirming your commitment to enroll at Duke if you are admitted. You will receive your admissions decision in mid-December.

To apply **Regular Decision**, submit your application by January 2, 2010. Priority for scheduling an alumni interview will be given to Regular Decision applicants who submit either their application or the Duke Student Supplement by December 10, 2009. You will receive your admissions decision in early April.

You must send your \$75 application fee or fee waiver request along with the Duke Student Supplement. Please note that we do not accept credit card payment by telephone.

**REPORTS:** Complete the student portions of the School Report and the Midyear Report, and give these forms to your guidance counselor or advisor. Be sure to request that an official transcript be sent to Duke. If you are applying Early Decision, you should also give your counselor or advisor Duke's First Quarter Grade Report (available at [www.admissions.duke.edu](http://www.admissions.duke.edu)).

**TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS:** Duke requires two teacher recommendations. Complete the student portion of the Teacher Evaluations and give the forms to teachers who have taught you within the last two years of secondary school in major academic courses (English, mathematics, social studies, sciences, foreign language). If you are applying to the Pratt School of Engineering, one recommendation should be from a math or science teacher.

**ESSAY AND SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS:** Your essay is an important part of your application. It is your primary chance to speak to us in your own voice and a way for us to learn about you as a person, so write from the heart and be yourself. We encourage you to take time with your essay; don't simply write it on-line and submit it. Print it out, have others read it, and submit it only when you are completely satisfied that it represents you and your best effort. Applicants to Trinity College may also choose to answer the short answer question on the Duke Student Supplement; applicants to the Pratt School of Engineering are required to answer this question. In either case, please be sure to give your responses thoughtful consideration.

**TRANSFER APPLICANTS:** If you are applying for transfer admission to Duke, you should submit either the Common Application or the Universal College Application. You must also submit the Duke Student Supplement. You may submit the Duke Student Supplement before or with the Common Application or Universal College Application, and you should include your nonrefundable \$75 application fee (payable to Duke University) or fee waiver request with the Duke Student Supplement. The deadline for transfer applications is March 15, 2010, and you will receive your admissions decision in mid-May. For more information, please visit [www.admissions.duke.edu](http://www.admissions.duke.edu), click on How to Apply, then click on Transfer Students.

**TESTING:** All candidates for admission must complete either the SAT or ACT and arrange to have official test scores sent to Duke. Please consult the application checklist on the back of this application packet for testing deadlines. Students must take either the ACT, including the writing exam, or the three-part SAT plus two SAT Subject Tests. Applicants to the Pratt School of Engineering who take the SAT must take one SAT Subject Test in Mathematics. Students who take the ACT are not required to submit SAT scores. Because Duke's Trinity College Curriculum includes a foreign language component, students are encouraged—but not required—to take the foreign language SAT Subject Test. Applicants who do not use English as their primary language must demonstrate the ability to undertake a rigorous academic program in English. Applicants must be fluent in written and spoken English at the time the application is submitted. The TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or the IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is recommended of all applicants who are not native speakers of English.

**Our school code for the SAT is 5156. Our ACT school code is 3088. Our school code for the TOEFL is 5156.**

**OPTIONAL ARTISTIC MATERIAL:** If you have exceptional talent in art, dance, music, theater, photography, or film/video/digital media, you may submit the Optional Artistic Material form along with supplementary material to be evaluated by an appropriate faculty member. Complete instructions are included on the form, which is available on our Web site, [www.admissions.duke.edu](http://www.admissions.duke.edu).

**WHAT IS THE COMMON APPLICATION™?** The Common Application is a not-for-profit organization that serves students and member institutions by providing an undergraduate admission application—on-line and in print—that students may submit to any of our 300 members.

**WHY USE IT?** The Common Application simplifies the college admission process by saving time and eliminating duplication of effort. Once completed on-line or in print, copies of the Application for Undergraduate Admission can be sent to any of the participating colleges. (The same is true of the School Report, Midyear Report, and Teacher Evaluation forms.) This allows students to spend less time on the busywork of applying for admission, and more time on what's really important: college research, visits, essay writing, and senior year coursework.

**IS IT WIDELY USED?** YES! Millions of Common Applications are printed and accepted by our members each year. In addition, last year nearly half a million applications were submitted via the Common App Online. At some point this year we anticipate that our 2,000,000th application overall will be submitted.

**IS IT TREATED FAIRLY?** ABSOLUTELY! Our college and university members have worked together over the past 30 years to develop this application. All members fully support its use, and all give equal consideration to the Common Application and the college's own form. Many of our members use the Common Application as their only undergraduate admission application.

**CAN ALL COLLEGES PARTICIPATE?** Membership is limited to colleges and universities that evaluate students using a holistic selection process. A holistic process includes subjective as well as objective criteria, including at least one recommendation form, at least one untimed essay, and broader campus diversity considerations. The vast majority of colleges and universities in the United States use only objective criteria—grades and test scores—and therefore are not eligible to join. If a college or university is not listed in this booklet and on our Web site, they are not members of the consortium. Sending the Common Application to non-members is prohibited.

**WHAT IS THE UNIVERSAL APPLICATION?** The Universal College Application is a full-service on-line consortium admissions application which simplifies the college admissions process. It will allow ALL accredited four-year colleges and universities to accept one application.

**FINANCIAL AID CODES:**

Duke's CSS Code (PROFILE): 5156

Duke's Federal Code (FAFSA): 002920

*All dates are postmark deadlines.*

	EARLY DECISION	REGULAR DECISION
<input type="checkbox"/> Duke Student Supplement	November 1, 2009	January 2, 2010
<input type="checkbox"/> Common Application or Universal College Application (student portion)	(October 19, 2009 for alumni interviews—see instructions)	(December 10, 2009 for alumni interviews—see instructions)
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Decision Agreement (if applicable) <i>available on-line at <a href="http://www.commonapp.org">www.commonapp.org</a> or <a href="http://universalcollegeapp.com">universalcollegeapp.com</a></i>	November 1, 2009	not applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> School Report (including counselor recommendation and transcript)	November 1, 2009	January 2, 2010
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Recommendations (two)	November 1, 2009	January 2, 2010
<input type="checkbox"/> First Quarter Grades submitted	November 12, 2009 or as soon as first quarter or marking period grades are available	not applicable
<input type="checkbox"/> Last date to take Standardized Tests	October 2009 (While we can't guarantee receipt of November testing for Early Decision, past experience suggests that these scores typically arrive on time.)	January 2010
<input type="checkbox"/> CSS Profile (for Financial Aid applicants)*	November 15, 2009	March 1, 2010
<input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA for Financial Aid Applicants (available after January 1)*	March 1, 2010	March 1, 2010
<input type="checkbox"/> Midyear Grade Report	February 15, 2010 or as soon as first semester grades are available	February 15, 2010 or as soon as first semester grades are available
<input type="checkbox"/> Optional Artistic Material Form	November 1, 2009	January 2, 2010
<input type="checkbox"/> Admissions Decision from Duke	December 15, 2009	April 1, 2010

*\*For more information about required financial aid forms and deadlines, visit [www.finaid.duke.edu](http://www.finaid.duke.edu).*

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