



COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC 105 Eden Street Bar Harbor, ME 04609
2016-2017 EARLY DECISION APPLICATION FOR ESTIMATED FINANCIAL AID

Please check which of these you are applying for: ☐ Early Decision I (return form by December 10)
☐ Early Decision II (return form by January 20)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please answer **ALL** questions on the form. **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK ANSWERS.**
- If a question does not apply, put **“N/A” or “0” in the answer space.** **DO NOT LEAVE BLANK ANSWERS.**
- Return this application **with copies of 2014 federal income tax returns** no later than December 10, 2015 for Early Decision I or January 20, 2016 for Early Decision II to the Financial Aid Office by mail or fax (207.288.4126).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS

- If your parents are divorced, separated or unmarried the parent you live with completes the "Parents" sections of this form (**this must include a step-parent's information in the case of remarriage**).
- The noncustodial parent must complete the ***COA Noncustodial Parent Declaration of Finances*** form.
You can download a COA Noncustodial Parent Declaration of Finances at <http://www.coa.edu/coa-forms.htm> if needed.

A. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (PLEASE PRINT)

Last _____ First _____ MI _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security # _____

Street or
P.O. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ email _____ (please inform us of changes)

B. PARENTS' INFORMATION (PARENT(S) WITH WHOM YOU LIVED MOST RECENTLY)

Student's natural or adoptive parents are: ☐ Married ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced Date of divorce or separation _____
☐ Never Married ☐ Widowed

Name of person who claimed student as a dependent on most recent U.S. income tax return _____

(Circle one) Father//Stepfather's name _____ Age _____

Occupation/Title _____ Employer _____

(Circle one) Mother//Stepmother's name _____ Age _____

Occupation/Title _____ Employer _____

Street or P.O. _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

C. HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

- LIST **ALL** FAMILY MEMBERS who are included in parents' household **that will receive more than half of their support from your parents** between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017.
- Include YOURSELF
- Include YOUR PARENT(s)

Name (List student first)	Age	Name of College 2016-2017; enter COA for yourself	Year in college	Enrollment Status (e.g. full-time, half-time or less than half-time)

D. PARENTS' ANNUAL INCOME INFORMATION

Refer to copies of your tax forms for 2014. Be as accurate as possible estimating 2015 figures (refer to pay stubs, bank statements, quarterly dividend reports, etc.) Do not leave items blank. **If an item does not apply, please indicate "0".**

Taxable Income		Actual 2014	Estimated 2015
Wages, salaries, tips, and other compensation, Father or stepfather		\$	\$
Wages, salaries, tips, and other compensation, Mother or stepmother		\$	\$
Adjusted gross income		\$	\$
Interest income		\$	\$
Dividend income		\$	\$
Net income (or loss) from business or farm. If negative, enter amount in (parentheses).		\$	\$
Unemployment compensation		\$	\$
Capital gain (or loss). If negative, enter amount in (parentheses).		\$	\$
Pensions, annuities, rents, royalties, partnerships, estates, or trusts, etc.		\$	\$
Alimony and other taxable income		\$	\$
Number of exemptions to be claimed on parents' federal tax return			

Nontaxable or Pre-Tax Income		Actual 2014	Estimated 2015
Social security benefits		\$	\$
Welfare benefits		\$	\$
Child support received		\$	\$
Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plan (paid directly or withheld from earnings)		\$	\$
Total of deductible IRA and/or Keogh payments		\$	\$
Earned Income Credit		\$	\$
All other income: veteran's benefits, work compensation, housing allowances, etc. Please specify type of income:		\$	\$

Expenses	Actual 2014	Estimated 2015
Federal Income Tax paid (<i>not</i> the same as taxes withheld!)	\$	\$
Child support paid	\$	\$

Parents' Assets and Debts

Housing payment (check one) ☐ rent ☐ mortgage
Monthly amount (if zero, explain) \$_____

	Year Purchased	Purchase Price	Present Market Value	Unpaid Mortgage Principal
Home if owned or being purchased		\$	\$	\$
Other real estate		\$	\$	\$

Total cash, savings, checking accounts, CD's, Trust Funds	\$
Investments: Current market value of stocks, mutual funds, bonds, installment and land sale contracts (including mortgages held), commodities, precious and strategic metals, etc.	\$
Business and/or farm net worth	\$

E. STUDENT'S INFORMATION

- Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes_____ No_____

If no, what is your country of citizenship?_____ your visa status?_____

your alien registration number?_____
- Check one:

☐ I will file a 2015 federal income tax return.

☐ I will not file a 2015 federal income tax return.

Student Income Information

Student's total 2014 income//taxes paid (<i>not</i> the same as withheld)	\$	\$
Estimated 2015 income//taxes	\$	\$

Veteran's Educational Benefits you expect to receive from July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017	Amount per month \$	Number of months
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Student Assets

Please give full details regarding all assets and source (e.g. parents', savings, gifts, from other relatives, earnings, etc.)

Cash, checking, and savings		Type:		\$
Mutual funds, stocks, bonds, CD's		Type:		\$
Other investments		Type:		\$
Other student assets	Asset type:	Purchase Price:	Date of Purchase:	Current Value:
		\$		\$

Does student own car? Yes [] No [] If yes, please complete the information below:

Year/Make/Model of Automobile	Purchase Price	Date of Purchase	Current Value
	\$		\$

Are you the beneficiary of any trust(s)? Yes []* No []

Established by _____ When? _____ Type of trust _____ Total value: \$ _____

***Send copy of most recent 1041**

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Please list any expected financial assistance from other sources (**faculty/staff tuition grants, outside scholarships**). List type of aid and amounts below. Include **ANY** and **ALL** scholarships you have applied for or plan to apply for even if you have not received a response yet. You are responsible for reporting all outside scholarships to COA by July 1, whether listed or not.

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COMMENTS

Please use this space and any additional pages, if necessary, for comments you may wish to add:

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

I/we understand that information provided on this and other documents may be shared with the applicant, with other schools and agencies from which we are requesting aid, and with colleges in which other family members are enrolled; biographical data may be shared with donors if aid is offered and accepted.

I/we certify that all information presented here is correct at this time and that we will update any changes in family income or assets, in family situation, in the college plans of other family members, or of the receipt of other scholarships or grants as soon as known.

I/we further understand that in order to receive financial aid at College of the Atlantic, I/we must complete and submit the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2016, and that copies of student's and parents' completed 2015 federal income tax forms must be submitted to the College as well as other documents that may be required before financial aid can be credited to the student's account.

I/we understand that a preliminary financial aid award is an estimate and may be revised upon receipt by the college of final need analysis, financial and eligibility documentation.

Signature of Parent(s) or guardian(s) _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

Signature of student applicant _____ Date _____

FINAL CHECK

- Did you list yourself and your parent(s) in part C, Household Information?
- Did you enter "0" in parts D and E, Parent and Student Income Information, **if appropriate**?
- Did you leave any answers blank? If so, please fill them as requested.
Use "N/A" or "0" if necessary.