

International Student Undergraduate Application



Attached are the forms necessary to apply for admission to Pacific Lutheran University. Be sure to read the instructions below and complete all requirements as listed.

Be admitted for either the fall (September) or spring (February) semester. Acceptance to the fall term also approves enrollment in the prior summer session. Spring semester acceptance approves enrollment in January Term. Candidates are notified of their status as soon as their completed application has been received and evaluated.

Application Requirements for International Students

Submit the following to the Office of Admissions:

1. *International Student Application* with a non-refundable U.S. \$35 application fee.
2. *OFFICIAL Transcripts* with English translation from each: (a) secondary school, (b) English as a second language program, (c) college or university attended in the United States, home country or other country. Transcripts must be sent directly from each institution. Faxed copies are not acceptable.
3. *English Proficiency*, measured by one of the following:
 - (a) Standardized English Proficiency Test: TOEFL with a minimum score of 550 (paper-based format) or 213 (computer-based format), or
 - (b) Two quarters or one semester of college-level English writing from a U.S. college with grades of "B" or better, or
 - (c) Audit level completion of the American Cultural Exchange English Language Institute, located on the PLU campus.
4. *One Academic Reference* from school officials or others in a position to evaluate your ability to succeed in a baccalaureate program. In addition, transfer students from a U.S. college or university must have one reference from the International Student Advisor.
5. *International Student Declaration of Finances* (enclosed)
6. *Personal Essay* on one of the two questions listed in the "Attachments" section of the application for admission.

For more information contact:

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Tacoma, WA 98447-0003
U.S.A.

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WebSite: www.plu.edu

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines are July 1 for fall semester admission, and January 1 for spring semester admission. After all of the application materials are received, an admission decision will be made and you will be notified of your status.

Finalizing All Offers of Admission

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

- Advance Payment of U.S. \$200.00;*
- New Student Information Form;*
- Residential Life Information Form;*
- official final transcripts; and*
- Medical History Record*

If payment is being made with a credit card, the ***Credit Card Authorization*** form must also be submitted.

**** PLEASE NOTE**** An I-20 will not be sent to you until the \$200.00 Advance Payment has been received by PLU.

Housing Assignments

After receiving a letter of acceptance, you may apply for on-campus housing by submitting the U.S. \$200.00 Advance Payment with the New Student and Residential Life Information forms.

Insurance

All international students who do not have Health & Medical Insurance through a government sponsored plan are required to purchase the PLU plan for international students. A copy of this plan may be obtained from the Health Center (phone: 253/535-7337, fax: 253/536-5042) or International Student Services (phone: 253/535-7194, fax: 253/535-8752).

Financing Your Education

PLU costs are outlined on the enclosed International Student Declaration of Finances. Students must demonstrate the ability to meet all costs of attending Pacific Lutheran University.

Future Plans

29. Indicate your educational objective at Pacific Lutheran University:

First Bachelor's Degree Second Bachelor's Degree

Courses for personal enrichment Certification Other (specify): _____

30. Intended major area of study: _____

31. If undecided, what subject area or career interests you? _____

32. How many years do you plan to study at PLU? _____

33. Do you plan to apply for on-campus housing? Yes No

Attachments

34. Personal Essay

The personal essay provides an opportunity for you to communicate something important about yourself to us. We are interested in getting to know you as well as possible. This essay will help us become better acquainted with you in ways not possible from test scores, grades, and other data. **Using a separate sheet of paper, please write an essay on one of the following topics.**

Please type or print legibly and reference your name and U.S. Social Security Number (if available)

1. Describe an academic experience that has significantly influenced your life.

2. If you could be any historical or fictional character for one day, whom would you be and why?

35. List your significant school and community activities and awards (attach additional page).

36. Describe any special circumstances you believe should be considered in connection with this application (attach additional page).

Current Academic Year Information

To be completed by beginning freshman and transfer students if currently enrolled in high school or college.

List all courses to be completed during the current academic year.

Signature

I understand failure to submit complete official transcripts from all schools, colleges, or universities attended may result in the denial of this application or my subsequent dismissal from this institution. I certify that to the best of my knowledge, all statements I have made in this application are complete and true. Permission is hereby given to release test score and academic records requested by Pacific Lutheran University.

Name of Applicant (Print)

Signature of Applicant

Date

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.





RECOMMENDATION FOR ADMISSION to Pacific Lutheran University

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

Social Security #: _____

Name of Applicant: LAST _____ FIRST _____ MI _____ Status: Freshman Transfer

Address: STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

For admission to (check one): Summer/Fall January/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 individual upon request unless the waiver below has been signed.
I waive the right to be shown information on this form which is to be used for undergraduate admissions purposes only, and hereby declare it to be confidential.
Applicant signature _____ Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY RESPONDENT

Name of Respondent: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Position: _____

Employer: _____ Signature: _____

PLU Alumnus Church Official

- How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity?
- Please comment on the academic and personal characteristics of the applicant as they relate to his/her ability to succeed in a baccalaureate program.
(If more space is necessary, please use reverse side)

3. Are you aware of any noteworthy talents or activities of the applicant? Check where appropriate and elaborate if desired.
 Academic Leadership Service Art Music Drama Athletics Other

4. Do you recommend this applicant for admission to Pacific Lutheran University?
 Yes No