

- 1. Application Form:** Answer each question applicable to you.
Note: Non-degree seeking (NDSS) applicants submit the application form, transcripts, and essay. No reference is required.
- 2. Application Essay:** 800-1000 words minimum, typed. *See last page for instructions.*
- 3. Reference Form:** One church leader reference is required. This person should have known you for at least two years and can speak to your Christian character and growth. Family members or spouse may not be used as references. Fill in name, address and phone number on the form.
- 4. Academic Transcripts:** You must request official transcripts from your high school and all colleges or universities you have attended to be sent directly to the Undergraduate Admissions office. *Note: Students who have attended a school outside of the United States must have transcripts validated through World Education Services. See information below for details.*
- 5. Official Test Scores/Certification:** We require ACT or SAT scores (unless you are over 24 years of age or transferring more than 24 hours from another institution). Request that these be included with your transcript, or go to www.collegeboard.com to request them. Test scores are not required for international citizens.

IMPORTANT: Evaluation of your application file cannot begin until all of the following items have been received by the Admissions Office:

- Application Application essay Test scores (if required)
 Reference Academic transcripts

International Citizens only:

- TOEFL Financial certification Educational background Processing fee

INTERNATIONAL CITIZENS

International citizens must complete application items 1-5 above as well as the following items:

Academic Transcripts: Must be validated through World Education Services (WES). *You must request 2 final, official copies of your transcripts to be sent from the institution where you previously attended. One must be sent to WES and one to CIU. Both transcripts, if not in English, must be accompanied by an official English translation.*

World Education Services

Postal Address:

Bowling Green Station

P.O. Box 5087

New York, NY 10274-5087

Courier Address:

64 Beaver St.

New York, NY 10004

212.966.6311

212.739.6100 FAX

www.wes.org

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): A minimum score of 550 (600 if applying for TEFL program) is required on the test paper version or a minimum score of 213 (250 if applying for TEFL program) is required on the test computer version. The TOEFL is available through the American Consular Office. Our TOEFL code is 5116. TOEFL is waived if you have completed a high school degree in which English was the medium of instruction. You must complete the Educational Background form however.

Educational Background: Fully complete the educational background form. Directions are on the back of the form.

Financial Certification of Funds: The United States Immigration and Naturalization Service requires proof of finances for international students. Please complete the enclosed Financial Certification form in its entirety. You must include a statement from your bank that certifies the funds listed. Once accepted, you must send your enrollment deposit to receive an I-20 to obtain your visa (see financial certification information). *Please note: CIU is not able to grant full scholarships or put prospective students in touch with potential supporters in the United States.*

APPLICATION ESSAY

If you are applying to CIU for the first time, please submit a typed response to the following questions, 800-1000 words minimum (total, not per question). Your essay will be reviewed as a summary of your walk with Christ and as a writing sample. Please use appropriate grammar and critical thinking, answering the questions as they are asked. Note: the essay and its contents are used as a factor in the admission of all applicants. You may mail, email, or fax your essay to our office.

1. Using Scripture references, explain God's plan of salvation as revealed in the Bible.
2. Explain the circumstances of your conversion to Christ.
3. Describe specific relationships, circumstances and events God has used to teach you and help you grow in your faith.
4. Describe your current disciplines of Bible study and prayer, both private and corporate.
5. Tell us about opportunities you have for evangelism and how you share your faith with others.
6. Please list (bullet points are preferred) school, church and community activities you are involved in, specifically noting any leadership positions you hold. If you are currently employed, tell us about your work responsibilities and time commitment to your job.
7. Since CIU is dedicated to preparing students to become world Christians who serve God with excellence in a variety of roles, please share what you believe to be God's vocational/ministry calling on your life and why you have chosen to apply to CIU.

Please feel free add any additional information you would like us to consider as we evaluate your application.

If you were *previously enrolled* at CIU, please a typed response to the following questions, 600 words minimum (total, not per question).

1. Explain your reason for leaving CIU and tell us what you have been doing since you were a student here.
2. How have you been impacted by your CIU experience in each of the following areas: spiritual, intellectual, social and ministry-skill development?
3. Describe your current disciplines of Bible study and prayer, both private and corporate.
4. Tell us about opportunities you have for evangelism and how you share your faith with others.
5. What are your vocational and/or ministry goals and your understanding of God's direction for your future?
6. In what areas do you feel a need for further knowledge, experience and personal and spiritual development? How will further study at CIU contribute to the achievement of these goals?

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