

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR 2011–2012 CANDIDATES

The Bowdoin College Office of Admissions 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 go to bowdoin.edu/admissions/apply/ for more information on our Early Decision programs.)

COMMON APPLICATION — A completed Common Application packet consists of:

- ◆ The five-page **First Year Application** (or **Transfer Application**, for those who are currently attending college, or have done so in the past).
- ◆ 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 via the Common Application. For those not applying online see the Fee Options form available at bowdoin.edu/admissions/apply/ 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, feel free to add additional pages, making sure that each is clearly marked with your name and birth date.

APPLICATION SUPPLEMENTS

BOWDOIN SUPPLEMENT — All applicants to Bowdoin, including transfer candidates, are required to submit this form. We ask you to complete a **Supplemental Short Essay** on one of three topics described in the Supplement.

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 bowdoin.edu/admissions/apply/.

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. 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. If you are unable to take the TOEFL, Bowdoin also accepts scores from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

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. Filing instructions are available on the financial aid website at bowdoin.edu/studentaid/. The office telephone number is 207-725-3273.

ARTS SUPPLEMENT — Students with talent in music, theater, dance, or visual arts are encouraged to complete Bowdoin's online Arts Supplement available at bowdoin.edu/admissions/apply/. We request that you submit a Web address (URL) where your work can be viewed or heard. You might consider Flickr, YouTube, personal websites, etc., for posting your work.

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. In the last five years, approximately 15 percent of the applicants and 18 percent of the matriculants 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. Be sure to request that the Educational Testing Service or ACT send your results directly to Bowdoin. If a student chooses to have his/her test results removed from the application, requests must be submitted in writing to the admissions office by letter or e-mail (admissions@bowdoin.edu) by the application deadline. If that request is received after the application deadline, we cannot guarantee that we can accommodate the request but we will make every effort to do so.

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 Placement 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 Office of Admissions. 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. Students may schedule interviews online by visiting the admissions website. 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, 2011, and December 9, 2011, by using the online request form located on the Bowdoin admissions website.** 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. Decision Option II candidates will be sent final decisions by mid-February. Financial aid decisions will accompany offers of admission.

Bowdoin College complies with applicable provisions of federal and state laws that prohibit discrimination in employment, admission, or access to its educational or extracurricular programs, activities, or facilities based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, age, marital status, place of birth, veteran status, or against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability. The information in this publication was accurate at the time of publication. However, the College is a dynamic institution and must reserve the right to make changes in course offerings, degree requirements, regulations, procedures, and charges.

In compliance with the Campus Security Act of 1990, Bowdoin College maintains and provides information about campus safety policies and procedures and crime statistics. A copy of the report is available upon request or by accessing bowdoin.edu/Security/RightToKnow.shtml. Recognizing that social life plays a role in the college experience, each of the eleven New England Small College Athletics Conference (NESCAC) member colleges has increased its efforts to encourage students to make responsible choices. Each school takes a strong stand against substance abuse, including alcohol. While the vast majority of students at NESCAC colleges who choose to drink alcohol do so responsibly, each school has disciplinary and educational programs in place for students who misuse alcohol and other substances. Additionally, all of the member schools expressly prohibit hazing.

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