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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 challenging 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. Re-named 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 2022. Students from all public, parochial, and private schools are eligible to participate.

- ❖ The William Winter Scholarships are awarded based on a combination of examination test scores, school transcripts, teacher recommendations and a personal interview either on campus or via ZOOM.
- ❖ Awards are not based on financial need.
- ❖ Grade 6 recipients are awarded 50% of the tuition in this year and that **same amount** is awarded every year that they are enrolled at the Academy.
- ❖ 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.

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, schedule a shadow appointment and take the ISEE (Independent School Entrance Exam).

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 ssbbynais.org after October 1.** 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, 2021.

William Winter Scholarship Application Process

Step 1: Complete the Attached Application to Staten Island Academy Deadline: Friday, October 29, 2021

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 29, 2021**. In order to register for the ISEE test, you must apply on-line at their website www.iseetest.org. The fee for this test is \$140. You must register by October 29, 2021. Please note that you will be charged an additional \$30 fee if you register after that date. Staten Island Academy's school code is 335400.

Step 2: Attend a William Winter Scholarship Open House Thursday, October 7, 9:30 AM Tuesday, October 12, 7:00 PM

Join us for a 90-minute information session about the William Winter Scholarship. With a presentation from our Admissions Office, you'll get all the information you need about the scholarship process. Find out about the Academy's academic and extracurricular programs as well as our need-based financial aid program.

Step 3: Take the William Winter Scholarship Examination (ISEE) Saturday, November 20, 8:30 AM

Take the ISEE test on Saturday, November 20, 2021. Students should arrive at Staten Island Academy between 8:30 AM and 8:45 AM for Pre-Test Registration. Candidates should report to Haugen 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. 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.** Also your child has the option of taking the at-home ISEE version of the test for an additional cost.

Step 4: Schedule Your Shadow Date

Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, campus visits **must** be scheduled in advance for one of the designated dates listed. No campus shadow visits will be permitted without prior screening and adherence to safety procedures.

Following are available dates for visits:

Tuesday, November 9 from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Thursday, November 18 from 8:10 AM to 11:00 AM

Monday, December 6 from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Wednesday, December 15 from 8:10 AM to 11:00 AM

Step 5: Notification of Awards March 2022

Finalists will be notified in February. Staten Island Academy will announce the William Winter Scholarship winners in March of 2022. 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.

