Welcome!
We are excited that you are beginning your IMSA application. This application will help us get a holistic perspective of you as a person, a student, and a potential member of the IMSA community. As you are completing the online application, there are a few important items that we want you to keep in mind:

- To see the date that each section was initially saved, PLEASE REFRESH YOUR BROWSER.
- Submit your completed application by our deadline of February 15th, 2022
- Discuss your interest in IMSA with your parent/guardian - and please have them complete sections 4 & 8
- Let your teachers/counselor know about your interest in applying to IMSA before requesting an evaluation
- SAT scores are not required to be submitted by Feb 15th - and only a requirement for admitted students
- We use the essays as a way to get to know you holistically, so please make sure that you are the one writing the essay and not your parent/guardian
- Check out the required date and deadline section for reference
- After all sections are saved, please click the "Next" button in order to submit your completed application.

Have Questions? Check out our Application FAQ Page or for further assistance, contact Enrollment Management at 630-907-5028 or admissions@imsa.edu.

Application Sections Completed

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Application Submitted: Yes
Section 1: Tell Us About Yourself

Please do not use ALL CAPS when inputting your information

Student First Name*

Middle Name

Student Last Name*

Preferred Name (nickname)

Mailing Street (e.g. 1500 Sellman Rd. 2)

Mailing Address 2 (if e.g. Apt #115)

Mailing City*

Mailing State*

Illinois

Mailing Zip/Postal Code*

County*

Kane

Phone* (123) 456-7890

Student's Personal Email*

How did you hear about SMSA?*  

--- select an item ---

If someone referred you, please provide their name and affiliation/title if available.

Date of Birth*

--- select an item ---

Gender (self-identify)

Examples include but are not limited to: male, female, gender fluid, agender, transgender etc.

How old are you?

--- select an item ---

Select State/Province of Birth

--- select an item ---

If not available above, please write here:

Select Country of Birth List*

United States of America (USA)

Is English your first language?*  

--- select an item ---

If not, please write language here:

Non-English languages spoken in the home

Do you qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced lunch (FFL) program?  

--- select an item ---

Ethnicity:

--- select an item ---

Race (Check all that apply):  

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

White

"required"
Section 2: Eligibility Details

What grade are you currently in?*

8th

Are you currently enrolled in or have completed Algebra I?*

--select an item--

Are you currently enrolled in or have completed a high school equivalent science course?*

--select an item--

Please enter the name of the institution through which you are completing the high school level science course, along with the (expected) completion date.*

Are you a permanent resident of Illinois?*

--select an item--

Are you enrolled in an Illinois school?*

--select an item--

Have you registered for the SAT exam?*

--select an item--

* required
Section 3: School Information

Current School Information

School Type:*  
II Public School

Please enter your current school information below.

To enter your school information, please read the steps below:
1. Click on the School First Letter drop-down
2. Select the letter that the full name of the school begins with
3. Click into the School Name text box. A pop-up window will appear.
4. Type the official Illinois State Board of Education name of the school in the search bar. For example, "T.E. Middle School" should be entered as "Thomas Edison Middle School." Note that the official name may or may not begin with the school district.
5. Then, repeat these steps for "Previous School" below

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

School First Letter

---select an item---

Click this only if your school name did not appear in the list above

☐

Previous School

Please enter your previous school information below.

Previous School First Letter

A-F

Previous School Name*

* required
Section 4: Parent & Guardian Information

Please provide the following information for the parent or guardian with whom you live. Their contact information will be used for IMSA Communications.

Parent/Guardian 1 First Name*  

Parent/Guardian 1 Last Name*  

Parent/Guardian 1 Relation to Applicant  

Parent/Guardian 1 Alternate Phone Number*  

xxx-xxx-xxxx  

Parent/Guardian 1 Email*  

If applicable, please provide the following information for a second legal parent or guardian. Their contact information will be used for IMSA Communications.

Parent/Guardian 2 First Name  

Parent/Guardian 2 Last Name  

Parent/Guardian 2 Relation to Applicant  

Parent/Guardian 2 Alternate Phone Number  

Parent/Guardian 2 Email  

Optional: Add a 3rd Parent/Guardian?  

Parent/Guardian 3 First Name  

Parent/Guardian 3 Last Name  

Parent/Guardian 3 Cell Phone  

Parent/Guardian 3 Email  

Parent/Guardian 4 Relation to Applicant  

Parent/Guardian 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)

Child's interests

* required
Section 5: Awards & Activities

For this section, please list your most meaningful activities and awards received during the past three years, and any leadership positions held. When listing them, please be sure:

- Use the full name (no acronyms) for all awards & activities.
- Add each one in a list format instead of by paragraph.

Activities

For activities, indicate the years in which you participated and the number of hours per week:

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-Related Activities*

Other Activities*

Awards

For awards, indicate the year received and whether the award was at the local, regional, state or national level.

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math-Related Awards*

Other Awards*

Please select all IMSA sponsored activities or programs in which you have participated:

- 2 Hour Tour
- 6th Grade Meeting
- Family Visit
- FUNShop/ Saturday STEM
- FUSION
- AAS Recognition Breakfast
- IMSA STEM League
- In-Person Information Session
- Mu Alpha Theta Math Competition
- NUMATS Award Ceremony
- Preview Day
- PROMISE - 7th/8th Grade
- PROMISE - 9th Grade
- PROMISE - Summer Program
- RISE
- School Visit to IMSA
- Shadow Day
- Summer @ IMSA
- TALENT
- VIP Series
- Virtual Information Session
- Other IMSA Virtual Program
- None of the above

* = required
Section 6: Student Essays

Please respond to each essay question on a separate document, which you will upload below. As you complete the essays, please keep in mind that:
Your attachment must be in pdf, doc, or docx format. Each essay should be 300-500 words in length.
If you return to this section after saving, you will not see the document that you uploaded. Please contact admissions@imsa.edu if you have any questions.

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?

Upload File Here for Essay #1*

Add File...

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

Upload File Here for Essay #2*

Add File...

3. Can you discuss a time when you collaborated with your peers on a project or assignment? What was that experience like and what did you learn about teamwork?

Upload File Here for Essay #3*

Add File...

Optional Statement

At IMSA, we attempt to identify those applicants whose grades or test scores may under predict academic success. If appropriate, please describe any such factors that you believe the Enrollment Committee should consider as they review your application. This information is used to help ensure we have the proper support in place if needed once you arrive on campus - it's purpose is not to disqualify you from being admitted, but rather to ensure IMSA has the right resources to help out.

Some of these factors can be:
Whether the applicant is from an economically disadvantaged environment
Had a health problem that 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 Factors to Consider

* - required
Section 7: Evaluation Forms

Please review this document for important information on how to prepare and complete evaluation forms.

1. If all the necessary information is not yet available, please consult the appropriate supervisor.

2. Once you have completed the information required, select the appropriate form and complete it.

3. After completing the form, please send it to the appropriate person for review.

4. If any issues arise, please contact the appropriate supervisor for assistance.

5. Once the form is reviewed, please sign and return it to the appropriate person for final approval.

6. Once the form is approved, please send it to the appropriate person for further action.

7. If any changes are needed, please contact the appropriate supervisor for assistance.

8. Once the form is updated, please send it to the appropriate person for further action.

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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 acknowledge that we understand these requirements.

Parent or Guardian Signature: *

Date *

Student Signature *

Date *

*: required