

LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

We are delighted you have decided to apply to Lawrence University and hope these instructions will make the process as straightforward as possible. If you have any questions, however, please contact our office by phone, mail, fax, or email.

International students at Lawrence include two groups: 1) citizens of the United States who are living abroad and 2) foreign students (those who have neither U.S. citizenship nor Permanent Resident status in the U.S.). Students from outside the U.S. who apply to U.S. universities often experience difficulties caused by distance and variances in postal systems. Filing your application *early* will help overcome these problems, as will filing it *electronically*. Since we have a limited number of vacancies and scholarships for foreign students, only those completing their applications by January 15 can be guaranteed full consideration, however, we will continue to accept applications as long as there are openings in the class. International students seeking financial aid who are not U.S. citizens or Permanent Residents will not be considered under the Early Decision or Early Action options. Application for admission and financial aid are available electronically on our website, www.lawrence.edu/admissions/apply/international.shtml. Please remember that it is to your advantage to complete your application before January 15 and preferably by January 1.

To demonstrate English aptitude, a TOEFL, IELTS, SAT or ACT score is required from all international students whose native language is not English, or whose previous instruction was not in English for a substantial portion of their education.

- a. TOEFL requirements:
 1. Paper-based 577 out of 677
 2. Computer-based 233 out of 300
 3. Internet-based 90 out of 120
- b. IELTS requirement: 6.5 out of 9 overall band score
- c. SAT requirement: 550 out of 800 on Critical Reading
- d. ACT requirement: 24 out of 36 on English/Writing

Students with scores lower than these figures tend to have a difficult time with the academic rigor of Lawrence. Lawrence's code for the SAT and TOEFL is 1398.

International students are eligible to be considered for partial scholarships. Scholarship recipients must be prepared to support at least 18,000 USD per year toward the cost of room, board, transportation and incidentals. Scholarships vary in amounts and are awarded based upon a combination of academic merit, country of origin and financial need. They are renewable for subsequent years of attendance based upon acceptable academic performance. In 2011, the average scholarship for international students was approximately 18,000 USD.

All foreign students need to submit the International Financial Aid Form at the time of application if seeking financial aid. Any foreign student who is not seeking aid is required to submit only the first part of this form (Certification of Finances) and supporting documents. The CSS Profile is accepted in lieu of the above forms.

If you are a citizen or Permanent Resident of the U.S. and feel that your family will need financial assistance to attend Lawrence, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and list Lawrence as a school authorized to access your information. You must also complete the Lawrence Application for Financial Aid, which is available online.

Native and native-like speakers of the six modern languages taught at Lawrence (Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish) are eligible to be selected as Language Assistants for the language department during their sophomore, junior or senior years. Language Assistants are responsible for assisting the department in a variety of ways, including conducting conversational practice, tutoring and cultural education. During the time a student is serving as a Language Assistant they are paid a stipend. Final selection of the assistants is made by the individual departments.

In the United States and in our application, "college" refers to any institution of higher learning at which students undertake baccalaureate degrees. A "secondary school" is the school that a student attends before enrolling in a college. The Secondary School Report Form should be completed by your academic advisor, principal, headmaster, counselor or another official at your school who is authorized to release official records. If that individual has any questions regarding completion of the form, please have him or her contact

us. If you are applying as a first-year student, you must submit one recommendation from a faculty member in your school's English Department who is familiar with your academic work. If you are a transfer student, a recommendation from a university faculty member must be submitted. You also may have other teachers submit letters of recommendation on your behalf.

An audition is required of applicants who plan to pursue any of our degree options with a major in music, and applicants who would like to be considered for an Ensemble Award. If distance prevents a live audition, either on campus or at a regional site, an audio or video recording may be submitted. Audition recordings should be of the best possible sound quality and must be properly labeled with name, instrument/voice part and repertoire. Students should also submit a signed statement that the performance is by the applicant. Auditions must follow the Lawrence University repertoire requirements. See our website: www.lawrence.edu/admissions/apply/audition.shtml

Artists are encouraged, though not required, to submit an art portfolio. Similarly, if you have composed music, written poetry or have other samples of work you wish to submit for our review, please feel free to do so. **Please do not submit copies of various merit awards and certificates of achievement that you have received.** If you have a list of honors and/or achievements you wish to submit, please attach a page outlining them.

When we receive your application, we will send you an acknowledgement letter and email with access to our online system. This system will allow you to track the status of your application. If, during the process, you feel you should have received an admission decision but have not, please contact us. International mail delivery is sometimes inconsistent, so our letter to you may have been lost.

2011–12 Costs

Tuition and Fees	38,481 USD
Room and Board	7,890 USD
Estimated Expenses (books, incidentals, health insurance)	<u>2,400 USD</u>
	48,771 USD

International Application Checklist

- Common Application
 - Essay
 - List of activities and awards
- International Student Financial Aid Application OR the Certification of Finance page from the application if NOT applying for financial aid or scholarships
- Lawrence University Supplement
- 40 USD Application Fee
- School Report from your secondary school counselor or other school official
- International School Supplement
- Official Secondary School Transcript
- Teacher Evaluation (at least one)
- English language proficiency test score (TOEFL, IELTS or SAT)
- National Exam score report or A and O level results (when applicable)
- Financial documents supporting financial aid application and Certification of Finances forms. Examples of such documents: bank statement, income or wage report from employer, tax documents, sponsor letter
- Midyear report (when midyear grades become available)
- Final School Report (when final grades become available)

Requirements for students interested in the Conservatory of Music:

- Audition (following Lawrence University Audition Requirements)
- Music Teacher Recommendation/Evaluation
- Music Résumé

Once again, thank you for your interest in Lawrence University. If at any time during the admission process you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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