

- 1. The RISE Scholarship Application (this page)**
- 2. A Student Essay (described on page 2)**
- 3. Verification of Qualification for a Scholarship (page 2)**
- 4. A RISE Student Applicant Information Form (no payment needed at this time)**
- 5. A written/typed Teacher Recommendation**

Date _____

Step 2: Complete the STUDENT ESSAY (attach to the application form)

Please write at least a paragraph addressing the following statement; it can be handwritten or typed:

Please explain how you became interested in math and/or science and why you think attending the RISE online course will help grow that interest.

Step 3: Provide VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATION for a Scholarship**QUALIFICATION DOCUMENTATION FOR FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH**

Please attach documentation that the student applying for the scholarship qualifies and/or participates in the Free or Reduced Lunch Program as articulated by the Federal government.

Examples of documentation: Signed verification on school letter head of participation, official tax documentation articulating annual household income for 2012 or 2013, Federal/State documentation of qualification for Free or Reduced Lunch Program (please call with any questions about appropriate documentation).

 Student's School Name

 School Street Address

 City/Zip Code
TO BE COMPLETED FOR HOMESCHOOL APPLICANTS ONLY

Home	School	Organization
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Home	School	Curriculum
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***ALL HOMESCHOOL APPLICATIONS MUST attach proof of Annual Household Income (proof must be an official tax document- (only page 1 of document needed)**

Please complete both sides of this form and gather all 4 items articulated on the front page required to be considered (teacher recommendation may come directly from the teacher via mail or fax) and return by mail or fax to:

ATTN: Professional Field Services - RISE
 1500 Sullivan Rd
 Aurora, IL 60506-1000
 Phone (630) 907-5987 Fax: (630) 907-5880

A complete application must be received at IMSA by July 31, 2014
to be considered for any scholarship.

Scholarships are offered through the generous support of donors to the IMSA Fund for Advancement of Education.

Step 4: Complete the Student Applicant Information Form

1. Participant Full Name (Last, MI, First) _____

2. Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

3. Gender: M _____ F _____

4. Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY) _____/_____/_____

5. Grade Entering in Fall 2014 _____

6. **Background Information:** This information is requested so we may report statistical data regarding our participants to the State of Illinois and/or other program funders. Only aggregate data will be shared. Summaries will not contain individual information.

Please pick one or more from the list below:

- a. Hispanic or Latino/a: Are you a person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race? (Yes/No) _____
- b. Select one or more races from the following five racial groups:
 - ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
 - ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
 - ☐ Black or African American
 - ☐ Asian
 - ☐ White

7. Parent/Legal Guardian Name, with which participant lives

8. Parent/Legal Guardian contact information:

a. Home: (____)- _____ - _____

b. Cell: (____)- _____ - _____

c. Work: (____)- _____ - _____

d. Email: _____

9. School Name and Address (include official school name, city, state, zip)

Parent Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Step 5: Have a teacher complete a TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Student Name: _____

Program Applied for: IMSA's Research Inquiry Skills and Experimentation (RISE) course

Name of Teacher Completing this Form: _____

School: _____

School Address: _____

Subjects Taught/Length of Time you have known this student: _____

Work Phone and Work Email: _____

How would you describe this student's	Exceptional		Average		Poor
1. Intellectual Curiosity	5	4	3	2	1
2. Creativity	5	4	3	2	1
3. Leadership	5	4	3	2	1
4. Classroom performance and preparation	5	4	3	2	1
5. Ability to work in group situations	5	4	3	2	1
6. Ability to work independently	5	4	3	2	1

What is the student's interest level...

7. In studying sciences	5	4	3	2	1
8. In studying mathematics	5	4	3	2	1

In your opinion, what is the student's ability in...

9. Science	5	4	3	2	1
10. Mathematics	5	4	3	2	1

Please provide any additional information that should be considered when evaluating this student for participation in the IMSA RISE online course, on a separate sheet.

Teachers Signature _____

Thank you for completing this form!

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION?
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If this application is complete you will receive a confirmation, by mail or email, that we received it and all pieces are accounted for.

If this application is not fully complete, you will be notified by email or phone of the missing information. You will have two weeks after the notification is sent to submit the missing pieces. If the information is not received within the 2 week period, your application will be removed from consideration for a scholarship.

Scholarships will be awarded starting August 1, 2014. If you are awarded a scholarship you will be notified by mail or email only. If you were considered and did not receive a scholarship, you will be notified by mail. Please no phone calls.

If you are awarded a scholarship you will be sent a Scholarship Acceptance form that must be filled out and returned to IMSA with the \$25.00 fee within two weeks of the Acceptance letter postmark.

Participation in RISE programs does not guarantee admission to IMSA.