



ACADEMY APPLICATION

Requirements

The following items are required and must be submitted to be eligible for consideration:

- Online Application w/ Essays
- Math Teacher Evaluation Form
- Science Teacher Evaluation Form
- English Teacher Evaluation Form
- Optional Evaluation Form
- School Counselor Form
- 2018-2019 Official Grade Report
- 2019-2020 Official Grade Report
- 2020-2021 First Semester Official Grade Report
- SAT Test Scores (waiver is available for Class of 2024 applicants)

Students enrolled in homeschool programs will need to provide documentation explaining the curriculum, evaluation process, and texts used. Evaluations must be completed by non-family members who know the student's work well.

Submitting the Application

Student applications must be submitted electronically. The deadline is FEBRUARY 15, 2021. Late applications will not be accepted. If students do not submit their application by the admission deadline, their application will not be reviewed.

All students are strongly encouraged to check their application status online to confirm which documents have been submitted and which we are still waiting for. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their application is complete.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Application Submitted: Yes

When all sections are completed please click "Next" to submit your application.

If completion date does not display, please refresh your browser.

Name and Address - Completed On: October 23, 2020	Eligibility and Requirements - Completed On:
Biographical Information - Completed On:	School Information - Completed On:
Parent or Guardian Information - Completed On:	Activities and Awards - Completed On:
Optional Statement - Completed On:	Parent Statement - Completed On:
Student Essays - Completed On:	Evaluations and Forms - Completed On:
Signatures - Completed On:	

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SECTION 1: NAME AND ADDRESS

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 3: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

SECTION 4: SCHOOL INFORMATION

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ACADEMY SECTION 1: NAME AND ADDRESS

Student First Name*	<input type="text" value="Please do not use ALL CAF"/>
Middle Name	<input type="text"/>
Student Last Name*	<input type="text" value="Please do not use ALL CAF"/>
Preferred Name (nickname)	<input type="text"/>
Mailing Street*	<input type="text"/>
Mailing City*	<input type="text"/>
Mailing State*	<input type="text" value="Enter two letter abbrev. i.e.,"/>
Mailing Zip/Postal Code*	<input type="text"/>
County*	<input type="text" value="Will"/>
Phone*	<input type="text" value="(000) XXX-XXXX"/>
Student Email*	<input type="text"/>
How did you hear about IMSA?*	<input type="text" value="--select an item--"/>

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ACADEMY SECTION 3: BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Legal Sex:
*Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy):
*

State/Province of Birth:

Country of Birth:
*Is English your first language?
*

Please indicate any language(s) other than English that is spoken in your home.

Do you qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Price Meal Program?

Are you Hispanic/Latino?

Please check all that apply.

Race:

American Indian or Alaska Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander White * - required[Save Section](#)**Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy**1500 Sullivan Road
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ACADEMY SECTION 4: SCHOOL INFORMATION

Do you attend an out-of-state school or homeschool?

No

Current School

Please enter your current school information below.

The "School Name" fields will appear empty if you return to this section after saving; however, the school information has been saved and need not be re-entered.

For both your current and previous school, click on the School First Letter drop-down, then please select the letter that the full name of the school begins with. Then click into the School Name text box. A pop-up window will appear. Please type the complete, official Illinois State Board of Education name of the school in the search bar. (For example "F.L.W. Middle School" may need to be searched as "Frank Lloyd Wright Middle School".) Note that the official name may or may not begin with the school district.

School First Letter

--select an item--

Previous School

Please enter your previous school information below.

Previous School First Letter

--select an item--

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SECTION 5: PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Your most recent application is not an ACADEMY application. Please finish that application or create a new application on form 1

Please provide the following information for the parent or guardian with whom you live.

Parent/Guardian 1 Salutation*

Parent/Guardian 1 First Name*

Parent/Guardian 1 Last Name*

Parent/Guardian 1 Relation to Applicant

Parent/Guardian 1 Alternate Phone Number*

Please provide an alternate email address below (different than the email address provided by the student). This email is used for essential admissions communications including admission decision notifications.

Parent/Guardian 1 Email*

Please provide the following information for an additional parent or guardian.

Parent/Guardian 2 Salutation

Parent/Guardian 2 First Name

Parent/Guardian 2 Last Name

Parent/Guardian 2 Relation to Applicant

Parent/Guardian 2 Alternate Phone Number

Please provide an alternate email address below (different than the email address provided by the student). This email is used for essential admissions communications including admission decision notifications.

Parent/Guardian 2 Email

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ACADEMY SECTION 6: ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Please list your most meaningful activities and awards received during the past three years. For activities, indicate the years in which you participated, the number of hours per week, and any leadership position held. For awards, indicate the year received and whether won at the local, regional, state or national level.
***PLEASE USE FULL NAME (NOT ACRONYMS) FOR ALL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS.**
***PLEASE LIST ITEMS IN BULLET FORMAT.**

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-Related Activities

Other Activities

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-Related Awards

Other Awards

Please select any IMSA sponsored activities or programs in which you have participated. (Hold the CNL key down to click multiple options if you have participated in more than one activity.)

- UAS Recognition Breakfast
- In-Person Information Session
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Competition
- NUMATS Award Ceremony

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Academy Section 7: Optional Statement

We attempt to identify those applicants whose grades or test scores may under predict academic success. Among the factors we consider in making admission decisions are whether the applicant is from an economically disadvantaged environment; had a health problem which significantly affected an otherwise exceptional academic record; has a permanent physical disability, learning or attentional difference; has completed an unusually rigorous academic program; does not speak English at home; or has other exceptional circumstances. Describe any such factors that you believe the Selection Committee should consider as they review your application.

You may also include here a description of the impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on your family, your learning environment and/or your access to activities.

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ACADEMY SECTION 8: PARENT STATEMENT

Please describe your child's interest in mathematics, science and technology. Also, please provide any additional information that you wish for the Selection Committee to consider when evaluating your child's application to IMSA. (500 word limit)

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SECTION 9: STUDENT ESSAYS

Please respond to each essay question on a separate document, which you will upload below. Your attachment must be in .docx, .doc or .pdf format. Each essay should be 300-500 words in length. **Please note: once you upload and save your documents, if you return to this page at a later time, you will not see the attachments, but they have been submitted. Please do not upload and save them again.**

1) Why do you want to attend IMSA, and how do you think this opportunity will assist you in reaching your future goals and dreams?

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Add File...

2) How would your teachers, friends and family members describe you?

File Upload*

Add File...

3) Describe a significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge.

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4) Beyond what has already been shared in your application, what do you believe makes you stand out as a strong candidate for admission to IMSA?

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SECTION 10: EVALUATION AND FORMS

Enter the information for each teacher or school counselor who will be completing an evaluation or form on your behalf. The following items listed below are required to complete your application. After you enter the individual's information and Save the section, the request will automatically be sent so that your teacher or school counselor will receive the online form via email. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that all evaluations are received by the Office of Admissions in a timely manner. If your teacher or counselor has not submitted an evaluation on your behalf, you must follow-up with them directly. Occasionally due to school email security precautions, your evaluation request may end up in your teacher or counselor's spam folder. If they notify you that they have checked their spam folder and still have not received the request, please contact admissions@imsa.edu for assistance.

- Math Evaluation - required from current or prior year math teacher
- Science Evaluation - required from current or prior year science teacher
- English Evaluation - required from current or prior year English teacher
- Optional Evaluation - optional from an individual who can speak to applicant's achievement in mathematics, science, technology or leadership
- School Counselor Form (includes request for transcripts) - required from current school counselor or other school administrator with access to your academic records

Complete this section prior to requesting evaluations or the release of school records.
I, the undersigned, hereby request that all school data in support of the student's application to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy be available to IMSA officials.

I, the undersigned, hereby waive the right to review any comments or information included in this evaluation form or supporting documents. (Sign by entering name below.)

Parent or Guardian Signature*

Date of Signature*

Student Signature*

Date of Student Signature*

Math Evaluation

Math Teacher First Name:

Math Teacher Last Name:

Math Teacher Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):

Math Teacher Email*

Math Teacher School First Letter

Science Evaluation

Science Teacher First Name:

Science Teacher Last Name:

Science Teacher Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):

Science Teacher Email:

Science Teacher School First Letter

English Evaluation

English Teacher First Name:

English Teacher Last Name:

English Teacher Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):

English Teacher Email:

English Teacher School First Letter:

School Counselor Form with Transcript Request

Counselor First Name:

Counselor Last Name:

Counselor Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):

Counselor Email:

Counselor School First Letter:

Optional Evaluation

Evaluator First Name:

Evaluator Last Name:

Evaluator Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):

Evaluator Email:

Evaluator Relationship to Applicant:

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Academy Section 11: Signatures

The Academy recognizes and acknowledges the historical underrepresentation and marginalization of culturally, linguistically, and economically diverse groups, both universally, and particularly in STEM education and professions. Through a model of Equity and Excellence, IMSA is committed to creating a diverse, inclusive community of students who can realize their full potential and execute our mission to advance the human condition. We work to ensure that our policies, programs, services and interactions are representative of, and constructed through an equity lens to ensure equitable teaching, learning and social experiences that are rooted in excellence for all of our students. To continue moving Equity and Excellence forward, IMSA seeks to recruit, support, and retain diverse, talented students who embrace the diversity of people and perspectives, are open to inclusivity, willing to develop their cultural competence, as well as learn through an equity-minded frame. Our signatures below indicate that we have read and understand this statement, and agree, should the applicant be admitted, to comply with IMSA policies and expectations in regards to diversity, equity and inclusion.

We understand that withholding pertinent information requested on this application or giving false information will make the student applicant ineligible for admission to the Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy (IMSA) or subject to cancellation of enrollment 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 Review and Selection Committees and by submitting an application to IMSA, we consent to disclose this information to these committees, waiving our rights to review notes, reports, and recommendations of the Committees. We agree to permit information in this application, and other records resulting from applying to and attending the school 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.

Furthermore, we understand that admission decisions are based on multiple criteria including subjective judgments regarding academic and leadership potential, demographic representation, grades and test scores. Students identified for the Excel Program must successfully complete the 3-week program to be eligible for enrollment. All Accepted applicants and applicants placed in the Waitpool are required to attend mandatory Placement Testing. These students are also required to attend a one day Orientation along with a parent/guardian. Please regularly check the Dates and Deadlines webpage for updated information regarding required dates. Our signatures below acknowledges that we understand these requirements.

Parent or Guardian Signature *

Date *

Student Signature *

Date *

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