

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

Mills College is looking for students with potential and desire to succeed in a rigorous academic environment. We seek a diverse group of individuals who exhibit intellectual potential, and strength of character. Admission is determined by a holistic review of the student's overall academic record. While great weight is placed on academic records, we also consider leadership skills, character, and special talents.

A student's high school or college record is generally the most reliable predictor of academic success. The application, writing samples, letters of recommendation, and optional (but strongly encouraged) interview give further evidence of scholastic ability and personal promise. It is the combination of these factors that determines admission to the College.

It is recommended that applicants have taken college preparatory courses to include: four years of English; two or more years of social sciences; two or more years of foreign languages; three or more years of mathematics; and two or more years of science. We strongly encourage students to challenge themselves by taking rigorous course work. Secondary school alternative study programs of an academic nature, such as independent study and pass/no-pass courses, are given positive consideration if evidence is presented that confirms their value in preparation for college.

All applicants must submit the Common Application (<https://www.mills.edu/apply.php>) or Mills College Application (<https://www.mills.edu/apply.php>) with a \$50 application fee and the credentials outlined in the Applying for Admission section.

Deadlines

- November 1: Spring First Year and Transfer Admission
- November 15: Fall First Year Early Action (non-binding)
- January 15: Fall First Year Regular Decision
- March 1: Fall Transfer Admission

Notification

- End of December: Early Action
- Mid-March: Fall First Year Regular Decision
- Mid-April: Fall Transfer Admission
- Mid-November: Spring Admission

All offers of admission are contingent upon the satisfactory completion of classes in which the student is currently enrolled.

Application Requirements

Online application and application fee
Personal Essay and short answer question
Transcripts/Academic Record
Letter of Recommendation
Proof of English Language Proficiency (international applicants only)

Send all materials to:

Office of Admissions
5000 MacArthur Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94613-1301

admission@mills.edu

Mills College Undergraduate Admissions Policy for Transgender or Gender Questioning Applicants

Mills College is committed to the proud tradition as a women's college at the undergraduate level with graduate programs for men and women.

Mills does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, marital status, age, religious creed, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, or disability (in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 1973 Rehabilitation Act Section 504, and implementing regulations) in its admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, or in the educational programs, co-curricular activities and residential facilities which it operates. Mills' admission policies are informed by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which allows for single-sex admissions policies in institutions of higher education that have historically served women. Mills admits self-identified women and people assigned female at birth who do not fit into the gender binary at the undergraduate level; and all genders at the graduate level. Within these parameters, Mills does not discriminate on the basis of gender identity and expression in its admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, or in the educational programs, co-curricular activities and residential facilities which it operates.

Mills College admits students of all genders to its graduate programs, and "self-identified" women to its undergraduate programs. Mills shall not discriminate against applicants whose gender identity does not match their legally assigned sex. Students who self-identify as female are eligible to apply for undergraduate admission. This includes students who were not assigned to the female sex at birth but live and identify as women at the time of application. It also includes students who are legally assigned to the female sex, but who identify as transgender or gender fluid. Students assigned to the female sex at birth who have undergone a legal change of gender to male prior to the point of application are not eligible for admission.

Where there is a conflict between the student's self-identified gender and the gender that appears on legal documentation such as an academic transcript or documents provided as part of the financial aid process, the student is strongly encouraged to contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for a discussion around their desire to attend a women's college and how they self-identify in terms of gender. This self-identification shall be the driving force behind the College's eligibility decision.

Once admitted, any student who completes the College's graduation requirements shall be awarded a degree.