

APPLICATION FOR
INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT ADMISSION

CALVIN

College

For students who are citizens of countries other than the United States or Canada

Due: April 1

First-time and Transfer International Applicants are required to provide the following:

1. International Student Application form (apply online at www.calvin.edu/international);
2. Transcripts from high school and/or college(s) attended and the results of any tests required in the student's country;
3. Academic/Educational Recommendation;
4. Applicable tests - see section on Entrance Test Requirements or www.calvin.edu/international
5. Completed Declaration of Finances and supporting documents;
6. Profile of Educational Background form.
7. Non-refundable application fee: \$35 (**this fee is waived for applications received before December 1**);

Information and online forms: www.calvin.edu/international

Return all forms to: Director of Admissions, Calvin College, 3201 Burton Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Applicant Information

Type of admission: First-time in college Transfer

Entry Date: Year _____ August February (only for transfers from U.S. colleges)

Class level at which you expect to enroll: First-year Sophomore Junior Senior

Housing plans: In college housing Other (specify) _____

Please list in order of priority the major(s) or program(s) you are considering: (If undecided, list that first.)

1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____

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LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

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COMPLETE HOME ADDRESS—NUMBER AND STREET CITY

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POSTAL CODE COUNTRY PHONE NUMBER M F GENDER

Preferred Name/Nickname: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Temporary or Boarding School Address (if different from above)—Effective dates: From _____ To _____

High School _____ Year of Graduation _____

High School Address _____

City _____ Country _____

If in high school, list your Grade 12 or final year courses:

First Semester

Second Semester

List colleges you have attended: Country: Major/Program: Dates of Attendance:

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If you have ever been dismissed, suspended, or placed on probation by any school for any reason, missed a significant amount of time for other reasons, left voluntarily for a lengthy period of time or have been convicted of a crime, please check here. Explain your circumstances on a separate sheet of paper.

Entrance Test Requirements and English Language Proficiency

International applicants are required to provide the results of the SAT or ACT if available in their situation. See www.calvin.edu/international for details. (Calvin College does not require the writing sections of the SAT or ACT.)

ACT: Month: _____ Year: _____ Composite score: _____

SAT: Month: _____ Year: _____ Critical reading score: _____ Math score: _____

International applicants who are not required to submit an SAT or ACT must submit one of the following (or provide other documentation of English language proficiency). Additional information about mathematics proficiency may also be requested.

TOEFL: Month: _____ Year: _____ Score: _____ paper TOEFL computer TOEFL web TOEFL

IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Score: _____

ELS Program: Completion date: _____ Level completed: _____

Citizenship and Ethnic Background

Country of your citizenship: _____

Country in which you are currently residing: _____

What is your native language? _____

Complete the residency and immigration information below. Check the **one box** that best applies to your situation.

International citizen residing outside of the U.S.

International citizen presently residing in U.S.—Please list your immigration status:

Visa Classification: _____ Visa Expiration Date: _____

Optional Information (this information is important for our records, but will not be used in a discriminatory manner)

1. Are you Hispanic/Latino or of Spanish origin? Yes No

(a person of Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)

2. From the following five racial groups, please select one or more races to describe your origins:

American Indian or Alaska Native

Black, African or African American

White

Asian

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Additional Applicant Information

Birth Date: **Month:** _____ **Date:** _____ **Year:** _____

Birth Place: City _____ Country _____

Marital Status (optional): Single Married (Spouse's name: _____) Other _____

Church: Name _____

Denomination _____

Church Address _____

City _____ Postal _____

Pastor _____

If you are currently residing with someone other than your parent(s), please give the name and indicate that person's relationship to you.

Name _____ Phone _____

Relationship to you _____ Email _____

Please list all other colleges and universities to which you are applying (optional): _____

Your Activities, Honors, Leadership Roles and Diversity Experiences

List your activities, honors, leadership roles and diversity experiences in order of their importance to you. Your response may inform scholarship and diversity award selection.

ACTIVITIES, HONORS, LEADERSHIP ROLES AND DIVERSITY EXPERIENCES	SCHOOL YEARS				TIME COMMITMENT
	9	10	11	12	
Goalie on JV and varsity soccer teams		X	X		Aug.–Nov.
Secretary of National Honor Society			X		1 meeting/month
Co-coordinator of my neighborhood “clean-up graffiti” project	X	X			1 week/summer
Lived in Ecuador: attended a local church and school				X	Jan.–June 2008

Personal Statement

On a separate piece of paper, please reflect on how your faith has guided your activities and achievements, and how that relates to Calvin’s mission. Why is Calvin a good fit for your college experience and your future? Your response may inform scholarship and diversity award selection. (Suggested length: 250–500 words)

Acknowledgement

I certify that the information on this application is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate. I understand that Calvin College aims to provide an education which is Christian and is shaped by the Christian faith as reflected in the Reformed tradition. I agree to conduct myself in accordance with the ideals for which Calvin College stands and to observe the rules governing student conduct.

Signature _____

Date _____

Calvin does not discriminate with regard to age, race, color, national origin, gender or disability in any of its educational programs or opportunities, employment or other activities. Questions pertaining to Title IX, which prohibits discrimination based on sex, and Section 504, which prohibits discrimination based on disability, may be directed to the Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Calvin College, 3201 Burton Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 49546, (616) 526-6106.

Final Steps:

1. Sign your application
2. Give the transcript request to your school and the academic recommendation form to a teacher.
3. Send completed forms to:

Admissions
 Calvin College
 3201 Burton Street SE
 Grand Rapids, MI 49546

To the applicant: Please fill in your name and address and present this form to your high school.

Applicant's name _____ Address _____

To the high school counselor or principal: Please provide the following information:

- A. A copy of the applicant's official transcript showing high school credit earned.
- B. Any additional letters of recommendation from the applicant's file.
- C. Applicant's rank in class and high school grade point average at the end of the last completed semester.
- D. A profile of your school with an explanation of your grading policies (i.e. how courses are weighted).

Rank _____ Class Size _____ HS GPA _____ What scale is used?(i.e., 4.0-12.0) _____ Weighted? Yes No

How does this applicant rank in the graduating class? Top 3% Top 5% Top 10% Top 15% Top 20% Other

Does this transcript include Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or honors courses? Yes No

Applicant's Course Selection: Most Demanding Demanding Average Below Average

Counselor or Principal Signature _____ Date _____

Print name of principal/counselor (circle position) _____

School name _____ **Your email** _____

School address _____ **School Website** _____

City _____ **State/Province** _____ **Zip/Postal** _____

Do you need information about Calvin College for your files? Yes No **Phone** _____

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To the applicant: Please fill in your name and address and present this form to a teacher or counselor to complete. If this form is not appropriate to your situation, please obtain a written recommendation from someone who can describe your preparation for college.

Applicant's name _____ Address _____

Right of Privacy: According to the law, you have the right to examine any document in your admission file. If you wish to waive the right to review this form, sign below. Failure to waive this right will not be prejudicial to you.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

To the person completing this recommendation: This applicant is applying for admission to Calvin College. To help us make an appropriate admissions decision, please provide a full and candid report. Please include insights into the strengths and struggles of this applicant, as this will enable Calvin to best serve her/him.

1. What is your relationship to the applicant and how long have you been acquainted?
2. Based on your interactions and observations, please rate this student on the following:

	Outstanding	Above average	Average	Below average	Unknown	Comments
Motivation						
Self-reliance						
Potential for growth						
Intellectual curiosity						
Academic ability						
Relationships with others						
Character						
Relative maturity						
Integrity and Values						
English skills: written						
English skills: verbal						

Additional Comments:

Facts About Calvin College

Type of School:

Founded in 1876 by the Christian Reformed Church, Calvin is internationally recognized as a center of faith-anchored liberal arts teaching and scholarship.

Location:

Grand Rapids, Michigan, the second largest metropolitan area in Michigan, with a population of about 650,000.

Size:

Enrollment: 4,300
International students: 350
Faculty: 390
Campus size: 400 acres

Accreditation:

Calvin College is accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Specific academic programs are accredited as follows: the American Chemical Society (Chemistry and Biochemistry), the National Association of Schools of Music (Music), the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (Education), the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (Nursing), the Council on Social Work Education (Social Work) and the Engineering (Engineering) and Computing (Computer Science) Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

Calendar:

Two four-month semesters, one-month Interim term (4-1-4), and summer sessions.

Degrees Offered:

Graduates in most academic disciplines earn a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Science degree. Students graduating in the professional programs earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing, Recreation, Accountancy, or Engineering. Other degrees include the Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Music Education, and Master of Education.



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Calvin does not discriminate with regard to age, race, color, national origin, gender or disability in any of its educational programs or other activities.

3. Some persons do not benefit from college life. Do you know of any circumstances that should be considered when reviewing this applicant for admission to Calvin College?

4. Is the academic record of this applicant an accurate indication of his/her ability? Yes No

Please describe the circumstances:

Please feel free to attach an additional sheet to explain or provide additional comments.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print your Name and Position _____

School Name _____ School Address _____

City _____ Country _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ School website _____

May we contact you for additional information? Yes No Email _____

Do you need information about Calvin College for your files? Yes No Are you a Calvin alumnus/alumna? Yes No

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Thank you for completing this recommendation.

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