

Transfer Application Deadlines and Instructions



Fall Transfer Deadlines

April 1 – Applications due

April 1 – In-person, Skype, phone or alumni interviews due (optional)

April 1 – FAFSA, CSS Profile and tax documents due

May 15 – Decisions released

June 15 – Commitment deposits due

Spring Transfer Deadlines

October 10 – Applications due

October 10 – In-person, Skype, phone or alumni interviews due (optional)

October 10 – FAFSA, CSS Profile and tax documents due

November 11 – Decisions released

December 10 – Commitment deposits due

A student is considered a transfer applicant if they have earned a high school diploma or GED and completed one or more semesters or two or more quarters of college credit.

If you are over 23 years of age, you may be considered as a New Resources student. Please visit:

www.pitzer.edu/admission/apply/new-resources-program/ for further information.

In assessing transfer candidates, the Admission Committee will pay particular attention to work done in college courses. Transfer students should complete any first-year writing courses required at their current institution prior to enrollment at Pitzer. Matriculated transfer students must complete at least two years of study at Pitzer in order to earn a Pitzer College degree. Students who wish to transfer from two-year colleges may do so before they have completed their AA degrees. However, we strongly suggest that prospective transfer students take courses from a broad range of subjects including the humanities, sciences, social sciences, and mathematics.

Pitzer recommends that California community college students complete courses within the Inter-Segmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC). Information regarding the IGETC course series can be obtained from the counseling center at your community college.

Students can transfer a maximum of 64 semester units or 96 quarter units from a community college or four year institution.



Application Checklist

- Common Application**

Pitzer College is an exclusive user of the Common Application, which can be accessed at: www.commonapp.org. All application materials must be submitted by the appropriate deadline.
- Application Fee**

\$70 application fee or complete the Common Application Fee Waiver. **Your application will not be considered complete without the fee or waiver.**
- Pitzer Writing Supplement**

Pitzer College requires a writing supplement, for which applicants have three prompts to choose from, all of which reflect on their potential fit with Pitzer and our core values. You are only required to respond to one of the three prompts. The prompts are listed on the Common Application and on our website at pitzer.edu/admission.
- Test Scores (optional)**

Pitzer College uses a holistic approach to student admission with emphasis placed on college and high school transcripts, recommendation letters, leadership positions, work history, involvement in school and community activities, and commitment to Pitzer's core values. The College is test-optional, providing students the opportunity to present application materials that accurately reflect their diverse academic talents and potential. Transfer students can submit either the SAT or the ACT by the application deadline if they feel like their results best-represent their academic potential. The admission committee makes no assumptions as to why some students choose to submit scores while others don't. All students are given equal consideration in the admission process. For more information, please go to: www.pitzer.edu/admission/test-optional-policy.
- Recommendations**

Two recommendations from college professors (or teaching assistants) are required. These recommendations should be submitted electronically through the Common Application website. Please use the "Assign Recommenders" feature on the Common Application site (My Colleges > Pitzer College > Recommendations and FERPA) to send emails to your professors, which will include a link and instructions for submitting their recommendations online. You can also find instructions there for an offline recommendation form which should be scanned and emailed to the Office of Admission at admission@pitzer.edu. **You may not use recommendations from secondary school teachers in lieu of recommendations from college faculty.**
- College Report**

Please download the College Report from the Common Application website. You can locate the report by going to My Application > Program Materials > Spring Transfer/Fall Transfer Pitzer College; it will be on the homepage. The Report should be completed by a college official who has access to your full academic and disciplinary record, such as your Dean, Advisor or Registrar. You or the college official should email the completed Report to admission@pitzer.edu.
- Transcripts**

Request that all colleges/universities you have attended send an official copy of your transcript to the Office of Admission (at least four weeks in advance of the deadline) at admission@pitzer.edu or the mailing address seen below. You must also submit your high school transcript if you have completed less than a year of full-time studies (32 semester credits or 48 quarter credits) by the time you submit your application. You may also scan and email an official copy of your high school transcript to admission@pitzer.edu.
- Interview**

Interviews are a recommended, but not required, part of the admission process. The Office of Admission is open for interviews and tours all year, Monday through Friday and select Saturday mornings in the fall by appointment. Skype and phone interviews are available for students who are unable to make it to campus. You can schedule an interview on our website at: www.pitzer.edu/admission/visiting-campus.

Financial Aid Checklist

- CSS Profile**

The CSS Profile is required to receive institutional, need-based financial aid at Pitzer. The noncustodial parent, who lives apart from the student, completes the Noncustodial Profile. There is a fee to submit the Profile application, however domestic applicants will automatically be granted a fee waiver when submitting the application if qualified. International students must complete the ISFAA and submit it to financial_aid@pitzer.edu.
- Supplemental Tax Documents**

Students submit a copy of their 2018 Federal Income Tax Return or a Nonfiling Statement and W-2 forms. Parents of dependent students must submit a copy of their 2018 Federal Income Tax Return, including all schedules and W-2 forms. Parents that own or operate a business are required to submit a copy of their business return and K-1 statements. Divorced, separated or parents that reside apart from the student must also submit a copy of their 2018 Federal Tax Return, schedules, W-2 forms, business returns and K-1 statements.
- FAFSA**

The FAFSA is a free application and is required for all US citizens and permanent residents who are applying for federal or state aid at Pitzer College. International and undocumented applicants do not complete the FAFSA. Before you start the application, apply for a FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov, then complete the FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov.

