

**EARLY DECISION PROGRAMS
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

**BOWDOIN COLLEGE
2007-2008**

Each year approximately 30-40 percent of the Bowdoin entering class is admitted through one of our Early Decision programs. Candidates who are sure that Bowdoin is their first-choice college should consider this option. The guidelines for early decision are as follows:

1. When candidates file formal application for admission, they must *complete the form below*, stating that they want to be considered for early decision and that *they will enroll if admitted*. Early decision candidates may file *regular applications* at other colleges, but only with the understanding that these will be withdrawn and no new applications will be initiated if they are accepted on an early decision basis by Bowdoin. It is a violation of the regulations of this program to file an early decision application at two separate institutions at the same time.
2. The completed Common Application and Bowdoin Supplement packet must be submitted to Bowdoin by November 15 for Early Decision Option I and January 1 for Early Decision Option II. The final selection of Early Decision Option I applicants will be announced by mid-December. Early Decision Option II candidates will be notified by mid-February.
3. Candidates admitted through early decision who have financial need will be notified of the amount of their awards soon after they receive their early decision acceptance, provided they have filed the FAFSA and the College Scholarship Service **PROFILE** by *November 15* for Option I candidates and *January 1* for Option II candidates. Financial aid filing instructions for Early Decision applicants are posted at www.bowdoin.edu/studentaid.
4. Candidates not accepted under the early decision program will either be deferred or refused admission. Students refused under the early decision program will not be reconsidered for admission in the spring. Deferred candidates will automatically be transferred to the regular applicant pool for further consideration and are no longer committed to attending Bowdoin if admitted.
5. Responsibility for understanding and complying with the rules of early decision rests with the candidate. Should an early decision candidate violate the provisions of the program, the College may withdraw its offer of admission and financial aid from the candidate.
6. The early decision affidavit must be signed by the applicant, a parent, and a college advisor in order to affirm that they fully understand the provisions of the early decision agreement.

**BOWDOIN COLLEGE
Early Decision Agreement Form**

Type.

Legal Name

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Social Security No. (if applicable): _____ - _____ - _____ Birth date (mo./day/year): ____ / ____ / ____

ZIP + 4 Code of your permanent mailing address (for U.S. addresses): _____

This form is to accompany the candidate's Common Application form. Please check the program through which you wish to apply (one only):

Early Decision Option I (November 15 deadline)

Early Decision Option II (January 1 deadline)

I am a candidate for early decision at Bowdoin College and agree to abide by the rules described above. This is my only early decision application. If admitted, I will immediately withdraw applications at all other colleges and will enroll at Bowdoin.

Candidate's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

College Advisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

School Name: _____ CEEB Code: _____