



## 2024-2025 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. Federal aid is offered, per student FAFSA eligibility, if applicable. 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. Documents submitted late may reduce a student's aid opportunities.

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

### December 1, 2023

December 1 is the priority deadline to submit the online Application for Admission to CIM and related Admission documents for the 2024-2025 academic year.

### January 15, 2024

[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, 2024

February 15 is CIM's priority deadline\* to submit the **2024-2025 FAFSA** and/or **CSS PROFILE**, as applicable, for students seeking any need-based aid consideration.

*\*While we may accept items past the deadlines above, aid opportunities may be reduced as funding is limited for some aid programs. 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:**

**[2024-2025 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** (formerly called the **Student Aid Report**) 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. Due to many changes in the FAFSA application by Dept of Education this year, it will not be available until sometime in December (vs normal October 1 release).

- **IMPORTANT:** Due to the [FAFSA Simplification Act](#) and numerous changes to the application and FAFSA formula this year, we urge all students to submit their FAFSA as soon as possible once it goes live in December. Note the FAFSA will not be considered fully submitted (for due date purposes) until ALL required “contributors” have fully submitted their parts to the FAFSA.

**The changes include:**

- A more streamlined application process, with fewer questions,
- Expanded eligibility for federal student aid,
- Different contributing parent criteria for divorced or separated parents,
- New FAFSA terminology (Expected Family Contribution becomes the Student Aid Index),
- Number of family members in college is excluded from the aid calculation,
- Small businesses and family farms are now considered assets on the FAFSA,
- Foreign Earned Income Exclusion is no longer excluded from FAFSA need analysis,
- All Contributors (another new term) – student, spouse, parent(s) (if dependent) must provide consent to have tax data transferred directly from the IRS to the FAFSA

**Short Federal Student Aid YouTube videos:**

- [What’s Changed for the 2024-2025 FAFSA form](#)
- [FAFSA: Determining Your Dependency Status](#)
- [How to Create an Account and Username \(FSA ID\) for StudentAid.gov](#)

**CIM Financial Aid Office will host a few info sessions about the FAFSA Simplification Process** via Zoom in December and January. Dates for these sessions are TBD.

**2024-2025 CSS PROFILE** - **CIM school code: 1124**. This is required of all undergraduate domestic applicants and all International applicants seeking any need-based aid consideration. Domestic graduate students are not required to submit the PROFILE. As there is a fee to submit this form, you may wish to wait until receiving your 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 [fee waivers](#)

**Helpful links for the CSS PROFILE:**

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

**February 2024**

[CIM Audition Dates](#)



## March 1, 2024

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, 2024

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, 2024

- 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, 2024).
- 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, 2024

- 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 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.

## June 30, 2024

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](mailto:financialaid@cim.edu) or 216-795-3192.