



### 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 submit a tuition deposit as an Early Decision candidate by the stated deadline, you agree to:

- Withdraw all applications from other institutions
- Not initiate any new applications at other institutions
- Attend Stevens in the fall

Our expectation is that if accepted, you will be joining the university, and will confirm this by submitting your deposit. 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 institutions later in the spring, or want to include more information, such as mid-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.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete and return this form by the deadline (see chart below). It must be signed by your guidance or college counselor and you must complete and return all required forms, as well as complete your admissions interview, by the application deadline.

	Application Due	CSS Profile Due	FAFSA Due	Notification Date	Tuition Deposit Due
Early Decision I	November 15	December 1	December 1	December 15	January 10
Early Decision II	January 15	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, since I am applying as an Early Decision candidate, I am affirming that Stevens Institute of Technology is my first choice. If I am offered admission under the Early Decision Plan and I provide a deposit, I will matriculate at Stevens. I will also immediately withdraw all regular applications (if any) to other institutions and will 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 \_\_\_\_\_