

Application for Renewal of Financial Aid 2011-12

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Instructions

To be considered for financial aid from Amherst College in 2011-12 you must:

- Complete this form in full and submit it to the Office of Financial Aid by **April 25, 2011** (or November 1, 2011, for spring-semester financial aid).
- Complete the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE for 2011-12 on-line at <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com> by **April 25, 2011** (or November 1, 2011, for spring-semester financial aid). If you reside in Benin, Cameroon, Cuba, Ghana, Iran, Nigeria, or Togo, complete the "International Student Financial Aid Application" (ISFAA) for 2011-12, available on our website, and submit it directly to the Office of Financial Aid.

If you are dependent and your parents are separated or divorced, the Financial Aid PROFILE (or ISFAA, as appropriate) should be completed by you and the parent with whom you live. If you reside in the United States, its territories, or Canada, or are an American living abroad, your noncustodial parent should file the Noncustodial PROFILE (NCP). After you submit the CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE, the College Board will send you information about the NCP. You should send this information to your other parent, who should file the NCP with the College Board. If you are an international student not residing in the U.S., its territories, or Canada, and your parents are separated or divorced, your noncustodial parent should complete the "International Student Financial Aid Application" for 2011-12, available on our website, and submit it directly to the Office of Financial Aid.

- If you and, if you are dependent, your parents reside in the United States and/or file U.S. income tax returns, use the College Board's Institutional Documentation (IDOC) service to submit the following documents with an IDOC coversheet. The College Board will send information about IDOC after you submit a CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE.

Submit **signed and dated** copies of your and, if you are dependent, your parents' 2010 income tax returns; include **all pages and schedules**, as well as copies of Form W-2 (or other wage statements). If you and/or your parents own an interest in a business corporation, submit a copy of the corporate tax return. If you and/or your parents have

income from a partnership, submit a copy of the partnership return and/or a copy of your and/or your parents' Schedule K-1.

If no income tax return will be filed by you and/or your parents, sign and date the certification statement available from IDOC to confirm this.

If you are an international student (including Canada), submit signed and dated copies of your and, if you are dependent, your parents' income tax forms (all pages and schedules), wage statements, and other income documentation directly to the Office of Financial Aid. English translations of these documents should be provided, as appropriate. If you and/or, if you are dependent, your parents are residents of Canada and own a business or farm, submit a copy of the federal income tax return for each business. If you are a non-Canadian international student, complete and submit an International Business/Farm Supplement for 2011-12, available on our website, for each business or farm.

- Sign the Statement of Educational Purpose on page 4. If you are applying for federal student financial aid, you must do this to comply with regulations regarding use of federal student aid funds. (Signing only Part C of the Statement is required of international students.)
- If you are applying for U.S. federal student financial aid, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. The U.S. Department of Education will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR).

Your financial need will be determined according to the College's guidelines from the financial information you submit. Eligibility for U.S. federal student financial aid will be determined according to the need analysis procedures specified in the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Financial aid (scholarships, grants, and work opportunities) will be packaged so that available funds are distributed equitably to all qualified applicants. Please let us know if you have any questions about application procedures or financial aid policies.

Applications that remain incomplete after June 1 will incur a late fee of \$50; after July 1, an additional \$50; after the due date for payment of the semester bill, an additional \$50; and as of the first day of registration, an additional \$100.

Personal Information

1. Student's name _____ 2. Date of birth _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)
3. Amherst ID number _____ 4. Amherst P.O. Box _____ 5. Cell telephone _____
6. Permanent home address _____
(Number and Street) (City) (State, Province, or Country) (Mail code)
7. Major _____ 8. Expected date of graduation _____
(Month and Year)
9. Prospective graduate degrees _____ 10. Prospective career _____
11. Citizenship _____ (If not a U.S. citizen, visa status and alien registration number: _____)
12. Marital status _____ 13. Are you a veteran? Yes No
14. If a relative was graduated from Amherst, give name, relationship, and class _____
15. If you will be on **study abroad or domestic study away from Amherst**, indicate if it will be for: Full year Fall semester Spring semester

Employment

16. If you worked last summer or during the current academic year, complete the following:

<i>Period of employment</i>	<i>Hours a week</i>	<i>Type of work</i>	<i>Total earnings</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

17. Indicate next summer's plans and expected income.

Activities

18. List any extracurricular activities in which you participate.

Student's Resources

19. Student's assets: List any assets that you have or that are held in trust for you.

Savings (Do not include savings from expected summer employment.)\$ _____

Stocks, bonds, trust funds, IRA accounts, etc. (*Describe:* _____)

_____)\$ _____

20. Estimate as accurately as possible your resources for the next academic year at Amherst:

From your family\$ _____

From savings, previous earnings, etc.\$ _____

Expected summer employment\$ _____

Expected academic year employment\$ _____

Outside scholarship awards (Give details below in 21)\$ _____

529 Plan redemptions\$ _____

Educational benefits (*Specify:* _____)\$ _____

Other sources (*Specify:* _____)\$ _____

Total\$ _____

21. If you expect to receive any outside (non-Amherst) scholarships during the next academic year, state the source, amount, and terms of each award.

22. Indicate any special Amherst scholarships or loans for which you may be eligible.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participant in any athletic activity (individual, group, intramural, club, or varsity) <input type="checkbox"/> Intended career in the ministry, rabbinate, or other religious vocation <input type="checkbox"/> Intended career in elementary or secondary teaching <input type="checkbox"/> Intended career as a medical doctor <input type="checkbox"/> Intended career in medical research <input type="checkbox"/> Person who is active in a religious organization <input type="checkbox"/> Son or daughter of a minister or missionary <input type="checkbox"/> Son or daughter of a member of the permanent United Nations Secretariat <input type="checkbox"/> Blood descendant of a U.S. citizen who served in the U.S. Army or Navy in World War I <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant of a member of the Amherst Class of 1831, 1852, 1856, 1862, 1864, 1878, 1880, or 1897 <input type="checkbox"/> Son or daughter of an Amherst alumnus or alumna | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Person of Chinese-American descent <input type="checkbox"/> Person of Korean-American or Korean descent <input type="checkbox"/> A student who is "not given to smoking, drinking, or gambling" <input type="checkbox"/> Active in community service programs or projects <input type="checkbox"/> Holds a leadership position in a student organization, group, or team <input type="checkbox"/> Engaged in "entrepreneurial endeavors that have helped further [your] education" |
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Parents' Information — *To be completed by parents. If parents are separated or divorced, to be completed by the custodial parent.*

23. Do you authorize Amherst College to discuss your family financial information with your son or daughter? Yes No

24. Check: Father Stepfather Guardian Other

25. Check: Mother Stepmother Guardian Other

a. Name _____
 b. Occupation/Employer _____
 c. Title/Position _____
 d. Years with current employer _____
 e. Daytime Telephone _____

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26. Is either parent self-employed? Yes No

Does the family hold an interest in any business or farm? Yes No

If "Yes," provide the following information:

Name of business or farm	Percentage of ownership	Parents' role
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

27. Indicate parents' income from these sources:

	2010	Estimated 2011
• Housing and other living allowances for military, clergy, educators, etc.	\$ _____	\$ _____
• Workers' Compensation or other disability payments	\$ _____	\$ _____

Indicate **voluntary** income reductions:

• Contribution to tax-deferred annuity (e.g., 401(k), 403(b), TIAA-CREF, SRA).....	\$ _____	\$ _____
• Withheld for reimbursement accounts — for dependent care	\$ _____	\$ _____
— medical costs	\$ _____	\$ _____

28. Are you or is any member of your household a beneficiary of a trust? Yes No

If "Yes," describe the value and terms of the trust(s).

29. Other real estate (other than primary home, business or farm):

Date of Purchase _____ Purchase Price \$ _____ Current Value \$ _____ Current Debt \$ _____

30. Parental debt

	Current amount owed	Payments required in 2011
First mortgage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Second mortgage or home equity loan.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Auto loan(s)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Educational.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (Specify: _____)	\$ _____	\$ _____

31. Child support and alimony paid and/or received:

	Received in 2010	Paid in 2010
Child support for all children.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child support for student applicant.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony.....	\$ _____	\$ _____

32. Indicate resources that will be available for parents' retirement. (Check all that apply.)

	Present Value
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security	
<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Service	
<input type="checkbox"/> State Pension	
<input type="checkbox"/> Military Pension	
<input type="checkbox"/> Union Pension	
<input type="checkbox"/> Employer Pension	
<input type="checkbox"/> IRA/Keogh Plans.....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Tax-deferred Plans (e.g., 401(k), 403(b), TIAA-CREF, SRA).....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Single Premium Insurance.....	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify: _____)	\$ _____

Continued on next page. Please provide appropriate signatures. →

Certification

We understand that this application is not complete until Amherst College has received a complete CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE for 2011-12, including required Business or Farm Supplements to the PROFILE; a complete Noncustodial PROFILE for 2011-12, as applicable; signed and dated copies of all pages of the parents' and student's 2010 U.S., Canadian, Puerto Rican, or other government's income tax return(s) or a signed and dated statement that none was filed; and copies of W-2 Forms (or other earnings statements).

We understand that a student who is a U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident is expected to seek financial aid from the federal government through submission of a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, in which Amherst College is designated as a recipient of information. In addition, we understand that, if the student is a resident of Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, or Vermont, the student is expected to seek financial aid through the state scholarship program for use at Amherst College.

We authorize Amherst College to use any Title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA), program funds to credit the student's account for current charges for tuition, fees, room, board, and other miscellaneous outstanding charges for the current academic year, as well as charges that may be outstanding from the prior academic year.

We certify that this application has been completed in good faith and without reservation. Further, we certify that we will notify the Office of Financial Aid promptly if there is any significant change in our financial resources or family circumstances after this application has been submitted. We understand that such changes include family financial changes in excess of \$5,000, changing enrollment status of the student's siblings, outside scholarships of any amount, and so forth.

Signature of student _____ Date _____

Signature of parent or guardian _____ Date _____

Statement of educational purpose, Selective Service registration, and release of information

The following statement has three sections. Sections A and B are required by the federal government of students applying for federal student financial aid under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. Section C permits the College to disclose certain personal information that is protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

A. I certify that I will use any money I receive under a Title IV, HEA, loan, grant, or work-study program only for expenses related to my study at Amherst College. I understand that I am responsible for refunding any funds I receive which cannot reasonably be attributed to meeting my educational expenses at Amherst College. I further understand that the amount of any refund is based on regulations published by the U.S. Department of Education. I am aware that in order to continue to receive assistance from any Title IV, HEA, program, I must maintain satisfactory progress in the course of study I am pursuing, according to the standards and practices of Amherst College.

I certify that I do not owe a refund on any Title IV, HEA, grant, and that I am not in default on any Title IV, HEA, loan. I certify that I do not have property that is subject to a judgment lien for a debt owed to the United States. I certify that I have not borrowed (a) in excess of the annual loan limits under a Title IV, HEA, loan program in the same academic year for which I am applying for assistance under any Title IV, HEA, program; or (b) in excess of the aggregate maximum loan limits under any Title IV, HEA, loan program.

I am aware that, if I have been or am convicted of a drug-related offense, I may not be eligible for federal financial aid under Title IV, HEA.

B. I certify that I am: *(Check one.)*

registered with the Selective Service.

not required to be registered with the Selective Service because: *(Check one.)*

I am a female.

I am in the armed forces on active duty. *(Note: Does not apply to members of the Reserves and National Guard who are not on active duty.)*

I have not reached my 18th birthday.

I was born before 1960.

I am a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.

I understand that I will not receive assistance from any Title IV, HEA, programs unless I complete this Statement.

I am aware that if I falsely attest to this Statement or if I purposely give false or misleading information on this form or in any other application materials, my financial aid award is in jeopardy and can be withdrawn and that, in regard to federal financial aid funds, I may be subject to a fine of as much as \$10,000, imprisonment for as long as five years, or both.

C. I understand that donors of financial aid funds administered by Amherst College sometimes require the submission of reports about individual recipients. I also understand that some information, such as my name, home address, and major field of study, is considered public information. However, because other information, such as my academic progress and formal campus activities, are released only with my approval, I therefore authorize the Office of Financial Aid to release such information to financial aid donors should I be selected as a recipient of such funds.

Signature of student _____ Date _____

Academic period covered by award(s): September 2011 to May 2012

Comments

Use this space to present any additional information that you believe should be taken into consideration in reviewing your application for renewal of financial aid. For example, if you anticipate in 2011 a substantial **increase** or **decrease** in total family income (more than 10 percent), state the total estimated income for 2011 and explain the change. Attach additional pages if necessary.