Early Decision

Early decision is for students who have selected Rensselaer as their #1 choice during their college search. It enables these students to apply early and receive notification of the admission decision and financial aid eligibility before the regular decision applications are reviewed. Applying early decision indicates a high level of demonstrated interest and enthusiasm for Rensselaer by the student.

**EARLY DECISION APPLICATIONS ARE BINDING**

The expectation is that an admitted student will attend Rensselaer after receiving the admission offer and the financial aid award as long as the aid award makes that decision financially viable.

**WHAT DOES EARLY DECISION MEAN?**

- Rensselaer is applicant's first-choice college.
- Applicant agrees to attend Rensselaer, if admitted, and satisfactory financial arrangements can be made.
- Only one early decision application may be submitted.
- Student may apply to other colleges under regular decision.
- If accepted early decision, applicant must withdraw applications to all other colleges.
- Admitted student must submit $500 nonrefundable enrollment deposit by January 15 for Early Decision I and by February 15 for Early Decision II.

Students may apply for early decision using the Common Application or the Universal College Application. For need-based financial aid consideration, applicants must complete the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). More information about the admission application process, as well as financial aid, is available at admissions.rpi.edu.

International students are not eligible for financial aid.

An admitted student’s failure to withdraw applications to other institutions may result in revocation of Rensselaer’s offer of admission.

### Deadlines for Early Decision

**EARLY DECISION I**
November 1

**CSS PROFILE**
November 1

**EARLY DECISION II**
December 15

**CSS PROFILE**
December 15

**FAFSA**
**EARLY DECISION I OR II**
February 1

For general inquiries, information, or questions, contact:

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Office of Admissions
(518) 276-6216
admissions@rpi.edu

[admissions.rpi.edu](mailto:admissions@rpi.edu)