

# FRESHMAN APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



## HOW TO APPLY

### Web-based Application (submitted electronically)

- Common Application
- Universal College Application  
Visit [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) or [www.universalcollegeapp.com](http://www.universalcollegeapp.com) to complete the application and the required supplemental form.
- Candidate's Choice Application

### Paper-based Application (submitted via mail)

- Common Application
- Universal College Application  
Visit [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org) or [www.universalcollegeapp.com](http://www.universalcollegeapp.com) to download the application. Visit <http://admissions.rpi.edu/apply> to download the required supplemental form.
- Candidate's Choice Application

### Mail to

Rensselaer Admissions  
Undergraduate Programs  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
110 8th Street  
Troy, NY 12180-3590

### Application Fee

The nonrefundable application processing fee is \$70. Credit card payment is available for electronic submissions. If you do not wish to pay by credit card, please mail check or money order, payable to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, to the mailing address above. Include your full name and date of birth with your payment. Do not send cash. International students must submit the application fee in the form of an international money order or a check drawn on a U.S. bank.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

### Early Decision I

November 1

### Law/Medical Programs

November 1

### Early Decision II

December 15

### Regular Admission

January 15

## DECISION NOTIFICATION

### Early Decision I

December 10

### Law/Medical Programs

Early April

### Early Decision II

January 14

### Regular Admission

March 10

## FINANCIAL AID

### Financial Aid Deadlines

#### Early Decision I

CSS Profile	November 1
FAFSA	February 1

#### Early Decision II

CSS Profile	December 15
FAFSA	February 1

**Rensselaer's CSS Profile Code**  
2757

[profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com)

#### Law/Medical Programs

CSS Profile	February 1
FAFSA	February 1

#### Regular Decision

CSS Profile	February 1
FAFSA	February 1

**Rensselaer's FAFSA Code**  
002803

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

## ACADEMIC PREPARATION AND REQUIREMENTS

### Academic Preparation

All applications are reviewed individually by the admissions committee. It is important to note that some differences in preparation and academic background may be considered. The applicants who are best suited for Rensselaer will have completed four years of English, four years of mathematics through pre-calculus, three years of science (including chemistry and physics), and three years of social studies and/or history. Additionally, the admissions committee pays particular attention to candidates who demonstrate qualities of leadership and talents that will contribute to the richness of the Rensselaer community.

### Standardized Test Requirements

All standardized tests must be taken by December 31.

- SAT (critical reading, math, and writing) or ACT (which must include the optional writing component)
- SAT Subject Tests in a math and a science for law/medical program applicants only (or ACT, which must include the optional writing component, in lieu of SAT and SAT Subject Tests)
- TOEFL for international applicants (minimum 230 CBT/88 iBT/570 PBT)

Note: Please include Rensselaer's institutional code of 2757 for the SAT and TOEFL exams, and include the college code of 2866 for the ACT. This will ensure that your scores arrive at Rensselaer's Admissions Office.

### Required Essay Questions

Choose from the degree-specific guidelines below and include your completed essay with the application form. The essay should be no more than 1–2 pages.

- **Accelerated Programs (Law/Medical):** State your reasons for aspiring to a career in law or medicine.
- **Architecture:** State your reasons for choosing architecture as your profession.
- **Electronic Arts:** Discuss your interests in the field of electronic arts and state how this is reflected in your portfolio.
- **Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences:** State your reasons for choosing the field of games and simulation arts and sciences, making reference to your portfolio if one has been submitted.
- **All Other Programs:** Choose one topic listed below or submit a personal essay of your choice
  - 1) Describe a significant experience or achievement that has special meaning to you.
  - 2) Indicate a person who has had a significant influence on you and describe that influence.
  - 3) "They'll say I impacted the 21st century by my work in..."

### Portfolio Deadlines (Architecture, Electronic Arts, and Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences)

Early Decision I	Early Decision II	Regular Decision
November 1	December 15	January 15

## INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

- Official certified academic transcripts must be translated into English and sent directly from your secondary school to Rensselaer Admissions.
- The International Student Financial Statement must be completed and mailed to Rensselaer Admissions. The International Student Financial Statement may be found at <http://admissions.rpi.edu/apply>.