



YOUNG SCHOLARS ACADEMY
FOR TALENTED
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE DIVISION OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

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The Division of Continuing Education offers the opportunity for an integrated academic experience for gifted and talented high school sophomores, juniors and seniors in the areas of mathematics, science/technology and the Arts. The Gifted and Talented (GT) High School Program is administered through the Division of Continuing Education and is designed to serve the educational needs of gifted youth in Northwest Indiana.

ELIGIBILITY

High school students who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply. These include persons who:

1. have at least sophomore standing at their high school;
2. having completed the equivalent of an honors course in the GT area of study (science, math, English, music) with an "A";
3. successfully complete a short entrance requirement, such as an audition, a set of problems, a piece of creative writing, etc.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

For applicants interested in earning college credit through a VU gifted and talented academic course, the following must be completed:

Application Checklist:

- complete and sign the application;
- provide Counselor and/or Endorsement Form (see insert in application);
- provide PSAT, ACT, or SAT scores (see Application and Counselor Endorsement Form);
- have your high school send a copy of your transcript;
- submit a 1-page essay stating why you wish to participate in the program;
- pass any screening or entry test, such as auditions, creative writing samples, solving math problems, etc.;
- \$30 non-refundable application fee, payable to Valparaiso University;
- interview with VU Academic Department advisor or chair.

Scholarships: A limited number of scholarships may be available for applicants demonstrating significant financial need.

You may receive an estimate of your eligibility by submitting the Valparaiso University Gifted and Talented Honors Program Application for Aid form. Return this financial aid estimator, with your application, to the Office of Continuing Education at Valparaiso University for processing.

I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

First, Middle, Last	Preferred Name	Date of Birth (required)
Social Security Number	Home Phone (Circle one: Day or Evening)	Email Address
Address	City/State	Zip Code
Citizenship	Visa Status	Race/Ethnicity (optional)

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? No Yes If yes, please explain fully on a separate sheet.
Note that some states have restrictions on licensing or professionally credentialing an individual with a criminal record.

II. EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School	City/State	Anticipated Graduation Year
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NOTE: Transcripts of all high school work must be submitted before you will be allowed to register for classes at Valparaiso University.

III. FAMILY BACKGROUND

Father's full name	Is he living?	Home address (if different from above)		
Email	Phone	Occupation	Employer	College(s) attended
Mother's full name	Is he living?	Home address (if different from above)		
Email	Phone	Occupation	Employer	College(s) attended
Stepfather (if applicable)	Is he living?	Home address (if different from above)		
Email	Phone	Occupation	Employer	College(s) attended
Stepmother (if applicable)	Is he living?	Home address (if different from above)		
Email	Phone	Occupation	Employer	College(s) attended

If not with parents, with whom do you make your permanent home? (Name(s), relationship to you)

During the application process, Valparaiso University will send important correspondence to your parents or guardian.
To whom should information be addressed? Both parents Father only Mother only Other

IV. ORGANIZATIONS, ACTIVITIES, AWARDS

Enclose a separate list of the activities in which you have participated in during your high school years. Include out-of-state school activities. The list should include the organization, or activity, and awards, or offices, held..

V. TEST SCORES (please have a copy of your test scores sent directly to Valparaiso University)

ACT: _____ Composite: _____ PSAT: _____
Date taken/to be taken

E _____ M _____ S _____ R _____ W _____ CR _____ M _____ W _____

SAT: _____ Composite: _____
Date taken/to be taken

CR _____ M _____ W _____

VI. ESSAY

All applicants must submit a two-page personal essay indicating their purpose for wanting to undertake study at Valparaiso University and how this study relates to future academic and personal goals. The statement must be typed, double-spaced, on a separate sheet and submitted with this application.

“I submit this application as a true and complete statement of facts for your consideration.”

Signature of Applicant Required

Date

Valparaiso University admits students of any race, color, national, and ethnic origin, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation or (as qualified herein) religion, to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities, generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, age, gender, disability, sexual orientation or (or as qualified herein) religion in administration of its educational policies, admissions, policies, scholarship and loan programs, career services and placement, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Valparaiso University is an institution committed to its Lutheran traditions. The University reserves the right to promote the teachings of the church and to exercise preferences in admissions in favor of Lutherans.

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OFFICE USE ONLY.

Fee Paid: _____ Transcripts: _____

Interview Recommendation and notes: _____

Admission Date: _____

Approval of Dean of Graduate Studies & Continuing Education: _____