



We appreciate the time you are taking to complete this application to PLU. We review all the information you provide in this application, so consider your responses carefully and provide additional information if you choose. Counselors in the Office of Admission are excited to review your completed file and look forward to the opportunity to work with you in the future. Please contact the Office of Admission at 800-274-6758 with any questions you have about the application process.

Application Procedures Checklist

Submit the following to the Office of Admission:

- Undergraduate Application** with \$40 nonrefundable application fee payable to PLU. Application fee will be waived for Web applications. To apply online, go to www.choose.plu.edu. Students may also opt to apply using the Common Application found online at www.commonapp.org.
- Official Transcripts** from all high school and college course work. Transcripts must be sent directly from the school to PLU.
- Test Scores** from **either** the College Board Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Test Assessment (ACT). (PLU's SAT I code is 4597/ACT code is 4470.)
- Personal Essay** of at least 250 words on one of the topics provided.
- Academic Recommendation** from a qualified person familiar with your academic record such as a principal, teacher or counselor (form provided).
- PLU Scholarship Opportunities and Supplemental Application:** Information on financial aid and PLU scholarship opportunities are located at the end of the undergraduate application. *Qualified freshmen students are encouraged to complete the supplemental application for the Regents' and President's Scholarships.*

Dates to Remember for Fall 2010

July

- Freshmen applicants may submit materials after completion of their junior year in high school.

September

- Begin work on the PLU application.
- **Fall Preview Day**, an informational open house for students, is **September 20, 2009**.

October – December

- Freshmen applicants take SAT or ACT (if not already taken).
- **October 15** postmark for first Admission Decision Date. Students will be notified of their admission status prior to **November 15**.
- **November 15** postmark for second Admission Decision Date. Students will be notified of their admission status prior to **December 15**.
- **December 15** postmark for third Admission Decision Date and required on all freshmen application materials for those students applying for the Regents' and President's Scholarship. Eligibility requirements: 3.80+ GPA or 1250+ SAT (critical reading and math only) or 28+ ACT. Students will be notified of their admission and scholarship status prior to **January 15**.

January – March

- **January 15** postmark for fourth Admission Decision Date. Students will be notified of their admission status prior to **February 15**.
- To be considered in the first round of financial aid awarding, all admission materials should be submitted by **January 15**.
- By **January 31**, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). PLU recommends filing the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov (PLU's Title IV code is 003785).
- **February 15** postmark for fifth Admission Decision Date. Students will be notified of their admission status on a rolling basis.
- Financial aid award decisions mailed by PLU beginning in late February.
- **March 1** deadline for International Honors Program application materials.

April

- **Passport Weekend** for admitted freshmen is **April 9-10, 2010**.

May

- **National Candidate Reply Date:** To reserve a place in next fall's class, to register for classes and to secure housing, the Advance Tuition Payment of \$200 should be postmarked by **May 1**. No refunds will be granted after May 1. PLU continues to accept Advance Tuition Payments after May 1.

June

- Fall class registration begins.

Admission Decision Dates

PLU builds its application pool around five Admission Decision Dates; three dates in the fall and two dates in the spring. Applications are reviewed beginning on the 15th of each month, October through February.

Students who complete their applications prior to the October, November, December and January decision dates can expect an admission decision and notification of merit scholarships prior to the next admission decision date. All application materials must be submitted by the 15th of the month in order to receive a decision within four weeks. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis after **February 15**.

Running Start, AP and IB Credit

If you have participated in Washington Running Start, or taken Advanced Placement (AP) exams or International Baccalaureate (IB) exams, you may be eligible for college credit. PLU accepts Running Start credits, or other equivalent college credit programs as college credits and awards up to 30 semester-hours for AP and IB exam results. For specific information regarding advanced credit policies please visit the PLU Web site at www.plu.edu/admission/first-year/apply/advance-credit-policies.php.

International Honors Program

The International Honors Program is a challenging and creative way to satisfy most core curriculum requirements, reflecting PLU's unique mission and its emphasis upon the liberal arts. This multi-year program consists of seven interdisciplinary courses that explore contemporary issues and their historical foundation through an integrated and multi-national approach. For more information, go to www.plu.edu/honorsprogram.

Visit Campus

Visiting PLU is one of the most important things you can do during your college search. We hope you will take advantage of the invitation to spend the day on campus so you can become better acquainted with the community. Here are some options for your personalized visit:

- Meet with an admission counselor
- Attend a class
- Meet with a professor, coach or musical director
- Attend chapel
- Take a tour of campus
- Spend the night in a residence hall [Mon. - Thurs. during the academic year only]
- Meet current PLU students
- Enjoy a meal on campus

To set up a visit, call us at 800-274-6758. You can also arrange a visit online at www.plu.edu/visit.

Finalizing Your Offer of Admission

Once admitted, you will receive an acceptance packet containing the forms necessary to confirm your enrollment. The following must be submitted before you may register for classes:

- Advance Tuition Payment of \$200
- New Student Information Form
- Residential Life Information Form
- Official Final Transcripts
- Medical History Record

Advance Tuition Payment and Housing Assignments

After receiving a letter of acceptance, you may apply for on-campus housing by submitting the \$200 Advance Tuition Payment with the New Student and Residential Life Information forms. Housing is guaranteed to students who make the Advance Payment by May 1. (Specific hall assignments are made on a first-come, first-served basis.) After May 1, housing is assigned on a space-available basis. The \$200 Advance Tuition Payment is refundable if requested in writing by May 1. No refunds will be granted after the May 1 deadline.

Equal Opportunity Policy

Pacific Lutheran University subscribes to the principles and laws of the State of Washington and the federal government, including applicable executive orders pertaining to civil rights. This institution is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to programs and facilities without regard to age, color, creed, marital status, national or ethnic origin, disabling conditions, race, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

Disability Support Services

Information on services for students with disabilities may be obtained from Ruth Tweeten, Director of Disability Support Services. Contact Ruth Tweeten by telephone at 253-535-7206 or e-mail tweeteri@plu.edu.



PLU UNDERGRADUATE FRESHMAN APPLICATION

OFFICE USE ONLY

Fee Paid Date _____
 Fee Waived
 Received by _____

(PLEASE SUBMIT \$40 NONREFUNDABLE FEE WITH YOUR APPLICATION. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO PLU.)

For admission to (check one): Summer Fall January Term Spring _____
 YEAR

Have you visited the PLU campus? No Yes When? _____

What influenced you to apply to PLU? _____

Biographical Information

Full Legal Name _____
 LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Preferred First Name _____ Male Female

Social Security Number -- (optional)

You are not required to provide your social security number to complete the admission application; however, if you are planning on applying for Federal or State Financial Aid, you will be required to provide a social security number.

Former Name (if previous academic records under another name)

Permanent Address _____
 LAST FIRST MIDDLE

NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE ZIP
 (_____) (_____)
 PHONE CELL

Mailing Address Same as above

NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE ZIP
 (_____)
 PHONE

E-mail Address _____ Parent/Family E-mail Address _____

Birthdate _____ Birthplace _____
 CITY STATE COUNTRY, IF OTHER THAN U.S.

Country of Citizenship _____

Are you a U.S. permanent resident visa holder? Yes No Visa type _____

Financial Aid

PLU admits students regardless of financial need and all admitted students are considered for academic merit scholarships. Do you plan to submit a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to be considered for need-based scholarships and financial aid? (PLU's Title IV code is 003785) Yes No

More information about financial aid can be found online at www.plu.edu/financial-aid.

Artistic Merit Awards

Applicants who demonstrate exceptional ability in the fields of art, dance, forensics, music and theatre are encouraged to audition for artistic merit awards. Students must contact the department representative directly for application and audition requirements.

See page 11 for more information. Please indicate any of the following areas for which you plan to audition/apply:

Art Dance Forensics Music Theatre

Regents' and President's Merit Awards

Applicants with a 3.8+ GPA or 1250+ SAT (critical reading and math only) or 28+ ACT are encouraged to apply for the Regents' and President's Merit Scholarship (A separate application is required; for complete guidelines, please see page 12). Your application and scholarship materials must be postmarked by **December 15, 2009**. Please indicate whether or not you will be applying for this scholarship. Yes No

Family Information

Please list all parental information below (attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Relationship to you _____

Parent/Legal Guardian full name: _____

Mailing address if different from yours:

NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

_____ OCCUPATION AND TITLE NAME OF BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION/EMPLOYER

Colleges attended _____ Degree _____ Year _____

_____ Degree _____ Year _____

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Relationship to you _____

Parent/Legal Guardian full name: _____

Mailing address if different from yours:

NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE ZIP

Phone: (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____

_____ OCCUPATION AND TITLE NAME OF BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION/EMPLOYER

Colleges attended _____ Degree _____ Year _____

_____ Degree _____ Year _____

Did either of your parents graduate from a two-year college? Yes No A four-year college? Yes No

Did either of your parents attend PLU for two or more consecutive semesters? Yes No

If yes, please list their student name(s) and year(s) _____

Have you been or are you currently a foster youth in the state of Washington? Yes No

Have you been in foster care in Washington state for at least one year since your sixteenth birthday and emancipated from care on or after January 1, 2007? Yes No (This information will be used to determine a student's eligibility for additional services and financial aid programs.)

Please list all of your siblings below (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

NAME AGE SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR COLLEGE

Please list any relatives or friends, other than those previously noted, who have attended PLU:

NAME RELATIONSHIP TO YOU

Educational Background

High school you currently attend: _____
 public private home school

Graduation date: _____ G.E.D. taken _____
 MM/DD/YY

Name of High School Guidance/College Counselor _____ Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____

HAVE YOU TAKEN THE SAT I OR ACT?

Yes, I took the SAT I /ACT on (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (Dates)

I am planning to take/retake the SAT I /ACT on _____ (Date)

Have you requested your scores to be sent to PLU? Yes No (If no, please make arrangements to have your scores sent from either your school or the testing organization. Please use the following codes: SAT: 4597, ACT: 4470.)

Does your high school offer AP, IB, or honors courses? Yes No

Do you plan to submit any of the following for college credit consideration?

International Baccalaureate test results Advanced Placement test results

Washington Running Start credits or credits

from equivalent college credit programs from _____ (College Attended)

College credits outside of high school from _____ (College Attended)

PLU celebrates the many ways in which students may be honored for their academic achievement. Please indicate any of the following for which you currently hold recognition:

National Merit Semi-Finalist College Success Foundation Achiever Scholar

National Hispanic Scholar National Achievement Scholar Other: _____

The information below is for statistical purposes only and is not used in the admission decision process

Ethnic Origin: Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

Racial Identity: Regardless of your answer to the previous question, select one or more from the following:

American Indian or Alaska Native (tribe) _____

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

White

Religious Preference:

Lutheran; Home Congregation _____ Synod _____

Baptist Episcopal Methodist Presbyterian Roman Catholic Jewish Non-denominational Christian

Other Christian denomination _____ Other _____

None Choose not to report

Are you a child of clergy? Yes No

Home Congregation _____

Current Year Academic Information

Please list all courses to be completed during the current academic year.

| Semester 1/Trimester 1 | Semester 2/Trimester 2 | Trimester 3 |
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If you feel that there is additional information you would like the committee to consider, please take this opportunity to tell us. *If more room is needed please include an attachment with your name and birthdate on each additional page.*

Personal Essay

The essay allows the admission committee to get to know you as a person, as well as to evaluate your writing ability. The essay is a great way to understand you beyond your test scores and grades. Please choose from the following admission essay options and check the box of the option you have selected.

- Option 1:** PLU encourages students to consider the question inspired by the poet Mary Oliver: “What will you do with your one wild and precious life?” What hopes and plans do you have for your future at PLU and how will you use your unique skills, passions and experiences to make a positive contribution to campus and your life after college?*
- Option 2:** Please submit your college application essay on a topic of your choice.*

* Applicants competing in the Regents’ and President’s Scholarship process must answer option 1. This essay will be considered for admission to the university and the scholarship competition. For both options 1 and 2, please submit your essay on a separate piece of paper. Please type or print legibly, and include your name and birthdate on each page. Essays should be at least 250 words.

Statement of Character and Signature

Applicants to PLU must present evidence of good character in order to be accepted for admission. Therefore, we ask the following question of every applicant: Have you been convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor, or do you have a court case pending against you at this time?

No Yes If yes, please attach written details with your application.

By submitting this application for enrollment to Pacific Lutheran University, I hereby certify that the information contained in it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand and agree that if PLU discovers at any time during my enrollment that I have provided inaccurate or untruthful information in my application (or any related documents), PLU may immediately terminate my enrollment and/or housing without reimbursement or refund to me of any costs, tuition, fees or rent. Permission is hereby given to release appropriate test scores and academic records requested by Pacific Lutheran University.

NAME OF APPLICANT (PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE



ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION

To be completed by applicant

Name of Applicant: _____

NUMBER AND STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Birthdate -- For Admission to Summer Fall J-Term Spring
Year: _____

In compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, effective November 21, 1974, this letter of recommendation, which will be placed in the applicant's admission file, may be reviewed by the applicant upon request unless this waiver has been signed.

Do you waive the right to be shown information on this form, which is to be used for undergraduate admissions purposes only.
 Yes No

NAME OF APPLICANT (PRINT) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE

To be completed by respondent *(a qualified person familiar with your academic record such as a principal, teacher or counselor)*

Name : _____

School: _____ Title: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Office Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

SIGNATURE OF RESPONDENT DATE

Please respond to the following questions, which will be considered in the application and scholarship process. PLU welcomes the inclusion of letters of recommendation in an applicant's admission file.

How long have you known the applicant and in what context? Please list any course(s) you have taught this student.

(continued on back page)

What four words would you use to describe this applicant?

_____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Do you believe that the applicant's academic record is reflective of his or her ability? Yes No

In 3-5 sentences, please comment on this student's academic record and their ability to succeed in a rigorous baccalaureate program:

How familiar are you with PLU?

I am a PLU alum I know PLU well I am familiar with PLU I know very little about PLU

Do you recommend this applicant for admission to PLU?

Without reservation Yes Yes, but with concern No

*Please return to: Office of Admission, Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington 98447
Fax: 253-536-5136 E-mail: admission@plu.edu*

PLU provides an outstanding educational experience with lifelong value. At PLU, our goal is to create a partnership that is financially feasible for you and your family. Financial assistance from PLU, federal and state financial aid programs, a combination of parent and student resources, payment options and careful planning can make PLU affordable.

Glossary of Terms

Merit-Based Aid: Awarded to recognize academic achievement, talent and leadership. These awards are not based on financial need but may be supplemented by additional need-based scholarships and grants, as well as loans and employment.

Need-Based Aid: Funds from PLU as well as state and federal sources. These awards, which do not have to be repaid, are based on financial need (as determined by Free Application for Federal Student Aid—FAFSA) and academic ability. These can be combined with merit awards, as well as loans and employment.

Loans: Loans are available on a need and non-need basis. Many are interest-free while you are in school, and a low-interest repayment program begins six to nine months after graduation.

Employment: Money earned from on-campus or off-campus jobs. Employment opportunities are available through the State and Federal Work Study Program in addition to non-Work Study opportunities.

Scholarships

Regents' and President's Scholarships: Each year 100 President's Scholars are selected (\$17,000 in 2009) and from those, five Regents' Scholars receive a full tuition scholarship. Eligibility requires a 3.80+ GPA or 1250+ SAT (critical reading and math only) or 28+ ACT. The most successful applicants will have met both standards for GPA and test score. See page 12 for more information.

Academic Merit Scholarships: Academic merit scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated academic success. The PLU Undergraduate Application for Admission is used in identifying students who are qualified.

Freshman Students (2009-2010)—\$5,000 to \$16,000 from a combination of all merit sources.

Artistic Merit Awards: Freshmen applicants who demonstrate exceptional ability in the fields of art, theatre, forensics, dance and music are encouraged to audition for artistic merit awards. **Students must contact the department representative directly for application and audition requirements.**

- Art (Please contact Spencer Ebbinga, 253-535-7576, sebbinga@plu.edu)
- Dance (Please contact Maureen McGill, 253-535-7359, mcgillma@plu.edu)
- Forensics (Please contact Melissa Franke, 253-535-8175, mfranke@plu.edu)
- Music (Please contact Nita Muir, 253-535-7603, muirnl@plu.edu)
- Theatre (Please contact Jeff Clapp, 253-535-7708, clappja@plu.edu)

Rieke Leadership Award: Recipients of the award are men and women of any ethnic background who demonstrated their leadership in promoting racial and ethnic diversity, and social justice at Pacific Lutheran University and beyond. Gifts are awarded up to \$2,500. Students should contact Angie Hambrick (253-535-8180) with questions.

Financial Aid Awarding will begin in February with the completion of all admission and FAFSA application materials. Materials must be postmarked by January 15 to be considered in the first cycle of awarding.

For a full listing of scholarships, grants and need-based awards for full-time undergraduate students, please visit www.plu.edu/financial-aid.

Regents' and President's Merit Scholarship

Background

The Regents' and President's Merit Scholarship recognizes academic, co-curricular and leadership achievement in the incoming freshman class. From the scholarship applicant pool, PLU selects students who demonstrate the most potential for affecting positive change and leadership at PLU in both the academic and co-curricular life of the university. Both scholarships are renewable for three years of undergraduate study. Selected students will be asked to campus for an interview on February 20, 2010, and those students offered a scholarship must reply to the offer by May 1.

Eligibility

- Students with a 3.8+ GPA or 1250+ SAT (critical reading and math only) or 28+ ACT are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. The most successful applicants will have met both standards for GPA and test score.
- Evidence of outstanding leadership abilities as shown in the activities resumé.
- All scholarship materials, including application for admission, postmarked by **December 15, 2009**.

The scholarship committee will review the following components:

- Regents' and President's Supplemental Scholarship Application including the Activities, Leadership and Honors Resumé found on pages 14 and 15.
- Academic rigor and preparation
- Ability to formulate and express ideas clearly and effectively (*demonstrated through essay*)
- Application for Admission

Awards

For the 2009-2010 academic year, over 600 students applied for the President's Scholarship. One-hundred were chosen for the award. Five students were named Regents' Scholars.

President's Scholarships (2009-2010 Academic Year)

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| Year one | \$17,000 |
| Year two | \$17,000 |
| Year three | \$17,000 |
| Year four | \$17,000 |

Total \$68,000

Regents' Scholarships (2009-2010 Academic Year)

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| Year one | \$28,100 |
| Year two | Full Tuition |
| Year three | Full Tuition |
| Year four | Full Tuition |

Total > \$100,000

Submission of Materials

To be considered for the Regents' and President's Scholarship competition, supplemental application materials as well as all application materials for admission must be **postmarked by December 15**. The enclosed supplemental application indicates all material required for consideration. Please indicate Regents' and President's Scholarship Essay at the top of each page of your essay, as well as your name and birthdate.

The supplemental materials must be addressed to:

PLU Office of Admission
Attn: Regents' and President's Merit Scholarships
Tacoma, WA 98447

