

International Students Application Process

Please read this information in its entirety as it will provide you with the necessary instructions to apply for financial aid. Make sure to follow the steps in sequential order.

1. Complete the online NeedAccess Application

Suggested Deadline: May 1, 2009

- File the Need Access Application the secure website, www.NeedAccess.org.
- Select the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business from the School Selection List.
- All currency figures must be provided in U.S. dollars.
- As requested in the application, certified documentation verifying income and asset information (e.g. tax forms, bank statement) must be submitted to Wharton's Financial Aid office by mailing or faxing to:
Wharton MBA Financial Aid
420 Jon M. Huntsman Hall
3730 Walnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104
Fax: 215-898-0120
- Certified documentation must be in English.
- A processing fee is assessed to file the Need Access Application.
- An Award Notification Letter from Wharton's Financial Aid Office will be mailed to the address you provide on the Need Access Application. The Award Notification will list your student budget, minimum expected student contribution, and financing programs (loans and fellowships, if eligible).

Note: An Award Notification letter cannot be provided until you complete this application.

2. File an Alternative Loan Application *after you receive your Award*

Notification Letter

(For a sample list of lenders, please refer to www.sfs.upenn.edu/loans.)

Suggested Deadline: June 15, 2009

- Loan period 09/01/09 – 05/31/10.
- Amount to borrow: Please refer to your Award Notification Letter.
- SFS will be notified by the lender to certify your loan application. It generally takes 6-8 weeks for loans to be certified by Penn after receipt of your loan application from the lending agency. **Wharton's Financial Aid Office is not notified.**
- **Do not** apply for an alternative loan until you have filed the Need Access application and received your Award Notification Letter.

Late fees will be assessed to your student bill if loan is not applied for before the deadline date

Information about outside loans and scholarships can be found on the MBA Programs Office website: <http://spike.wharton.upenn.edu/mbaprogram/>. Please remember these are alternative awards and selection is not determined by Wharton.