



# HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Application for Admission

## Hillsdale College Admissions Application Timetable

ADMISSIONS PLAN	APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY:	NOTIFICATION LETTER MAILED BY:	DEPOSIT SUBMITTED BY:
<p><b>Early Decision</b> Students who have decided that Hillsdale College is their first choice can indicate their preference by applying before the Early Decision deadline. If admitted, the applicant must enroll at Hillsdale. The Early Decision option offers the convenience of resolving college plans (long) before regular spring admissions dates.</p>	<b>November 15</b>	<b>December 1</b>	<b>January 15</b>
<p><b>Early Action</b> If a student is not sure that Hillsdale College is his or her first choice, but would like the advantage of admission notification prior to that of Regular Decision, he or she should apply using the Early Action plan.</p>	<b>January 1</b>	<b>February 1</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<p><b>Regular Decision</b> A student who applies after January 1 will receive notification after April 1.</p>	<b>February 15</b>	<b>April 1</b>	<b>May 1</b>

Applicants are automatically considered for academic scholarships.

Transfer and international applicants may apply under any Admissions Plan.

Admission to Hillsdale College is a privilege extended to students able to benefit by and contribute to the academic and social environment of the College. Important qualifications for admission are intellectual curiosity, motivation, ambition and social concern. Accordingly, grade average, test scores, class rank, strength of curriculum, extracurricular activities, interviews, volunteerism, work experience, self-evaluations and recommendations are reviewed carefully and are important in the evaluation process. While some factors are necessarily more important than others, seldom is any single criterion, however important, decisive.

## Electronic Application

Students who wish to submit their application electronically may do so at [hillsdale.edu/admissions](http://hillsdale.edu/admissions). Note that the \$35 application fee is waived for students who submit their application online.

## Admissions Checklist

Before consideration can be given by the Admissions Committee, this application must be completed in full detail, including the following items:

- \$35 Application Fee: This is intended to cover the cost of reviewing and processing the application and cannot be refunded. Checks should be made payable to Hillsdale College. There is no fee for applications submitted online at [hillsdale.edu/admissions](http://hillsdale.edu/admissions).
  - Letters of recommendation: Two academic letters of recommendation are required.
  - High School Transcript(s): Official transcripts must be received from the high school.
  - Essay questions: A response to two questions is required.
  - Test Scores: Either the ACT or SAT is required. Results should be in the form of an official score report or the labeled copy on an official high school transcript.
  - A résumé of extracurricular activities is required.
- College Transcript(s): Transcripts from all other colleges or universities must be sent to Hillsdale by the candidate. Also, a Dean of Students Transfer Form is required for transfer students.
  - Photograph: Please include a photograph. This photo is used to help the admissions staff remember you. It is not used for selection purposes.

### PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Admissions Office  
Hillsdale College  
33 East College Street  
Hillsdale, MI 49242  
Phone: (517) 607-2327  
Fax: (517) 607-2223

## Interviews and Campus Visits

Neither you nor Hillsdale College is a lifeless set of statistics. Indeed, your greatest asset may be a spirited determination, poise or character. Our most appealing attribute may be environmental, an indescribable mood or attitude—a certain “chemistry.” An impersonal or purely objective analysis ignores these subtle, though often compelling, forces. Therefore, while it is not required, we strongly encourage you to visit our campus.

You will, of course, want your visit to be as informative as possible. Visits at Hillsdale are designed to meet our guests’ needs. Please inform the Admissions Office at least two weeks in advance of your visit to confirm the availability of counseling personnel and make mutually beneficial arrangements. In addition to an admissions interview, we suggest you tour campus, attend class, meet specific professors and/or coaches, or stay overnight. To arrange an appointment, phone the Admissions Office at (517) 607-2327; e-mail [admissions@hillsdale.edu](mailto:admissions@hillsdale.edu), or visit our Web site at [hillsdale.edu/admissions](http://hillsdale.edu/admissions).

# Introduction and Application Procedures

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## Transfer Candidates

Students who wish to transfer to Hillsdale College from another college or university must submit the standard application, including their high school record and SAT or ACT scores, and forward transcripts from any and all colleges previously attended. In addition, they must submit a transfer evaluation form, completed by the dean of students at their current school. Transfer applications are evaluated in a manner similar to non-transfers, with no specific criterion assuring acceptance or rejection.

Once admitted to Hillsdale, a transfer student may expect to receive an evaluation of transfer credits as determined by the Registrar.

## International Students

Candidates for admission from other countries follow the customary entrance procedures, except they are also responsible for submitting all transcripts with English translation from their international preparatory schools or universities at the time of application. Students whose first language is not English must demonstrate proficiency by submitting the results of the TOEFL or an equivalent test.

## January and Summer Admission

For January and Summer admission, Hillsdale follows a “rolling admissions” policy, which means we accept qualified candidates as they apply until all available spaces are filled. Thus, it is advised to apply early even though there is no application deadline.

## Financial Aid

Hillsdale College does not accept nor does it permit its students to bring “federal financial aid” to campus. Since 1985, through support from private donors, Hillsdale has provided to eligible students alternative grants and loans to replace those federally subsidized. To be considered for need-based assistance, a student must first complete the Confidential Family Financial Statement (CFFS). This form is designed to determine the financial contribution a family can make each year toward the candidate’s schooling and may be found at [hillsdale.edu/admissions/financialaid](http://hillsdale.edu/admissions/financialaid). Need is then determined according to the following simple formula: [college cost – family contribution = need]. By drawing from a number of sources, including grants, loans and campus employment, Hillsdale endeavors to offer a financial aid “package” to defray educational costs. Financial aid at Hillsdale College is granted without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national or ethnic origin, and all awards based on need are made on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, phone the Financial Aid Office at (517) 607-2350; e-mail [financialaid@hillsdale.edu](mailto:financialaid@hillsdale.edu).

## Scholarships

Each year, Hillsdale College makes available to incoming freshmen a number of scholarships awarded on the basis of outstanding achievement and satisfactory citizenship in secondary school. All applicants to Hillsdale College are automatically considered for these awards upon acceptance. No formal application is necessary, nor is need a factor in the determination of awards.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Application Type:

For the term beginning:

- Fall, 20\_\_\_\_
- Spring, 20\_\_\_\_
- Summer, 20\_\_\_\_

Admissions Plan:

- Early Decision\*
- Early Action
- Regular Decision

Applicant Type:

- Full-Time Student (> 12 hours)
- Part-Time Student (< 12 hours)
- Transfer Student
- International Student

*\*Please note that Early Decision applicants may only apply for the term beginning in the Fall.*

## Early Decision Commitment

I understand that I am applying for Early Decision to Hillsdale; should I be admitted, I will withdraw all applications from other institutions and enroll at Hillsdale College.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

 COLLEGE COUNSELOR'S SIGNATURE<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>*This is required only for students who are currently enrolled in high school. Students home-schooled should have a parent sign.*

## Personal Data

Legal Name in Full (print) \_\_\_\_\_  
MR. MRS. MISS  
(Last) (First) (Middle or Maiden)

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No Married?  Yes  No Full Name of Husband or Wife \_\_\_\_\_

## Family-Guardian Information

Father's / Guardian's Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Living?  Yes  No  
Occupation or Profession \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Position or Title, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm or Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address)  
U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
College(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name in Full \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living?  Yes  No  
Occupation or Profession \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Position or Title, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
Firm or Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Address)  
U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
College(s) Attended \_\_\_\_\_

With whom do you live?  Both Mother & Father  Mother  Father  Guardian or Relative  Other

Family address, if different from your own \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Please give names and ages of your siblings. If they have attended college, please give names of the institutions they have attended.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name any relatives who have attended Hillsdale College and their relationship to you.

_____ (Name)	_____ (Maiden Name)	_____ (Relationship)	_____ (Date of Graduation/Attendance)
_____ (Name)	_____ (Maiden Name)	_____ (Relationship)	_____ (Date of Graduation/Attendance)
_____ (Name)	_____ (Maiden Name)	_____ (Relationship)	_____ (Date of Graduation/Attendance)

## High School Education

Last High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Date of Graduation)

Public  Private  
 Parochial  Homeschooled \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Other High Schools, if any \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Dates in Attendance)

Public  Private  
 Parochial  Homeschooled \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Have you ever been suspended from high school or placed on probation?  Yes  No

If yes, please send a detailed explanation.

High School Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone)

## High School Education - *continued*

Have you taken the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test of The College Board)?  Yes  No When? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken the ACT (American College Testing Program test)?  Yes  No When? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, are you planning to do so in the future?  Yes  No SAT When? \_\_\_\_\_ ACT When? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you taken or will you take the SAT II Subject Test(s)?  Yes  No When? \_\_\_\_\_ Which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

If you have not done so already, please have your ACT and/or SAT test results and any Advanced Placement (AP) test results sent to the Hillsdale College Office of Admissions. International students are required to have a working knowledge of the English language as evidenced through certification from an English Language Institute or TOEFL Examination.

Feel free to send us a sample of your academic work. It can be a paper, lab report or any other project. Please send us only an 8 1/2" x 11" photocopy of the original work along with your teacher's grades and remarks. We request that your work be of at least two pages but not more than five pages in length.

## General Information

To what other colleges have you applied or are you expecting to apply for admission? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know any current Hillsdale students? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know any Hillsdale alumni or other college associates? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, whom? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you first learn about Hillsdale College? \_\_\_\_\_

What or who led you to apply to Hillsdale College?  Alumni  Friend  Parent(s)

High School Counselor  High School Teacher  Admissions Counselor  Other

Where did you obtain this application?  High School  College Fair  Mail  Internet  Other

Have you applied to Hillsdale College before?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you visited the Hillsdale campus?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, when would you like to? \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a résumé, in order of importance to you, of any extracurricular activities in which you have participated, such as: athletics, fine arts, volunteerism, clubs, honor societies, etc. Also, please include special offices or positions held and any awards, prizes or honors you have received in these activities.

What extracurricular activities would you like to participate in at Hillsdale College? \_\_\_\_\_

What Division II varsity sport(s) do you plan to participate in while at Hillsdale College? \_\_\_\_\_

At this time, do you have a professional or career preference? If so, what is it? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think your college major will be? \_\_\_\_\_

List below the names and addresses of two members of your high school faculty who will be able to give information concerning you. If several years have elapsed since graduation, other references are acceptable.

(Name)

(Address)

(Occupation)

(Name)

(Address)

(Occupation)

List briefly why you may be unable, with or without reasonable accommodation, to participate in the full range of college activities, including sports and physical education. \_\_\_\_\_

If time has elapsed since graduation from high school, how has it been spent? If you have held one or more jobs, please describe them. \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime?  Yes  No

If yes, please send a detailed explanation.

## Financial Aid

Do you expect to apply for financial aid?  Yes  No

Have you filed or do you plan to file Hillsdale's Confidential Family Financial Statement (CFFS)?

Yes  No Date filed \_\_\_\_\_

All students applying for scholarships must submit an application for admission. No award can be made prior to a student's admission to Hillsdale College.

Priority date for aid consideration is **JANUARY 1** for merit and competitive scholarships. Continuous awards are made after the priority date as funds remain available.

## For Transfer Students Only

All transfer students are required to submit an up-to-date transcript of grades from each college previously attended.

Previous Colleges Attended:	_____	_____	_____
	(College Name)	(Location)	(Dates in Attendance)
	_____	_____	_____
	(College Name)	(Location)	(Dates in Attendance)

Have you been suspended or asked to withdraw from any of these colleges?  Yes  No

If yes, why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Personal Profile

### ESSAY INSTRUCTIONS:

Hillsdale College requires that all applicants submit two essays so that we may become more familiar with your writing and with you. It also offers you an opportunity to demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. Each essay should be between 250-500 words. Please use separate sheets of paper of the same size and include them with this application.

### Photograph

*This photo is used  
to help the admissions  
staff remember you.  
It is not used for  
selection purposes.*

#### (1) Required Essay Question:

Tell us about yourself and your interests; indicate your strengths and weaknesses; and describe your educational and career goals, the kind of person you wish to become and how Hillsdale College can help you reach these goals.

#### (2) Select one question from the four choices: (indicate your choice by checking the appropriate circle)

- What is good character and why is it important? You may cite examples from literature, the arts, science, politics, history, athletics, business, education or your own personal experiences.
- What, in your understanding, are the liberal arts, and what is the goal of a liberal arts education?
- Discuss how an event, novel or experience has significantly influenced you or has changed your life.
- Since Hillsdale's founding in 1844, our efforts have been directed by the high purposes of the Hillsdale College Mission Statement. Please respond to this Mission Statement.

Hillsdale College is an independent, nonsectarian institution of higher learning founded in 1844 by men and women "grateful to God for the inestimable blessings" resulting from civil and religious liberty and "believing that the diffusion of learning is essential to the perpetuity of these blessings." It pursues the stated object of the founders: "to furnish all persons who wish, irrespective of nation, color, or sex, a literary and scientific education" outstanding among American colleges "and to combine with this such moral and social instruction as will best develop the minds and improve the hearts of its pupils."

The College considers itself a trustee of modern man's intellectual and spiritual inheritance from the Judeo-Christian faith and Greco-Roman culture, a heritage finding its clearest expression in the American experiment of self-government under law.

By training the young in the liberal arts, Hillsdale College prepares students to become leaders worthy of that legacy. By encouraging the scholarship of its faculty, it contributes to the preservation of that legacy for future generations. By publicly defending that legacy, it enlists the aid of other friends of free civilization and thus secures the conditions of its own survival and independence.

## Required Signatures

I authorize all secondary schools I've attended to release records and authorize review of my application for the admission process indicated on this form.

(Signature)

(Date)

My signature below indicates that all of the information in my application, to the best of my knowledge, is complete, factually correct and honestly presented as my own work.

(Signature)

(Date)

GPA:

AGPA:

Rank:

AP/IB:

SAT-CR:

SAT-M:

SAT-W:

SAT-ES:

ACT-C:

ACT-W:

ACT-ES:

College:

C. GPA/Hrs:

HS G. Date:

SAT IIs:

Major:

EC:

Legacy:

V.Sport:

**Admissions Data**

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