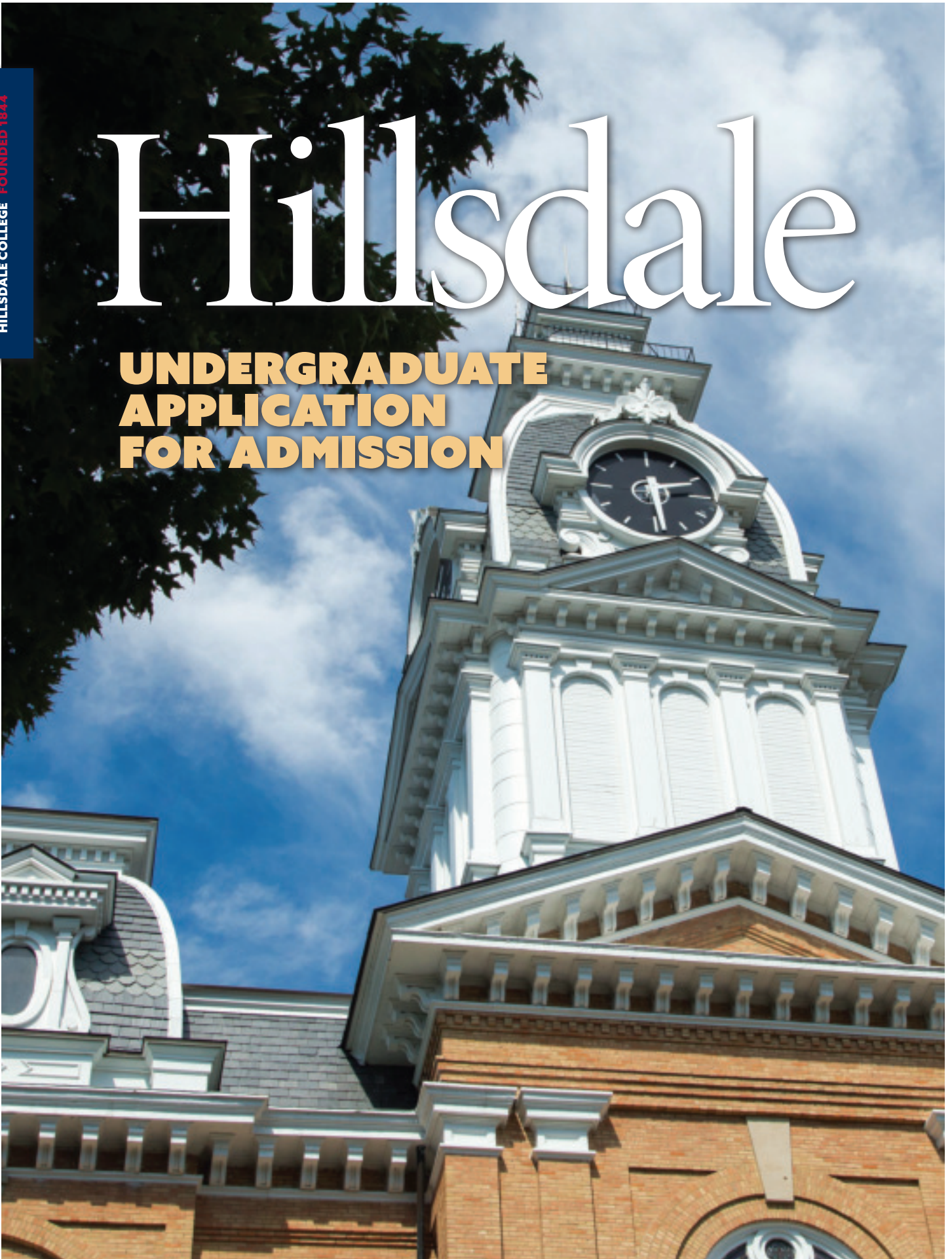


HILLSDALE COLLEGE FOUNDED 1844

Hillsdale

**UNDERGRADUATE
APPLICATION
FOR ADMISSION**



Hillsdale Application Plans

APPLICATION PLAN	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DECISIONS MAILED	DEPOSIT DEADLINE
<p>Early Decision (<i>binding</i>)</p> <p>Accepted students are asked to withdraw applications from other institutions and deposit early.</p>	November 1	December 1	January 15
<p>Priority Scholarship Deadline (<i>non-binding</i>)</p> <p>Applicants wishing priority consideration for academic scholarships should apply Regular Decision but submit all materials no later than January 1.</p>	January 1	Within four weeks of completing an application file	May 1
<p>Regular Decision (<i>non-binding</i>)</p>	April 1	Within four weeks of completing an application file beginning December 15	May 1
<p>Spring Admission (<i>non-binding</i>)</p> <p>Candidates for spring admission are reviewed on a rolling basis as application files are completed.</p>	<p>December 15</p> <p>Priority consideration given to applications completed by November 1</p>	Within two weeks of completing an application file beginning November 15	Within reasonable advance of January registration

Scholarship consideration is granted to all applicants at all deadlines. No additional paperwork is required. Need-based financial aid consideration requires the Confidential Family Financial Statement, available online or from the Financial Aid Office (financialaid@hillsdale.edu). The FAFSA is not applicable.

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 preparation, ambition, and social concern; accordingly, grade average, test scores, 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 (hillsdale.edu/apply). The \$35 application fee for 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, SAT, or Classic Learning Test 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.

PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Hillsdale College Admissions Office
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, either before or soon after applying. 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. Personalized campus visits are arranged throughout the academic year. Visit our website to begin: hillsdale.edu/visit.

Regional interview opportunities, as well as online interviews for distance candidates, are occasionally available and will be published to the Admissions visit site as well.

To speak directly with an Admissions Counselor about interviews or the application process, please call Admissions at (517) 607-2327.

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 ACT/SAT/CLT 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. 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, Inc. (ECE). Other reputable agencies can be found on the NACES website (naces.org). Students whose first language is not English may demonstrate proficiency by submitting the results of the TOEFL or an equivalent test. While the ACT, SAT, or CLT is required of international applicants, the TOEFL is optional.

HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS

Candidates for admission from homeschooling backgrounds should submit transcripts from a homeschooling guild or association. If unavailable, detailed 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.

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 _____

APPLICATION TYPE

When do you intend to begin study? Year _____ Term: Fall Spring

Application Plan: Early Decision Regular Decision Spring Admission

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

Prefix: Dr. Mr. Miss Ms. Mrs. Preferred First Name _____

Full Legal Name (first, middle, last) _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

E-mail Address _____

Home/Parent's Telephone _____ Student's Mobile Phone _____

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth _____

Country of Birth _____

Country of Citizenship _____ If Secondary Citizenship _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

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

If yes, please explain (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

HILLSDALE INTRODUCTION

How did you first learn about Hillsdale College?:

- Athletic Recruit
- College Fair
- College Ranking Publication or Website
- E-mail Communication
- Friend/Family/Word of Mouth
- High School Visit
- Hillsdale College Online Courses
- Imprimis* Newsletter
- Mailed Brochure or Other Print Piece
- Newspaper/Magazine/Other Publication
- Online Search
- Referred by Coach/Teacher/Guidance Counselor/Director
- Talk Radio
- Other/Unsure

FAMILY INFORMATION

PARENT 1

Relationship: Father Mother Step-Father Step-Mother Legal Guardian

Full Legal Name (first, middle, last) _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Is this parent's mailing address the same as yours?: Yes No

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Title _____ Employer _____

PARENT 2

Relationship: Father Mother Step-Father Step-Mother Legal Guardian

Full Legal Name (first, middle, last) _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Is this parent's mailing address the same as yours?: Yes No

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Title _____ Employer _____

SIBLINGS

Please list any siblings, their ages, and any colleges/universities they have attended:

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Admit Type: (see definitions right)

- Freshman
- Transfer
- Guest Student
- Non-Degree Seeking
- High School Dual Enrollee

Freshman applicants apply to become degree-seeking at Hillsdale but have never been enrolled as degree-seeking students elsewhere.

Transfer applicants apply to become degree-seeking at Hillsdale and were once or are currently enrolled as degree-seeking students elsewhere.

Guest Students apply to enroll in one or more courses at Hillsdale while seeking a degree at another college or university.

Non-Degree Seeking students apply to enroll in one or more courses at Hillsdale but are not / will not be working towards a degree at Hillsdale or elsewhere.

Course Load: Full-Time Part-Time

High School Dual Enrollee applicants are local high school students applying to enroll in one or more courses at Hillsdale.

In what academic program do you plan to major? _____

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

SCHOOL HISTORY

If you have not already done so, please have official transcripts mailed directly to the Hillsdale College Admissions Office, or include sealed transcripts with this application.

HIGH SCHOOL 1

High School CEEB Code _____

High School Name _____

H.S. City, State _____ H.S. GPA _____

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

HIGH SCHOOL 2

High School CEEB Code _____

High School Name _____

H.S. City, State _____ H.S. GPA _____

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

**If you have attended more than two high schools, please note that here and attach an additional sheet with this information for all schools.*

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Have you ever been suspended or placed on probation?: Yes No

If yes, please explain (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

COLLEGE CREDIT

Have you attended other colleges for credit?: Yes No If yes, please list below:

COLLEGE 1

College/University Name _____

City, State _____ GPA _____

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

**If you have attended more than one college or university, please note that here and attach an additional sheet with this information for all schools.*

Please explain, if necessary, any anomalies in your high school and post-secondary education, such as a gap year, changing high schools, or graduating late or early (attach additional pages if necessary):

TEST SCORES

If you have not already done so, please have your ACT, SAT, or Classic Learning Test results, and any Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) test results sent to the Hillsdale College Admissions Office.

ACT

Have you taken the ACT?: Yes No If yes, when? (month/year) _____

Best composite score (single test date) _____

Do you plan to retake?: Yes No If yes, when? (month/year) _____

SAT

Have you taken the SAT?: Yes No If yes, when? (month/year) _____

Best composite score (single test date) _____

Do you plan to retake?: Yes No If yes, when? (month/year) _____

CLASSIC LEARNING TEST

Have you taken the CLT?: Yes No If yes, when? (month/year) _____

Best composite score (single test date) _____

Do you plan to retake?: Yes No If yes, when? (month/year) _____

SAT SUBJECT

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

Subject	Testing Date	Score

AP/IB

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

Subject	Testing Date	Score

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Have you taken the TOEFL/IELTS/MELAB Test?: Yes No If yes, please list test type, date, and best score:

Test Type	Test Date	Score

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations can be mailed or e-mailed directly to the Hillsdale College Admissions Office, or included with your application in sealed envelopes that have been signed on the outer seal.

ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION 1

Prefix: Dr. Mr. Miss Ms. Mrs.

Full Name _____

Organization _____

Title _____ Relationship to you _____

Primary Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION 2

Prefix: Dr. Mr. Miss Ms. Mrs.

Full Name _____

Organization _____

Title _____ Relationship to you _____

Primary Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

HILLSDALE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Please list any current Hillsdale College students you know. _____

Please list any Hillsdale alumni to whom you are related. Include relationship(s) to you and graduation year(s).

Please list any Hillsdale alumni you know who are not relatives. Include relationship to you.

Please list any relatives who have worked for Hillsdale. Include relationship(s) to you, department(s), and when.

Please list any current Hillsdale staff who are not relatives but with whom you are personally acquainted.

If any siblings are also applying to Hillsdale this year, please list full legal name(s).

FINANCIAL AID CONSIDERATION

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 an 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 a varsity athletic scholarship?: Yes No *Contact the appropriate coaches.*

Do you wish to be considered for a music scholarship?: Yes No *Contact the Music Department.*

Do you wish to be considered for an art scholarship?: Yes No *Contact the Art Department.*

Are you or do you plan soon to become an Eagle Scout?: Yes No *You may qualify for associated scholarships.*

Have you served in the military?: Yes No *You may qualify for associated scholarships.*

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

RÉSUMÉ

Please prepare a résumé on separate paper to supplement this application. The document should cover extracurricular activities, leadership positions, work experience, and any academic honors. Most entries should take the following form:

ACTIVITY

Activity Name _____

Positions held, if any: _____

Description of activity and any accomplishments: _____

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

Hours / Week _____ Weeks / Year _____

WRITING: SHORT ANSWER

On separate paper to supplement this application, please prepare answers to *both* of the following two short answer questions. Please include the prompts with your answer. Responses should be 250 words or less.

SHORT ANSWER 1

Hillsdale College offers a classical liberal arts education.

What is a classical liberal arts education, and how will it prepare you for life after college?

SHORT ANSWER 2

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

WRITING: ESSAY

On separate paper to supplement this application, please prepare an answer to one of the essay prompts below. Please include the prompt with your answer. Your essay should be 650 words or less.

PROMPT 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.

PROMPT 2

Discuss how an event, novel, or experience has significantly influenced you or has changed your life.

PROMPT 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 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, scientific, [and] theological 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." As a nonsectarian Christian institution, Hillsdale College maintains "by precept and example" the immemorial teachings and practices of the Christian faith.

The College also considers itself a trustee of our Western philosophical and theological inheritance tracing to Athens and Jerusalem, 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.

PROMPT 4

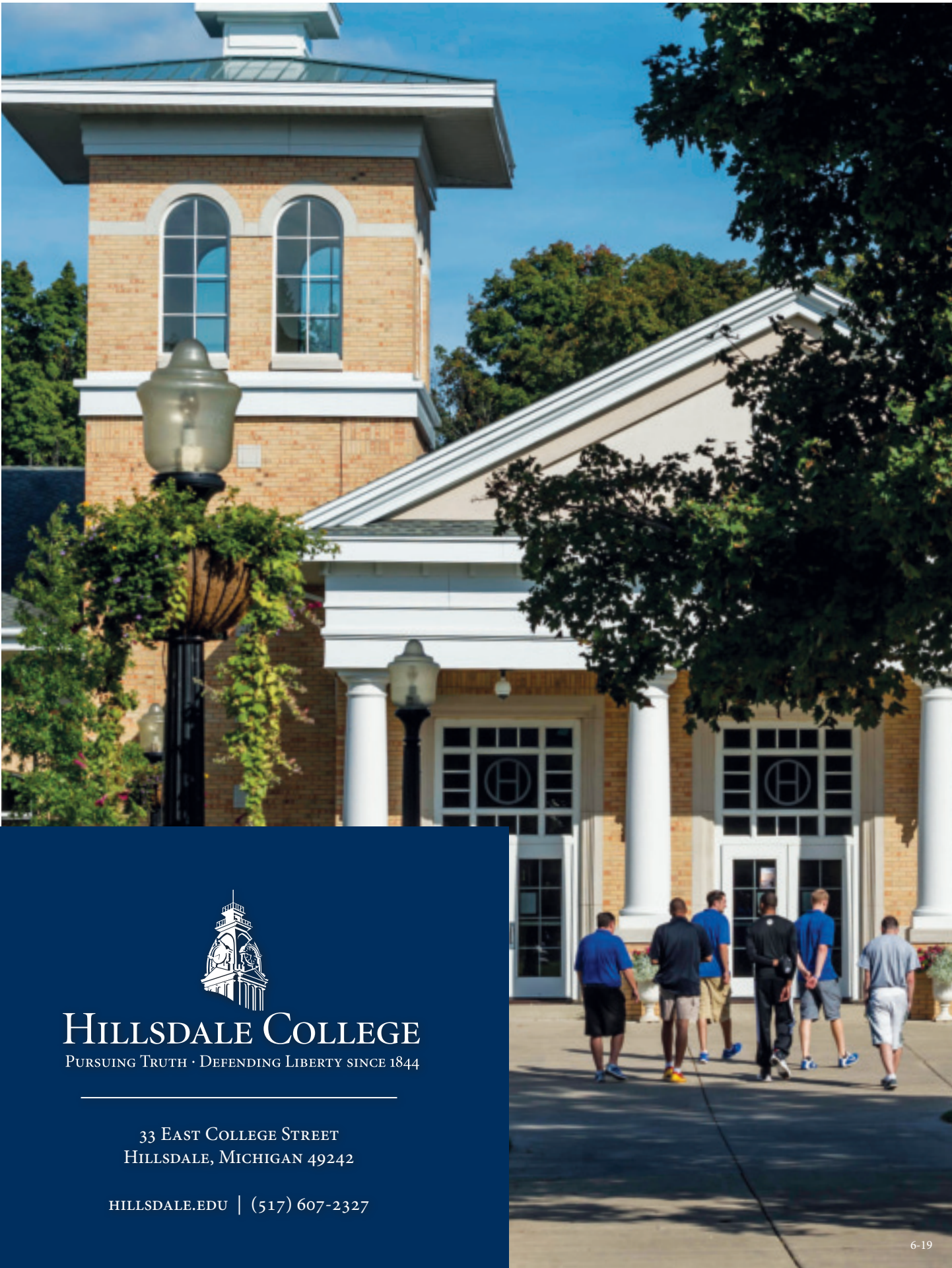
The Hillsdale College Liberty Walk honors champions of freedom on campus with monuments that recognize their work to perpetuate civil and religious liberty, blessings acknowledged in the College's Articles of Association. Current statues celebrate George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass, Winston Churchill, Ronald Reagan, and Margaret Thatcher. If Hillsdale asked your input on a new addition to the Liberty Walk, who would you advocate honoring and why?

Which prompt have you chosen?: 1 2 3 4

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

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. 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 and Date: _____



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