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The William Winter Scholarship is named for William Winter (1836-1917). Known primarily as America's top theater critic during his lifetime, Winter was also an historian, poet and essayist. An Academy parent and member of the Board of Trustees, Winter established the Winter Library in honor of his son, a beloved Academy student, who died tragically in a sledding accident.

Staten Island Academy

William Winter Scholarship for Students Entering Grade 6

Our School

As one of Staten Island's oldest educational institutions, and one of New York City's best, Staten Island Academy has stood as a beacon of educational excellence since 1884. Today, Staten Island Academy is the Island's only independent college preparatory school committed to offering students in Grade Pre-K3 through Grade 12 a rigorous academic program on a safe and beautiful 12-acre campus. The Academy's mission is to provide a child-centered education of superior quality through a comprehensive program of academics, the arts, athletics and extracurricular activities.

The Program

Each year, elementary and intermediate school students from New York City and surrounding areas compete for admission to Staten Island Academy under the William Winter Scholarship Program. Renamed in 2004 in order to commemorate Staten Island Academy's 120th anniversary and to celebrate our school's rich history, these prestigious awards are open to students who will be entering Grade 6 in September 2019. Students from all public, parochial, and private schools are eligible to participate.

- ❖ The William Winter Scholarships are awarded based on examination test scores, school transcripts, teacher recommendations and a personal interview.
 - ❖ Awards are not based on financial need, although financial aid is also available.
 - ❖ Awards are renewed each year. Renewal is contingent upon academic performance, good citizenship and contributions to the school community.
 - ❖ The number of the William Winter Scholarships, awarded is determined by the selection committee, based on the strength and diversity of the applicant pool in any given year.
- Recipients of the William Winter Scholarships will receive 50% of the tuition in that year. This award remains with them throughout their Academy career.** Parents are responsible for the remainder of tuition costs for each school year.

The Application

The application process for the William Winter Scholarship begins now. Please see the next page for a detailed road map and checklist. Applicants are asked to attend an Open House, complete a tour of Staten Island Academy, take the ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam) and interview with the selection committee.

The Admissions & Financial Aid Process

Staten Island Academy provides need-based financial assistance to qualified families. Last year, SIA granted over \$2.6 million in tuition assistance. Financial grants are based on need and are adjusted annually depending on demonstrated need. The Academy's Financial Aid Committee determines financial aid grants upon completion of the Parent Financial Statement (PFS). **The PFS may be completed online at sssbynais.org after October 2.** Click on Complete your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). Please note, because the deadline for the PFS is before notification of the William Winter Scholarships, we ask that you file your PFS paperwork so that your child may be eligible for regular admission with financial aid.

These forms should be completed by December 31, 2018.

William Winter Scholarship Application Process

Step 1: Complete the Attached Application to Staten Island Academy

Deadline: Friday, October 26, 2018

Please complete and return the enclosed Application, Application Addendum and submit a final report card from last year, along with the \$25 application fee payable to Staten Island Academy, Admissions Office, 715 Todt Hill Road, Staten Island, NY 10304. The application deadline is **Friday, October 26, 2018**. Be sure to select your Open House and Examination date on the Application Addendum. You must also complete the enclosed ISEE Registration Form. In order to register for this test, the ISEE form must be completed and mailed in the enclosed envelope with payment of \$120 directly to the ISEE office by October 26, 2018. You may also apply on-line for no additional fee. Please note that you will be charged an additional \$25 fee if you register by phone. Staten Island Academy's school code is 335400.

Step 2: Attend a William Winter Scholarship Open House

Tuesday, October 9, 7:00 PM

Thursday, October 11, 9:30 AM

Join us for a 90-minute information session about the William Winter Scholarship. With a talk from our Head of School and a presentation from our Admissions Office, you'll get all the information you need about the scholarship process, as well as a tour of our 12-acre campus. Find out about the Academy's academic and extracurricular programs, and see all the exciting new additions to our school. Please call 718.303.7802 to reserve a space at any one of the grade specific Open Houses or indicate one on the attached addendum form.

Step 3: Take the William Winter Scholarship Examination (ISEE)

Saturday, November 17, 8:30 AM

Take the ISEE test on Saturday, November 17, 2018. Students should arrive at Staten Island Academy between 8:30 AM and 8:45 AM for Pre-Test Registration. Candidates should report to Kearns Hall. Candidates do not need to bring pencils or snacks. Calculators are not permitted. Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 AM and will end at approximately 12:15 PM. Parents are asked to return to pick up their children no later than 12:15 PM, at Kearns Hall. Please call the Admissions Office if you will need an alternative test date for religious reasons. **Please remember to bring your ISEE registration confirmation with you.**

Step 4: Schedule the William Winter Scholarship Interviews

Once your application is received, we will call you to set up an interview and school visit. Applicants are required to spend either the morning or afternoon of a school day attending classes with a current Staten Island Academy student. Parent/student interviews with the Director of Admissions will also be scheduled at that time. Applicants will be required to submit teacher recommendation forms and an official school transcript. You will receive those forms once you apply.

Step 5: Notification of Awards

Mid-February 2019

Staten Island Academy will announce the William Winter Scholarship winners in February of 2019. All award winners will receive written notification in the mail. The admission process is very selective and not all applicants will be offered admission. The Admissions Committee takes great care to evaluate each applicant fairly and thoroughly in an effort to award deserving candidates admission and financial assistance.



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William Winter Scholarship Application Addendum

Applicant's Name _____
Grade Applying _____

Important Dates

Please check the box next to the date of the Open House you and your child will be attending:

- Tuesday, October 9, 2018 7:00 PM
 Thursday, October 11, 2018 9:30 AM

Please check the box next to the appropriate examination date:

- Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 8:30 AM
 Alternate test date (for religious reasons only)

Additional Information (to be completed by the Applicant)

1. How would you describe your academic performance up until now?
(strengths/weaknesses, study habits):

2. What are your hobbies and special interests?

3. What book are you currently reading?

Additional Materials

Please be sure to include **your final report card from last year**. This should be included with the Application Addendum, your Application for Admission and application fee when sent to Staten Island Academy by **Friday, October 26, 2018**. **Be sure to mail the ISEE registration directly to the ISEE Operations Office with the testing fee. (Please refer to the enclosed brochure.)**