

## Applying Early Decision to your First-Choice University

**DEFINITION:** There are several factors to consider when applying to any college or university under the Early Decision Plan. As an Early Decision candidate, you will apply earlier than the traditional applicant, in this case at Stevens Institute of Technology, your first-choice school. However, the Early Decision Plan is a binding agreement between the student and Stevens by which the student commits to attend the university if admitted. By proceeding Early Decision, you agree to:

- Withdraw all applications from other institutions once admitted
- Not initiate any new applications at other institutions
- Enroll, and attend Stevens the following fall by submitting a \$500 non-refundable tuition deposit by the date noted in our [admissions timeline](#)

You may only apply to one college or university under an Early Decision plan. Applying to more than one school through Early Decision is a violation of the Plan.

When you apply Early Decision, you agree to attend Stevens if admitted, typically before reviewing financial aid offers from other schools. Therefore, we strongly recommend that you explore each school's Net Price Calculator and/or tuition costs before submitting an Early Decision application. We also recommend you carefully consider whether Early Decision is right for you. If you think you'll want to compare admissions offers or financial aid packages from several schools later in the spring, or if you plan to include mid-year grades or other updates in your application, it may be better to apply under a different plan.

If you apply as an Early Decision candidate to Stevens, your application will be evaluated using the same competitive criteria as those who apply as a non-Early Decision applicant. Admission decisions are based on all materials submitted by the deadline, including your application and essay, high school transcript, recommendation letters, official test scores (if applicable) and admissions interview (if completed). Submission of an Early Decision application does not guarantee admission or increase or ensure your likelihood of admission.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please complete and return this form by the appropriate deadline: Nov. 15 for Early Decision I and Jan. 5 for Early Decision II. The form must be signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and the student's guidance or college counselor. All required application materials, including this form, are due by the corresponding Early Decision deadline.

*I have read the above definition and instructions regarding the Early Decision Plan at Stevens Institute of Technology. By applying as an Early Decision candidate, I affirm that Stevens is my first-choice institution. If I am admitted under the Early Decision Plan, I will provide a non-refundable deposit and enroll at Stevens. I will also immediately withdraw all applications to other institutions and will not begin a new application elsewhere.*

*I acknowledge that applying to more than one institution under an Early Decision Plan constitutes a violation of this agreement and may jeopardize my candidacy at Stevens. I acknowledge that no representative of Stevens has made any promise or guarantee of admission, financial aid or any other outcome in connection with this Early Decision application.*

PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*I certify that I have read the above definition and instructions and that the applicant will adhere to it.*

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Guidance or College Counselor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_