

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 “binding,” meaning if you **deposit** as an Early Decision candidate by the stated deadline, you agree to withdraw any applications from other institutions, not initiate any new applications at other institutions, and attend Stevens in Fall 2009. Remember that it is a violation of the Plan to apply Early Decision at more than one college or university. We also recommend that you do not apply as an Early Decision candidate if you plan to weigh offers and financial aid packages from several other institutions later in the spring, or want to include more information, such as senior year course grades, on your application.

If you apply as an Early Decision candidate to Stevens, please be assured that your information is evaluated by the same competitive criteria as those who apply as a traditional applicant. The decision is based on all information submitted to Stevens by the deadline, including official test scores, your high school transcript and your interview.

Early Decision Instructions: Complete and return this form by the deadline (see chart below for Early Decision I and Early Decision II deadlines). It must be signed by your guidance or college counselor and you must complete and return all of the other required forms in this packet, as well as complete your admissions interview, by the application deadline.

	Application Deadline	Financial Aid Information Due	Notification Date	Deposit Due to Stevens
Early Decision I	November 15	November 15	December 15	January 5
Early Decision II	January 15	January 15	February 15	March 5

I have read the above definition and instructions regarding the Early Decision Plan at Stevens. In addition, Stevens Institute of Technology is my first choice since I am applying as an Early Decision candidate. If I am offered admission under the Early Decision Plan and I provide a deposit, I will matriculate at Stevens in Fall 2009. I will also immediately withdraw all regular applications (if any) to any other institutions and not begin a new application elsewhere. I agree that it is in violation to be an Early Decision candidate at more than one college or university at the same time, and doing so may jeopardize my candidacy at Stevens.

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 _____