PROMISE Mission

IMSA PROMISE (Providing Opportunities for Mathematics and Science Enrichment) serves underrepresented and economically disadvantaged students who have talent and interest in mathematics and science, and have a serious interest in attending the Academy. The IMSA PROMISE programs provide enriching academic experiences that create academic growth.

Summer Enrichment for Mathematics and Science

Summer Enrichment for Academics in Mathematics and Science (SEAMS) is designed to serve students in the summer after their 8th grade year. This two-week residential experience is designed to improve students’ mathematics, science, and English skills. Group inquiry and problem-solving are a primary focus in the academic curriculum. In addition, the residence hall experience focuses on interpersonal skill development.

Eligibility

Illinois residents who have completed the eighth grade and are enrolled for the ninth grade for Fall 2014 are eligible to apply.

Admission Decisions

Notification of admission decisions are mailed to the address listed on the student’s application in mid-May. The number of students invited to attend the PROMISE program is determined by institutional capacity. An additional group of students are identified for a waitlist. Invitations are extended to students on the waitlist as spaces become available.
IMSA PROMISE Application Checklist (application deadline is April 30th):

☐ Application for admission, including essay responses
☐ One Mathematics or Science teacher evaluation form
☐ School Principal/Counselor form
☐ Grade reports from the 7th and current 8th grade academic year
☐ Results from your most recent standardized achievement test such as the Illinois Standard Achievement Test (ISAT), Prairie State Achievement Test (PSAE), Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS), or Standard Achievement Test (SAT)

Applications must be postmarked by the April 30th, 2014 deadline. Mail completed applications to:

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy, Admissions Office
Attn: PROMISE SEAMS
1500 Sullivan Road
Aurora, IL 60506
E-mail: diversity@imsa.edu
Fax: 630-907-5887
Phone: 630-907-5028
BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Student Legal Last Name                Legal First                     MI

Home Street Address                     Apt #

Home City    State    Zip   County in Illinois

Student Email                     Home Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx)

Gender: ☐ Male  ☐ Female                  Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): ______________________

What is your current grade in school? _______ Is English your first language? ☐ Yes  ☐ No

If not, what other language(s) is spoken in your home? ________________________________

If English is not your only language, for how long have you spoken English? ____________

How did you learn about IMSA and the PROMISE Programs? ________________________________

OPTIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

☐ Yes  ☐ No   Hispanic, Latino/a - Are you a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race?

Select one or more races from the following racial groups:

☐  American Indian or Alaskan Native A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.

☐  Asian A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

☐  Black or African American A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

☐  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

☐  White A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, Middle East, or North Africa.
# CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

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# HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION *(where you will attend in Fall 2014)*

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# FAMILY INFORMATION

*Please write the full name of the parent or legal guardian with whom you live:*

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**TEST TYPE**

Which test results are you submitting as part of your application (ISAT, Prairie State Achievement Test, Iowa Test of Basic Skills, SAT)?

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**ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

Prior IMSA Activities: Please list any IMSA sponsored programs or events in which you have previously participated.

_____________________________________________________________________

Please prepare a list below of all of your Math, Science and Technology Activities and Awards from the past three years, as well as the three Other Activities and Awards (music, sports, etc.) that are most meaningful to you. Please be sure to spell in full and do not abbreviate or use acronyms for the names of any activities or awards.

Math, Science and Technology Activities from the past three years:

_____________________________________________________________________

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Other Activities (such as music, sports, etc.):

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**STUDENT ESSAYS**

Responses to the questions below should be completed by the student. Please attach your responses to BOTH questions to your application.

1. What experiences (academic, extracurricular and/or personal) have sparked your passion for mathematics and science? *(Word Guideline – In 500 words or less)*
2. If you are invited to participate in the SEAMS program you will be asked to live, study, and work with many students of different backgrounds from throughout Illinois. How would you describe yourself to these people? *(Word Guideline – In 250 words or less)*

**PARENT STATEMENT**

*To be completed by the parent or guardian:* Please explain your child's interest in mathematics, science, and attending the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy. Also, please provide any additional information that the Selection Committee should consider when evaluating your child’s application to the program.

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**SIGNATURES**

We understand that withholding pertinent information requested on this application or giving false information will make me ineligible for admission to the PROMISE program or subject to cancellation of registration if admission has occurred. The information given herein is true and accurate. Furthermore, we understand information contained within the applicant file will be shared with the Admissions Selection Committees and by submitting this application to IMSA, we consent to disclose this information to these committee, waiving our rights to review notes, reports, and recommendations of the Committee. If the applicant is accepted for admission to PROMISE, we agree to adhere to rules and regulation now in existence and those that may be established in the future by IMSA. We agree to permit information in this application, and other records resulting from applying to and attending the program to be made available on a confidential basis to the applicant’s home school, other educational institutions, and for IMSA-approved research purposes. All application documents are retained by the Academy. Further, we understand that admission decisions are based on multiple criteria including subjective judgments regarding academic and leadership potential, demographic representation, grades and test scores.

_________________________________________  ________________________
Student Signature          Date

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Parent Signature           Date