

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Application FAQs:

#### *How do I apply?*

Please complete the online application on our website. Please create an account or log in to access the Summer Application (<https://apply.hotchkiss.org/apply/>). Please use the student's information to create an account. **Please do not create multiple accounts.** If you are having trouble with your online account, please contact the Summer Portals office. Be sure to complete all the questions before submitting your application.

#### *What else is required with the online application?*

We require two teacher recommendations and a current school transcript. **International students** are required to submit either an **official test score** or a **graded English paper from a class (writing sample)**.

#### *How do I send the required documents?*

After submitting your online application, the current school transcript may be uploaded from the [status page](#) of your account. Please choose Summer Portals-Transcript as the upload material type.

A copy of the test score or the graded English paper may be uploaded on the Test Scores section of the online application.

The documents may also be emailed to [summer@hotchkiss.org](mailto:summer@hotchkiss.org), please be sure to include your full legal name and/or the application reference number in the email.

#### *How do I send the teacher recommendations?*

In the Recommendations section of the online application, please enter the Recommender/Teacher information. Once the information is entered, the teacher will be emailed an online Recommendation Form to complete. When the teacher completes and submits the online Recommendation Form, it will be added to your Summer Application. The status of the recommendations is available on your application [status page](#).

**\*Fall Applicants only:** If you are also a Fall applicant for The Hotchkiss School and have already submitted your school transcript and recommendations (Math, English, etc.) to the admissions office, you do not need to submit additional recommendations or transcript for the Summer Application. Please contact the

admissions office (admissions@hotchkiss.org) and request to have your application materials shared with the Summer Portals office.

***How much is the application fee?***

The application fee for the Summer Portals application is \$65.

***Can I apply for two programs?***

A student may attend two programs only if the program dates do not overlap.

***What is the tuition?***

Tuition varies for our programs. Please check the specific program webpages. Tuition includes the program fee, boarding, all meals in the dining hall, and most of the program related field trips. Tuition is payable by check to The Hotchkiss School and mailed to our office (The Hotchkiss School, Summer Portals, 11 Interlaken Road, Lakeville, CT 06039).

International applicants are encouraged to submit their fees through [flywire](#).

***What is flywire?***

The Hotchkiss School has partnered with [flywire](#) to streamline the tuition payment process for our international families. With flywire, you are offered excellent foreign exchange rates, allowing you to pay in your home currency (in most cases) and save a significant amount of money, as compared to traditional banks. You will also be notified via email when your payment is received by the school.

***When can I expect to receive the Decision status?***

The Summer Programs admission is rolling. Once your application is complete (all the required documents have been received by our office), you should receive a decision within a few weeks. You will receive an email indicating that a status update has been posted in your account. Please log into your account to access the decision. <https://apply.hotchkiss.org/apply/status>

***What happens after I've been accepted into a program?***

Please log into your account and complete the online Summer Portals Decision Reply Form. Once you confirm your acceptance by completing the Decision Reply Form, several online forms will be available to view and complete.

Please refer to the Checklist on the [Summer Portals Parents](#) webpage and submit all of the required documents to our office at your earliest convenience.