Hillsdale
UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
## Hillsdale Application Plans

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| **Spring Admission (non-binding)** | December 15          | 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.

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 processing the application and cannot be refunded. Checks should be made payable to Hillsdale College. *(Online applications incur no fee)*

- **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**: Letters should be academic in nature and may be submitted directly to the Admissions Office.

- **TRANSCRIPT(S)**: We require official grades from all institutions in which you have enrolled or are currently enrolled. This includes both high school and college (unless dual enrolled). If a high school transcript includes grades from past institutions, those institutions do not need to send a separate transcript.

- **STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES**: The ACT, CLT, 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. TOEFL or equivalent results from international applicants are optional additions.

- **WRITING SUPPLEMENT**: A response to two short answer questions and one essay is required.

- **RÉSUMÉ**: List extracurricular activities, leadership, volunteerism, and work experience, including duration/class years for each experience.

- **DEAN OF STUDENTS TRANSFER FORM**: This form is required only for transfer students and is available online.

Beginning May 1, submitted applications with missing supplemental items will be reviewed with those materials on file.

### PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Hillsdale College Admissions Office
33 East College Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Phone: (517) 607-2327 | Fax: (517) 607-2223

### ONLINE APPLICATION

Students who wish to submit their application online 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.

### INTERVIEWS AND CAMPUS VISITS

All applicants to Hillsdale College are encouraged to sit for an Admissions interview 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. 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. Contact your admissions counselor for additional details.
Special Instructions

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/CLT/SAT 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. 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. Students whose first language is not English may demonstrate proficiency by submitting the results of the TOEFL or an equivalent test. While the ACT, CLT, or SAT is required of international applicants, the TOEFL is optional.

HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS

Candidates for admission from homeschooling backgrounds are required to submit high school transcripts from the primary educator. We prefer that courses be listed on one page, be organized by year/level, and include grades. Notations may be made if courses were taken in a variety of contexts (i.e. co-op, guild, association, etc.). Detailed course descriptions, textbooks used, and/or a high school reading list may be submitted in addition to a transcript, but should not exceed five pages. If a homeschool student dual-enrolled at the college level during his or her high school education, please submit official college transcripts once the courses are concluded to be considered for transfer credit.

Letters of recommendation should be written by individuals of no relation. If the primary educator is a parent, three letters may be submitted.

VETERAN ADMISSIONS

Veterans who have served honorably follow the usual undergraduate application process. A Commanding Officer Endorsement and the last two performance evaluations will supplement the typical two required letters of recommendation from academic/civilian references for Freedom Scholarship consideration. Once admitted, a copy of form DD214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty will be part of the final financial aid consideration process.

GUEST STUDENTS

Students in good standing at another institution who plan to return to that institution may apply to enroll briefly at Hillsdale College as guest students after filing a guest application with the Admissions Office. That application form (which is different from this one) is available at the records office of most colleges and universities.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Permission is granted to a limited number of special students to enroll for fewer than the minimum number of credit hours carried by a regular student. These students pay the per-credit-hour tuition fee and enroll for not more than eleven hours of coursework each semester. The standard application procedure must be followed.
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. ○ Miss ○ Mr. ○ Mrs. ○ Ms.
Full Legal Name (first, middle, last, suffix) _______________________________________________________
Preferred First Name ____________________________ Home Country __________________________________________
Mailing Address _____________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ State/Province ________________ Postal Code __________________________
Current E-mail Address ________________________________________________________________
Home/Parent’s Phone ____________________________ Student’s Cell Phone ___________________________
Sex: ○ Male ○ Female Date of Birth ____________________________
Country of Birth ____________________________ City, State of Birth ____________________________
Country of Citizenship ____________________________ Country of Dual Citizenship __________________________

FAMILY INFORMATION

PARENT 1
Relationship: ○ Father ○ Mother ○ Step-Father ○ Step-Mother ○ Legal Guardian
Prefix: ○ Dr. ○ Miss ○ Mr. ○ Mrs. ○ Ms.
First Name ____________________________ Last Name ____________________________
E-mail Address ____________________________ Phone ____________________________
Is this parent’s address the same as yours?: ○ Yes ○ No Country ____________________________
Mailing Address _____________________________________________________________
City ____________________________ State/Province ________________ Postal Code __________________________
Employer ____________________________ Title ____________________________
Parent’s Highest Education Level: ○ High School ○ Trade School / Community College ○ Undergraduate ○ Graduate
Parent Colleges / Universities and Degrees ____________________________________________________________
Has this parent served, or is this parent currently serving in the military?: ○ Yes ○ No
SIBLINGS

Please list your siblings, their ages, and any colleges they have attended.

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COLLEGE INTENTIONS

Admit Type: (see definitions right)

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

Course Load:  ○ Full-Time  ○ Part-Time

Most applicants choose Full-Time, which is 12 or more credits.

Freshman: applicant who is still in high school, or is a high school graduate who has never enrolled full-time as a degree-seeking college student.

Transfer: applicant who has graduated from high school and is currently enrolled (or was once enrolled) full-time as a degree-seeking college student.

High School Dual Enrollee: applicant who is currently a high school student located near Hillsdale, Michigan who desires to take one or more courses at Hillsdale College concurrently with high school courses.

Non-Degree Seeking: applicant who wishes to enroll in one or more courses but will not be working towards a degree at Hillsdale College and is not seeking a degree elsewhere.

What is your primary academic interest at Hillsdale? ________________________________

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

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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 Name ____________________________________________________________

School CEEB Code (if known) ________________________ High School Country ____________________________

High School City ________________________ High School State ____________________________

Attended from (month/year) ________________________ Attended to (month/year) ____________________________

HIGH SCHOOL 2

High School Name ____________________________________________________________

School CEEB Code (if known) ________________________ High School Country ____________________________

High School City ________________________ High School State ____________________________

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.

COLLEGE CREDIT

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

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY 1

College / University Name ______________________________________________________

School CEEB Code (if known) ________________________ School Country ____________________________

School City ________________________ School State ____________________________

Attended from (month/year) ________________________ Attended to (month/year) ____________________________

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY 2

College / University Name ______________________________________________________

School CEEB Code (if known) ________________________ School Country ____________________________

School City ________________________ School State ____________________________

Attended from (month/year) ________________________ Attended to (month/year) ____________________________

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

*Please list all classes in which you are currently enrolled.*

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**TEST SCORES**

*If you have not already done so, please have your ACT, CLT, or SAT 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, test date (month/day/year): ________________________________

Composite _____________ English _____________ Math _____________ Reading _____________ Science _____________

**CLT**

Have you taken the CLT?: ○ Yes ○ No If yes, test date (month/day/year): ________________________________

Total _____________

Quantitative Reasoning _____________ Verbal Reasoning _____________ Grammar / Writing _____________

**CLT10**

Have you taken the CLT10?: ○ Yes ○ No If yes, test date (month/day/year): ________________________________

Total _____________

Quantitative Reasoning _____________ Verbal Reasoning _____________ Grammar / Writing _____________

**SAT**

Have you taken the SAT?: ○ Yes ○ No If yes, test date (month/day/year): ________________________________

Total _____________ Evidence-Based Reading / Writing _____________ Math _____________

**SAT (2400 PTS)**

Have you taken the SAT (2400 pts)?: ○ Yes ○ No If yes, test date (month/day/year): ________________________________

Combined (CR+M+W) _____________ Critical Reading _____________ Math _____________ Writing _____________
IELTS
Have you taken the IELTS?: ○ Yes ○ No If yes, test date (month/day/year): ____________________________
Overall Band Score _______________
Listening _____________ Reading _____________ Writing _____________ Speaking _____________

TOEFL
Have you taken the TOEFL?: ○ Yes ○ No If yes, test date (month/day/year): ____________________________
TOEFL Test Type: ○ Internet-Based Test (iBT) ○ Paper-Based Test (<June 2017) ○ Revised Paper-Delivered Test

Internet-Based TOEFL Test Score:
Total _____________ Listening _____________ Reading _____________ Writing _____________ Speaking _____________

Paper-Based Test (<June 2017):
Total _____________ Listening Comprehension _____________ Reading Comprehension _____________
Structure / Written Expression _____________ Test of Written English _____________

Revised Paper-Delivered Test:
Total _____________ Listening _____________ Reading _____________ Writing _____________

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

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

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FUTURE TESTS

Do you plan to take the ACT, CLT, and/or SAT in the future?:  ○ Yes  ○ No

If yes, test date (month/day/year): ________________________________

HILLSDALE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Please list any current Hillsdale College students or alumni (and graduation year) to whom you are related or with whom you are acquainted, along with your relationship.

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Please list any faculty or staff of Hillsdale College (past or present) to whom you are related or with whom you are acquainted, along with your relationship.

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

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HILLSDALE INTRODUCTION

How did you first learn about Hillsdale College?:

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

MILITARY SERVICE

Have you served in the military?:  ○ Yes  ○ No

If yes, branch of service:  ○ Air Force  ○ Army  ○ Coast Guard  ○ Marine Corps  ○ National Guard  ○ Navy

Date of Separation, or anticipated (month/day/year): ________________________________

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Have you ever been suspended from school or placed on academic probation?:  ○ Yes  ○ No

If yes, please explain (attach additional pages if necessary): _______________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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.

EXPLANATIONS

Please explain, if necessary, any irregularities 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):

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Please share with us how COVID-19 impacted your studies and what actions, if any, your school took to continue your education. You may choose to mention online classes, interaction with teachers, study and homework schedule, or grading policy (attach additional pages if necessary):

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If there is additional information you would like to be considered with your application for admission, please explain here (attach additional pages if necessary):

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RECOMMENDATIONS

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ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION 1

Prefix:  ○ Dr.  ○ Miss  ○ Mr.  ○ Mrs.  ○ Ms.

Full Name __________________________________________________________

Organization _________________________________________________________

Title _________________________________________________________________ Relationship to you _________________________________

Primary Telephone ________________________________ E-mail Address _______________________________________________
FINANCIAL AID CONSIDERATION

Do you plan to apply for need-based aid?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, you must complete Hillsdale College’s Confidential Family Financial Statement, available online at hillsdale.edu/cffs. The CFFS is encouraged for all applicants, but not required.

Would you like your application file to be reviewed for merit scholarship(s)?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
No additional paperwork is necessary. No award can be made prior to a student’s application and admission. Priority fall term application date is January 1, with continuous awards being made after the priority date as funds remain available. An admissions interview is highly encouraged.

Would you like to be considered for Division II varsity athletic scholarship?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please contact the coaches in your sport(s) of interest. Departmental deadlines and requirements apply.

Would you like to be considered for art department scholarship(s)?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please visit artscholarship.hillsdale.edu. Departmental deadlines and requirements apply.

Would you like to be considered for music department scholarship(s)?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please visit hillsdale.edu/musicscholarship. Departmental deadlines and requirements apply.

Would you like to be considered for theatre department scholarship(s)?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please contact James Brandon, departmental chairman, at jbrandon@hillsdale.edu. Departmental deadlines and requirements apply.

Are you currently or do you plan soon to become an Eagle Scout?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Are you a member of the Christian Service Brigade?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status and brigade number: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Are you a member of Trail Life USA?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Have you served in the military?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Have one or more parents served in the military?: ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.
Please indicate notable extracurricular activities, leadership positions, volunteerism, work experience, and any academic or community honors. You may also attach a supplemental résumé, but all entries should include all of the information below, including dates and durations.

**ACTIVITY 1**

Activity Name ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Positions held, if any: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Description of activity and any accomplishments: ________________________________________________________________

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

Hours / Week __________________________________________ Weeks / Year __________________________________________

**ACTIVITY 2**

Activity Name ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Positions held, if any: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Description of activity and any accomplishments: ________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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

Hours / Week __________________________________________ Weeks / Year __________________________________________

**ACTIVITY 3**

Activity Name ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Positions held, if any: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Description of activity and any accomplishments: ________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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

Hours / Week __________________________________________ Weeks / Year __________________________________________

**ACTIVITY 4**

Activity Name ___________________________________________________________________________________________________

Positions held, if any: ____________________________________________________________________________________________

Description of activity and any accomplishments: ________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

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

Hours / Week __________________________________________ Weeks / Year __________________________________________
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’s classical liberal arts curriculum teaches students “the best that has been thought, written, and said” throughout Western history and across disciplines. How do you hope this approach to education will prepare you for life after college?

**SHORT ANSWER 2**

Since its founding in 1844, Hillsdale College has aimed to develop the minds and improve the hearts of its students. How will your partnership in our community aid us in this work?
On separate paper to supplement this application, please prepare an answer to one of the essay prompts below. Please include the prompt with your response. Your essay should be 650 words or less in length.

**PROMPT 1**

Hillsdale College considers itself a trustee of modern man's spiritual and intellectual inheritance tracing to Athens and Jerusalem, a heritage finding its clearest expression in the American experiment of self-government under law. Hillsdale students study timeless, centuries-old wisdom and what it means to live by it.

What have you inherited? How does that inheritance manifest itself in your life?

**PROMPT 2**

The Hillsdale College Honor Code asks students to be “honorable in conduct, honest in word and deed, dutiful in study and service, and respectful of the rights of others.” These habits, and the education that accompanies them, help students rise to “self-government.”

Using personal experience, or historical, literary, or artistic examples, discuss the necessary connection between virtue and a self-governed life.

**PROMPT 3**

Discuss how an event or circumstance, literary or artistic work, or personal experience has significantly influenced your life.

**PROMPT 4**

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.

Which prompt have you chosen?:  ⊗ 1  ⊗ 2  ⊗ 3  ⊗ 4

**EARLY DECISION AGREEMENT**

FOR FALL TERM, EARLY DECISION APPLICANTS ONLY

I wish to be considered as an Early Decision candidate at Hillsdale College. I confirm that if I am admitted to Hillsdale College as an Early Decision candidate, I will submit an enrollment deposit by January 15 and commit to attending classes in the fall. I understand that the Early Decision application is binding, and that while I may apply to other institutions, I may only have one Early Decision application pending at any time. If I am admitted, and once I have received notification about financial aid from Hillsdale College, I will withdraw my applications to other institutions and make no additional applications. If I apply for need-based financial aid and am not offered an award which makes my attendance possible, I may decline the offer of admission and be released from the Early Decision commitment. Hillsdale College may withdraw my offer of admission at any time if these conditions are not met.

Signature and Date: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

**REQUIRED SIGNATURE**

By my signature, or if under the age of 18, my parent/guardian’s signature, I/we fully understand and accept the terms and conditions stated below:

- My application, including all supplemental items, are (or if not yet submitted, will be) to the best of my knowledge true and complete.
- I understand Hillsdale College has the right to withdraw acceptance or dismiss any student.
- I agree to notify Hillsdale College if there are any changes to the information submitted with this application, including disciplinary history.
- I authorize all schools to release all academic records in full to Hillsdale College. I authorize all schools to discuss my application, academic records, character, and recommendations on my behalf.
- I understand that files submitted will not be returned and may remain in my record.

Signature and Date: _____________________________________________________________________________________________