

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

The Bowdoin College Admissions Office invites you to submit the Common Application and the appropriate supplements.

Deadlines: Early Decision Option I: **November 15**
 Early Decision Option II: **January 1**
 Regular Decision: **January 1**
 Transfer: **March 1 (fall)**

(Please see the Early Decision Supplement for more information on our Early Decision programs.)

COMMON APPLICATION — A completed Common Application packet consists of:

- ◆ The four-sided **Application for Undergraduate Admission**.
- ◆ A **Personal Statement**, as described in the Common Application.
- ◆ **Teacher Evaluation forms**: Bowdoin requires two Teacher Evaluation forms from teachers who have taught you in academic subjects in either your junior or senior year. Recommendations sent on behalf of Bowdoin applicants will remain confidential and will not become part of your permanent file if you enroll at Bowdoin.
- ◆ A **Secondary School Report Form**, to be filled out by your college advisor or guidance counselor and sent along with your high school transcript and a school profile.
- ◆ An **Application Fee**: \$60, nonrefundable, submitted with the student's portion of the Common Application form. See the Fee Options section of the Bowdoin Supplement for instructions. Application fee waivers may be granted when payment would impose undue hardship upon a candidate for admission. All requests for an application fee waiver must be in writing and signed by the guidance counselor and should accompany the application.

If any of these forms do not provide adequate space, please feel free to add additional pages, making sure that each is clearly marked with your name and Social Security number or birth date.

APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTS

BOWDOIN SUPPLEMENT — All applicants to Bowdoin except **transfer candidates** are required to submit this form. We ask you to complete a **Supplemental Essay** describing what you expect your academic journey at Bowdoin to include.

MID-YEAR SCHOOL REPORT FORM — The Mid-Year School Report form is also required of **all applicants**. It is to be completed and returned to us by your college advisor or guidance counselor as soon as your mid-year grades are available. If you matriculate at Bowdoin, your application and secondary school grades will become part of your permanent college file and will be available for your inspection.

HOME-SCHOOLED STUDENT SUPPLEMENT — If you have been home-schooled at any point in your high school career, you must complete Bowdoin College's Home-Schooled Student Supplement available at www.bowdoin.edu/admissions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPLEMENT — Citizens of countries other than the United States, as well as U.S. citizens living overseas, should also fill out the Common Application International Supplement. Please note that the official report of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all applicants who are not native speakers of English. If you are such a student, please report your TOEFL score in the appropriate place on the Common Application form and see that the Educational Testing Service sends Bowdoin an official report of your score. Non-native speakers will not be considered for admission without an official TOEFL score.

TRANSFER STUDENT SUPPLEMENT — If you are currently attending college, or have done so in the past, and would like to transfer to Bowdoin, you should submit Bowdoin College's Transfer Student Supplement with the Common Application Transfer Packet. (International transfer applicants should complete the Transfer Student Supplement as well as the Common Application International Supplement.) The Bowdoin Transfer Student Supplement is available at www.bowdoin.edu/admissions or call the Admissions Office at 207-725-3193.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION — The applicant and parent(s) together should complete the statements promptly and file them with the appropriate processor by the required deadlines. The Student Aid Office telephone number is 207-725-3273 and the Web site is: www.bowdoin.edu/studentaid.

- ◆ If you are a **United States citizen or a permanent resident** applying for financial aid, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Financial Aid PROFILE of the College Scholarship Service from your college advisor or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov and www.collegeboard.com/profile, respectively. A student is not considered an applicant for financial aid until Bowdoin has received a copy of his or her Financial Aid PROFILE from the College Scholarship Service (CSS). We must also receive copies of the most recent parent and student W-2 forms and federal tax returns by February 15 (November 15 for ED Option I and January 1 for ED Option II).
- ◆ If you are a **Canadian citizen** applying for financial aid, you must submit the Canadian Financial Aid Form, downloadable at www.bowdoin.edu/studentaid/pdf/CanadianFAF.pdf. We must also receive copies of the most recent parent federal tax returns (not provincial returns) by February 15 (November 15 for ED Option I and January 1 for ED Option II). Do not complete the CSS PROFILE or FAFSA.
- ◆ All other **international** (non-Canadian) students seeking financial assistance from Bowdoin must file the International Financial Aid Form, downloadable from the Bowdoin Web site at www.bowdoin.edu/studentaid/pdf/InternationalFAF.pdf.

International students and parents should also submit certified income statements directly to the Bowdoin student aid office with entries annotated in U.S. dollars. All financial aid application materials must be received by February 15 (November 15 for ED Option I and January 1 for ED Option II). Do not complete the CSS PROFILE or FAFSA. **Candidates who do not apply for financial aid during the admissions process should not expect funding at any time in their course of study at Bowdoin College.**

ARTS SUPPLEMENT — Students with talent in music, theater, or visual arts are encouraged to complete the Common Application Arts Supplement and return it to us along with samples of their work and a brief description of past performances, course work, etc. Video or cassette tapes, DVDs, and CDs may be submitted.

ATHLETICS SUPPLEMENT — If you are interested in participating in varsity athletics at Bowdoin, you are encouraged to contact our coaches by phone or e-mail and to submit the Common Application Athletics Supplement with your application.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES — The submission of College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) or American College Testing (ACT) results is **optional**. Bowdoin adopted this policy so that applicants could decide for themselves whether or not their test results accurately reflect their academic ability and potential. There is no score above which applicants should decide to submit test results. For candidates electing to submit them, the scores will be reviewed along with other indicators of academic ability. Approximately 20 percent of the applicants in recent classes chose not to submit scores during the admissions process. If you intend to submit your scores, the tests should be completed no later than January of your senior year. Please be sure to request that the Educational Testing Service or ACT send your results directly to Bowdoin. Students who choose not to have their standardized test scores considered by Bowdoin must notify the admissions office in writing no later than the appropriate application deadline. It is the candidate's responsibility to advise his/her counselor if scores are to be excluded from the official secondary school transcript. NOTE: We occasionally receive requests to delete only some of the scores reported to us, while retaining others. Regrettably, it is not possible to accommodate such requests, as testing agencies are required to share the full results of all test administrations. Consequently, any request to delete *some score or scores* will be treated as a request to delete all scores.

Note: Home-schooled applicants and candidates applying from secondary schools that provide written evaluations rather than grades are required to submit SAT I and SAT II or ACT test results. SAT II tests should include Math IC or Math IIC and a science.

ADMISSION WITH ADVANCED STANDING — Bowdoin recognizes the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Place-

ment Program and the International Baccalaureate Program and may grant advanced placement and credit toward graduation for superior performance in these programs. Applicants to Bowdoin are encouraged to take advantage of these programs and to have test results sent to the Admissions Office. Inquiries may be directed to the Office of the Registrar at 207-725-3521.

Decisions on placement and credit are made by the academic department in each subject area. Some departments offer placement examinations during the orientation period to assist them in making appropriate determinations. Every effort is made to place students in the most advanced courses for which they are qualified, regardless of whether they have taken AP or IB examinations before matriculation.

Determinations of advanced placement and credit are made during the student's first year at Bowdoin. First-year students may apply a maximum of eight AP course credits toward their Bowdoin degree from the Advanced Placement Program or the International Baccalaureate Program.

PERSONAL INTERVIEW — An interview is strongly encouraged, but not required for admission. The interview will give you a chance to talk informally about your academic interests, major activities, and future goals.

ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEW — The admissions office is open for interviews from mid-May through early-December. If you would like an interview on campus, please call 207-725-3100 at least two or three weeks in advance. Each year we choose and train a small group of outstanding Bowdoin seniors to assist in interviewing candidates. This is in keeping with Bowdoin's general policy of responsible undergraduate involvement in the affairs of the College. It is possible that you will meet with one of these senior interviewers if you visit the College in the summer or fall. These seniors, like our regular admissions staff, will evaluate you as a candidate for admission and provide you with information about life at the College.

REGIONAL INTERVIEW — If you find that it is not possible to have one on campus, we encourage you to interview with a member of the Bowdoin Alumni Schools and Interviewing Committee (BASIC) in your home region. There are BASIC volunteers in many areas of the United States and a number of foreign countries available to assist in the admissions process. **Alumni interviews may be requested between September 1, 2008, and January 31, 2009, by calling the Admissions Office at 207-725-3195 or by using the online request form located on the Bowdoin Admissions Web site.** Candidates are strongly encouraged to schedule an interview as early as possible.

REPLY DATES — All applicants (including candidates for financial aid) will be sent final admissions decisions by early April. Early Decision Option I candidates will be sent final decisions in mid-December. Early Decision Option II candidates will be sent final decisions by mid-February. Financial aid decisions will accompany offers of admission.