



2025-2026 CIM Applicant Financial Aid Timeline

CIM SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING PROCESS

CIM will consider all applicants*, regardless of program of study or country of citizenship, for scholarship per a merit-based, need-informed approach. The audition is the primary factor for scholarships.

****All applicants are required to complete the short internal CIM Aid Application form for consideration of ANY institutional aid, including merit-only scholarship.***

Aid offers are presented only to students who have all requested documents on file and are formally admitted to CIM via notification from the CIM Admission Office.

Federal aid is offered, per student 2025-26 FAFSA eligibility, if applicable.

Documents submitted late may reduce a student's aid opportunities. See due dates below.

December 1, 2024

December 1 is the priority deadline to submit the online Application for Admission to CIM and related Admission documents for the 2025-2026 academic year.

January 15, 2025

CIM Financial Aid Application is due - Required of ALL applicants. This internal form will be found on the Financial Aid Checklist on your Application for Admission account **after pre-screen decisions have been communicated**. This form is how you indicate to CIM if you seek both need and merit aid or merit-only aid consideration and includes the agreement to receive electronic aid communications. Your answers on this form will inform CIM which items below, if any, will be applicable to your aid file. Once your completed CIM Financial Aid Application is reviewed by us, your Financial Aid Checklist will be created and updated to help clarify for you what items are due by February 15 and will list the receipt status of each item.

February 15, 2025

February 15 is CIM's priority deadline* to submit the **2025-26 FAFSA** and/or **2025-26 CSS PROFILE**, as applicable, for students seeking any need-based aid consideration. See details below about which students are required to submit these forms.

While we may accept items past the deadlines above, aid opportunities may be reduced as funding is limited for some aid programs, specifically Federal Work Study and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant. To allow the maximum opportunities for your scholarship and/or financial aid offer, make every effort to meet our deadlines. If a FAFSA and/or PROFILE is received by CIM after CIM has made an aid offer, our scholarship/grant award(s) will **not be reconsidered. Only federal aid eligibility may be added later, if applicable, as funding allows.*

See more details below about these two important items:



2025-2026 FAFSA - CIM school code: 003031

- **This is required for all U.S. citizens and permanent residents (both undergraduate and graduate) seeking any CIM institutional need-based aid consideration and/or any federal aid (grants, work-study and/or loans).**
- After submitting your FAFSA, be sure to review the **FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS)** which is sent to you by the FAFSA processor 1-3 days after your FAFSA is submitted. Until you review the FSS, do not assume your FAFSA is complete.
- **The 2025-26 FAFSA is expected to go live for students to submit on December 1, 2024**

2025-2026 CSS PROFILE - CIM school code: 1124

- **This is required of all undergraduate domestic applicants and all International applicants (both graduate and undergraduate) seeking any need-based aid consideration.**
- Domestic graduate students are not requested to submit the PROFILE.
- As there is a fee to submit this form, we suggest students wait until receiving their pre-screen decision outcome (in December).
- There are a few countries where filing the CSS PROFILE is not possible (e.g., Iran, N. Korea); students residing in those countries will be provided with an alternate form.
- CIM does NOT require IDOC
- CIM does NOT require the Non-Custodial Parent PROLFE (though basic questions about non-custodial parent and their expected support do go into the standard PROFILE)
- CIM cannot provide fee waivers, though some students qualify for automatic College Board [fee waivers](#)

Helpful links for the CSS PROFILE:

- [International Applicant Information](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Application Steps](#)

February 2025

[CIM Audition Dates](#)

March 1, 2025

If you are a [National Merit Finalist](#), send a copy of your certificate to the CIM Financial Aid Office no later than March 1, 2024 to obtain the **Outstanding Scholar Award** from CIM, if admitted.

April 1, 2025

April 1 is the date by which admitted students should receive admission notification and the financial aid offer, if applicable, assuming all required documents were completed by the due dates listed above.

April 15, 2025

- April 15 is the **graduate student deadline** to confirm intent to enroll by signing the CIM Enrollment Decision Form and paying the Enrollment Deposit online via your Admission Status page. Any CIM Scholarship/Grant aid, if applicable, is auto accepted upon submitting the Enrollment Decision Form.



Federal aid, if applicable, requires student active acceptance via Populi, CIM's Student Information System (access to Populi for new students will be activated after June 1, 2025).

- International graduate students must also submit **I-20 Documentation of Funding** and a copy of their passport before they may be considered fully confirmed or be able to apply for their student visa.

May 1, 2025

- May 1 is the **undergraduate student deadline** to confirm intent to enroll by signing the CIM Enrollment Decision Form and paying the Enrollment Deposit online via your Admission Status page. Any CIM Scholarship/Grant aid, if applicable, is auto accepted upon submitting the Enrollment Decision Form. Federal aid, if applicable, requires student active acceptance via Populi, CIM's Student Information System (access to Populi for new students will be activated after June 1, 2024).
- International undergraduate students must also submit **I-20 Documentation of Funding** and a copy of their passport before they may be considered fully confirmed or be able to apply for their student visa.

June 30, 2025

If you have summer travel and/or festivals planned, make every effort to complete all aid documents before you leave.

- **Accept or decline any offered federal aid**, as applicable, as soon as access is granted to Populi, CIM's Student Information System.
- Complete any remaining **supplemental aid documents** requested by the Financial Aid Office, including FAFSA Verification, Loan Promissory Notes, etc., as applicable.
- If you have any outside or **private scholarships**, inform the Financial Aid Office in writing as soon as they become known as they are required to be included in your aid file and in rare cases may impact your aid offer from CIM. Aid may not be credited (disbursed) to the student tuition account until all required documents are complete.
- If not already on file, submit your **Final Official Transcript** for your recently completed program to the CIM Registrar's Office. The transcript sent to CIM when you applied for admission was likely not the Final Official Transcript if you were still taking classes. We need to document High School graduation, BM degree, or MM degree, etc., as applicable, showing program completion, as is needed to begin classes in your new program at CIM. Review our [Admission Policy](#) for final transcript requirement details.

Questions?

Contact the CIM Financial Aid Office via financialaid@cim.edu or 216-795-3192.