

FRESHMAN APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



HOW TO APPLY

Web-based Application (submitted electronically)

- Candidate's Choice
 - Common Application
 - Universal College Application
- Visit www.commonapp.org or www.universalcollegeapp.com to complete the application.

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:

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

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 11

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid Deadlines

Early Decision I
FAFSA/CSS Profile November 1

Early Decision II
FAFSA/CSS Profile December 15

Rensselaer's CSS Profile Code
2757
profileonline.collegeboard.com

Law/Medical Programs
FAFSA/CSS Profile February 1

Regular Decision
FAFSA/CSS Profile February 1

Rensselaer's FAFSA Code
002803
www.fafsa.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 lab-based 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 and math) or ACT
- 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 88 iBT/230 CBT/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 the 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 Law and Medical (BIAM, BMLW, SSLW):** State your reasons for aspiring to a career in law or medicine.
- **Architecture (ARCH):** State your reasons for choosing architecture as your profession.
- **Electronic Arts (EART):** Discuss your interests in the field of electronic arts and state how this is reflected in your portfolio.
- **EMAC:** State your reasons for choosing the field of electronic media, arts, and communications, making reference to your portfolio if one has been submitted.
- **Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences (GSAS):** 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 Majors:** The general essay/personal statement submitted with your application satisfies Rensselaer's essay requirements.

Portfolio Deadlines (Architecture; Electronic Arts; Electronic Media, Arts, and Communication; and Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

- Official certified academic transcripts must be translated into English and sent directly from your secondary school to the admissions office.
- The International Student Financial Statement must be completed and mailed to the admissions office. The International Student Financial Statement may be found at go.rpi.edu/ISFS.