

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | GATHER YOUR MATERIAL | To apply to optometry school, you'll need to start by gathering:
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One from a professor, preferably a science professor, with whom you have taken coursework, an academic advisor, or an academic committee. <i>Letters from teaching assistants will not satisfy the requirement unless the professor of the course also signs the letter.</i>• One from a practicing, non-relative optometrist. <i>A letter from an ophthalmologist, while welcomed for your file, will not be accepted as a substitute for an optometrist's letter.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | COLLEGE ADMISSION TEST | Take the <u>O</u> ptometry <u>A</u> dmission <u>T</u> est (www.opted.org) or the <u>G</u> raduate <u>R</u> ecord <u>E</u> xamination (www.ets.org). The exam must be completed by the application deadline. Only scores reported within the last two years will be accepted. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SATISFY PRE-REQS | To prepare you for optometry school, ICO requires a series of college-level pre-optometry courses prior to admission. View these courses on our website: ico.edu/course-requirements |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | APPLY | Submit application and supporting materials through OptomCAS (www.optomcas.org) from July 1 - May 1.

The TOEFL is also required of applicants for whom English is a second language. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | INTERVIEW | If invited, interview on ICO's campus or virtually. Interviews are conducted one-on-one with a faculty or ICO Administrator between August and June. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | DECISION | Receive the admissions committee's decision within one to two weeks of your interview. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | DEPOSIT | Send the required tuition deposit as outlined in your letter of acceptance. This deposit is applied to first year tuition and will guarantee your seat in the entering class. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | SUBMIT FAFSA | Eligible students seeking financial aid should complete a <u>F</u> ree <u>A</u> pplication for <u>F</u> ederal <u>S</u> tudent <u>A</u> id (FAFSA), which may be found at www.fafsa.gov . After acceptance and receipt of the FAFSA, the Student Financial Services Office will notify students of their financial aid award. Early applicants receive greater scholarship consideration as scholarship are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | CHECK YOUR EMAIL | Once you've been admitted we will exclusively communicate with you through your ICO email so make sure to check it regularly! |
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