

APPLY TO IMSA

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.

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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 Sullivan Rd.)*

Mailing Address 2 (e.g. Apt #15)

Mailing City*

Mailing State*

Mailing Zip/Postal Code*

County*

Phone*

Student's Personal Email*

How did you hear about IMSA?*

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

Sex on Birth Certificate*

Gender (self-identify)

Examples include but are not limited to: man, woman, gender fluid, agender, transgender etc.

If admitted, IMSA is committed to work with students and families whose gender and sex on birth certificate may differ, and to discuss appropriate accommodations.

Birthdate*

Select State/Province of Birth

If not available above, please write here:

Country of Birth List*

Is English your first language?

Non-English languages spoken in the home

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

Ethnicity:

Race (Check all that apply):

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

White

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Section 2: Eligibility Details

What grade are you currently in?*

Are you currently enrolled in or have completed Algebra I?

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

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?*

Are you enrolled in an Illinois school?*

Have you registered for the SAT exam?*

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Section 3: School Information

Current School Information

School Type:*

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

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

Previous School Name*

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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*

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?

Please provide the following information for the 4th parent or guardian. Their contact information will be used for IMSA Communications.

Parent/Guardian 4 First Name

Parent/Guardian 4 Last Name

Parent/Guardian 4 Cell Phone

Parent/Guardian 4 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

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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 to:

Use the full name (no acronyms) for all awards & activities.

Add each item 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
- 8th Grade Meeting
- Family Visit
- FUNShop/Saturday STEM
- FUSION
- IJAS 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

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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, .docx, or .doc 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

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Section 7: Evaluation Forms

Please carefully review the steps below and important information for your teacher and counselor evaluation forms.

1. You and your parent/guardian complete the signatures below.
2. Fill out the evaluator's information below for all of your teachers that you are requesting evaluations from - and then click 'SAVE SECTION' at the bottom of the page.
3. Once you click 'SAVE', it will trigger an online evaluation to automatically be sent to your teacher/counselor via email.

Also, keep in mind that:

If your teacher has not submitted an evaluation on your behalf, you must follow up with them directly & it's your responsibility to ensure that all evaluations are received by the Office of Enrollment Management in a timely manner.

Occasionally due to school email security precautions, your evaluation request may end up in your teacher'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.

Required: Your signature is needed to complete this section and in order to request 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.

By typing my name below, I waive the right to review any comments or information included in all evaluation forms or supporting documents.

Parent or Guardian Signature*

Date of Signature*

Student Signature*

Date of Student Signature*

Teacher Evaluations

Evaluations should be provided by current year teachers when possible.

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

Enter the information for your school counselor or school administrator who has access to your official school transcripts. It's the student's responsibility to ensure that all evaluations are received by the Office of Enrollment Management in a timely manner. If the school counselor or administrator does not have access to past year transcripts, you may need to contact your prior school to have them send transcripts directly to applications@imsa.edu. Occasionally due to school email security precautions, your evaluation request may end up in your 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.

Counselor First Name:*

Counselor Last Name:*

Counselor Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):*

Counselor Email:*

Counselor School First Letter

Optional Evaluation

In addition to the required evaluations you can also choose to request feedback from someone who can speak to your character and abilities. Optional evaluators could include a coach, club leader, extracurricular activity leader, or a prior teacher.

Evaluator First Name:

Evaluator Last Name:

Evaluator Phone (xxx-xxx-xxxx):

Evaluator Email:

Evaluator Relationship to Applicant:

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Section 8: 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 acknowledge that we understand these requirements.**

Parent or Guardian Signature: *

Date *

Student Signature *

Date *

* - required

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