



HILLSDALE COLLEGE

APPLICATION FOR UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSION



Hillsdale College Admissions Application Timetable

APPLICATION PLAN	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DECISIONS MAILED	DEPOSIT DEADLINE
<p>Early Decision Early Decision is a binding application deadline. Accepted students are asked to withdraw applications from other institutions and deposit early.</p>	<p>November 1</p>	<p>December 1</p>	<p>January 15</p>
<p>Regular Decision Regular Decision is a non-binding application deadline. Applicants wishing priority consideration for academic scholarships should apply no later than January 1.</p>	<p>June 1 - April 1</p>	<p>Within four weeks of completing an application file beginning December 15</p>	<p>May 1</p>
<p>Spring Admission Candidates for Spring Term admission will be reviewed on a non-binding, rolling basis as application files are completed.</p>	<p>December 1</p>	<p>Generally within four weeks of completing an application file</p>	<p>Within reasonable advance of January registration</p>

All applicants receive consideration for academic scholarships; no additional paperwork is required.

Introduction and Application Procedures

Admission to Hillsdale College is a privilege extended to students able to benefit from 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, and recommendations are each 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 via The Common Application or the Hillsdale College website. The \$35 application fee accompanying paper applications is waived for students submitting their application online.

Admissions Checklist

Before consideration is granted, this application must be completed in full detail and supplemented by 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. (Online applications incur no fee.)
- **Two Academic Letters of Recommendation:** Letters may be submitted directly to the Admissions Office.
- **High School Transcript(s):** Official high school transcripts may be submitted directly to the Admissions Office.
- **Standardized 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. International students may also submit TOEFL or equivalent results.
- **Writing Supplement:** A response to two short-answer questions and one essay is required (see application).

- **College Transcript(s):** Transcripts from all other colleges or universities from which credit has been granted must be sent directly to the Admissions Office, if applicable. A **Dean of Students Transfer Form** is required for transfer students and is available online.
- **Résumé:** List extracurricular activities, leadership, volunteerism, and work experience, including duration/class years for each experience.
- **Photograph (optional):** Please include a current photograph. This photo is not used for selection purposes, but to assist Admissions staff in recognizing candidates.

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

All applicants to Hillsdale College are encouraged to sit for an Admissions interview soon following the time of application. Campus visits serve as the best means of arranging such an appointment, with itineraries that may also include a tour of campus, class lecture, meal in the Student Union, and even an overnight stay in a residence hall, if so desired. Personalized campus visits are arranged throughout the academic year with two to three weeks' advance notice requested. To begin making arrangements, phone Admissions at (517) 607-2327.

Regional interview opportunities are occasionally available and will be published to the Admissions Events website. To inquire whether an Admissions Counselor may be in your area during the September-November travel season, contact them directly (contact information also online at 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 all colleges previously attended. In addition, they must submit a transfer evaluation form (available on the Hillsdale Admissions website) completed by the Dean of Students at their current college or university. Transfer applications are evaluated in a manner similar to non-transfers, with no specific criterion assuring acceptance or rejection. If admitted to Hillsdale College, a transfer student may expect to receive an evaluation of transfer credit as determined by the Registrar.

International Students

Candidates for admission from other countries follow the customary entrance procedures while also being responsible to submit all transcripts with English translation from their international preparatory schools or universities. If this service is not available at your school or university, evaluations may be performed by one of the approved credential evaluation agencies, such as World Education Services (WES), or Educational Credentials Evaluators, Inc. (ECE). Other reputable agencies can be found on the NACES website (www.naces.org). Students whose first language is not English may demonstrate proficiency by submitting the results of the TOEFL or an equivalent test.

Homeschool Students

Candidates for admission from homeschooling backgrounds should submit transcripts from a homeschooling guild or association. If unavailable, detailed information on course descriptions, proficiency levels, and textbooks used is an acceptable alternative. FastTranscripts.com, offered in concert with the Home School Legal Defense Association, are also acceptable.

Letters of recommendation should be written by non-relatives who can comment on a student's ability to compete in a rigorous program of study and to thrive as a contributing member of the campus community. If a student has no instructors outside of family, three letters should be submitted, with the third being written by the primary parental educator.

Guest Students

Students in good standing at another institution who plan to return to that institution may enroll briefly at Hillsdale College as guest students after filing a guest application with the Admissions Office. That application form is available at the records office of most colleges.

Financial Aid

Hillsdale College does not accept federal or state subsidies, nor does it permit its students to utilize governmental aid. 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 on the Financial Aid portion of the Hillsdale website. 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 works to assemble a viable financial aid package to defray educational costs. Financial aid at Hillsdale College is granted without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national or ethnic origin, and all awards based on need are made on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Financial Aid at (517) 607-2350; financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Scholarships

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

January 1 serves as the priority application date for scholarship consideration.



Date _____

Personal Data

Legal Name in Full (print) MR. MRS. MISS (Last) (First) (Middle)

Preferred Name _____ Personal E-mail Address _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Social Security Number _____

Date of Birth _____ City, State of Birth _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No Married? Yes No If yes:

Maiden Name _____

Spouse's Full Name _____

Number of children _____

Disciplinary History

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

If yes, please give the approximate date of each incident, explain the circumstances, and reflect on what you have learned from the experience(s).

Four horizontal lines for providing disciplinary history details.

Application Type

For the term beginning:

- Fall, 20____
Spring, 20____

Admissions Plan:

- Early Decision
Regular Decision
Spring Admission (January)

Applicant Type (select all that apply):

- Full-Time Student (> 12 hours)
Part-Time Student (< 12 hours)
Transfer Student
International Student
High School Dual Enrollee

Early Decision Commitment

For students applying for Early Decision consideration, please verify the statement below.

I understand I am applying for Early Decision consideration at Hillsdale College. Should I be admitted, I will withdraw all applications from other institutions and enroll at Hillsdale.

CANDIDATE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Educational Program

Do you have a career preference at this time? If so, what is it? _____

In what academic program do you plan to major at Hillsdale College? _____

College Plans

Do you plan to apply for need-based financial aid? Yes No

You must complete Hillsdale's Confidential Family Financial Statement to be considered (available online).

Do you wish to be considered for academic scholarship? Yes No

Priority application deadline is January 1, with continuous awards being made after the priority date as funds remain available. No additional paperwork is required. No award can be made prior to a student's application and admission.

Do you wish to be considered for athletic or fine arts scholarship? Yes No

Please contact the respective College department heads or coaches for additional information.

Are you or do you plan to become an Eagle Scout? Yes No *(you may qualify for associated scholarship)*

Have you served in the military? Yes No *(you may qualify for associated scholarship)*

Have one or both of your parents served in the military? Yes No

Family-Guardian Information

Parents' Marital Status _____ With whom do you live? _____

Father's/Guardian's Name in Full _____
(Prefix) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Preferred E-mail _____ Primary Phone (_____) _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No Country of Birth _____

Occupation or Profession _____

Position or Title, if any _____

Firm/Organization (name) _____

Is parent living? Yes No If no, date deceased _____

Is address the same as your permanent address? Yes No

If no, provide full mailing address: _____

Undergraduate college attended, if any _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Graduate university attended, if any _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Family-Guardian Information - *continued*

Mother's/Guardian's Name in Full _____
(Prefix) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Mother's Maiden Name _____

Preferred E-mail _____ Primary Phone (_____) _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No Country of Birth _____

Occupation or Profession _____

Position or Title, if any _____

Firm/Organization (name) _____

Is parent living? Yes No If no, date deceased _____

Is address the same as your permanent address? Yes No

If no, provide full mailing address: _____

Undergraduate college attended, if any _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Graduate university attended, if any _____ Degree _____ Year _____

Please give the names, ages, and relationships of all siblings. If they have graduated from or are currently enrolled in high school, please include high school name(s). If they have graduated from or are currently enrolled in college/university, please include the names of each institution and degrees earned/anticipated.

Previous Education

Last High School Attended _____

Attended from (*month/year*) _____ Attended to (*month/year*) _____

Self-Reported GPA _____ Did or will you graduate from this high school? Yes No

High School Guidance Counselor _____ (_____) _____
(Name) (Phone)

Other High School(s), if any _____

Attended from (*month/year*) _____ Attended to (*month/year*) _____

Self-Reported GPA _____ Did or will you graduate from this high school? Yes No

High School Guidance Counselor _____ (_____) _____
(Name) (Phone)

Previous Education - *continued*

Please list the titles of all courses in which you are currently enrolled for credit. Identify any AP/IB/Honors/Advanced work and the number of credits for each.

Did or will you graduate early from high school? Yes No

If time has elapsed since graduation from high school, how has it been spent? _____

Have you ever been suspended or placed on probation? Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

Please list briefly any academic awards, distinctions, or achievements since the 9th grade or international equivalent, or include an attached résumé. Include class year(s) and nominating/awarding body for each.

Have you attended other colleges for credit? Yes No If yes:

Institution Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Attended from (month/year) _____ Attended to (month/year) _____

Institution Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Attended from (month/year) _____ Attended to (month/year) _____

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

If yes, why? _____

Transfer and other applicants desiring credit for college-level coursework are required to submit current official transcripts from all colleges previously attended.

Standardized Tests

If you have not done so already, please have your ACT and/or SAT test results and any Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) test results sent to the Hillsdale College Admissions Office. International students may optionally demonstrate a working knowledge of the English language by submitting scores from the TOEFL or equivalent English-language examination.

Have you taken the ACT? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Best composite score (single test date) _____ Do you plan to take the ACT in the future? If yes, when? _____

Have you taken the SAT? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Best composite score (single test date) _____ Do you plan to take the SAT in the future? If yes, when? _____

Have you taken any SAT Subject Tests? Yes No If yes, please list subjects, testing dates, and scores, if available: _____

Have you taken any AP/IB Tests? Yes No If yes, please list subjects, testing dates, and scores, if available: _____

For International Applicants Only: Have you taken the TOEFL/IELTS/MELAB Test? Yes No

If yes, please list best score, test type, and date: _____

Extracurricular Background/Interests

Please include with this application as a supplementary item a résumé of high school extracurricular activities, volunteerism, leadership, and work experience. Include dates, class years, and durations for each.

In what extracurricular activities would you like to participate at Hillsdale College? _____

General Information

Are you able to participate in the full range of college activities, with or without reasonable accommodation, including sports and physical education? Yes No If no, please explain. _____

How did you first learn of Hillsdale College? _____

What or who led you to apply to Hillsdale College? _____

Do you know any current Hillsdale College students? Yes No If yes, whom? _____

Do you know any Hillsdale alumni or other College associates? Yes No If yes, whom? _____

Are you related to any Hillsdale alumni? Yes No If so, list name(s), relationship(s), and graduation years(s) for each: _____

Have any relatives ever worked for Hillsdale College? Yes No If yes, list name(s), dates, and department(s): _____

To what other colleges have you applied or do you plan to apply? _____

Are any siblings also applying for undergraduate admission to Hillsdale College this year? Yes No If yes, list name(s) and relationship(s): _____

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

Have you visited the Hillsdale campus? Yes No If yes, when? _____

Have you completed an Admissions interview with Hillsdale College? Yes No

If yes, when and where? _____

Admissions interviews on campus, or regionally with a Hillsdale College Admissions representative, are highly recommended for all applicants—and especially those desiring academic aid—prior to decision notification deadlines of respective application plans.

Writing Supplement for Hillsdale College Undergraduate Application

The Writing Supplement consists of two short-answer questions and one essay. Please include the prompts with your responses, and submit with this application.

SHORT ANSWER:

(1) How would a liberal arts education at Hillsdale prepare you for life after college?

(2) How would your presence on campus impact the Hillsdale College community?

Writing Supplement for Hillsdale College Undergraduate Application - *continued*

ESSAY:

In 500 words or less, please respond to one of the following prompts:

- (1) 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 experience.
- (2) Discuss how an event, novel, or experience has significantly influenced you or has changed your life.
- (3) Since Hillsdale's founding in 1844, our efforts have been directed by the high purposes of the Hillsdale College Mission Statement. Please respond to the 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)



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