

EXPERIENCE
ACADEMIC DISTINCTION
BLAIR ACADEMY

APPLICATION 2023-24



ADMISSION CHECKLIST

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR APPLICATION
DEADLINE IS JANUARY 15, 2023.

- APPLICATION PART I AND FEE (\$75 FOR U.S. CITIZENS/\$140 FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)
- APPLICATION PART II: STUDENT QUESTIONNAIRE AND ESSAY
- PERSONAL INTERVIEW AND CAMPUS TOUR (PLEASE CALL TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT)
- OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND CURRENT YEAR AND PAST TWO YEARS' GRADES
- ENGLISH RECOMMENDATION (CURRENT TEACHER)
- MATHEMATICS RECOMMENDATION (CURRENT TEACHER)
- TEST RESULTS (9, 10: SSAT OR ISEE; 11: SSAT, PSAT OR SAT; POSTGRADUATES: SAT OR ACT; INTERNATIONAL: SSAT AND TOEFL)
- SPECIAL INTEREST/TALENT FORM (OPTIONAL)
- PARENT STATEMENT (OPTIONAL)

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OFFICE OF ADMISSION

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2 PARK STREET
BLAIRSTOWN, NJ 07825-0600

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(908) 362-6121
FAX (908) 362-7975
EMAIL ADMISSION@BLAIR.EDU
WEBSITE WWW.BLAIR.EDU

Dear Prospective Student:

All of us at Blair Academy are delighted to know you have chosen to submit an application for admission. To assist you in this process, the checklist at left outlines the various requirements you must meet in order to complete your application. We encourage you to APPLY ONLINE via our website: www.blair.edu. Online applications are private and secure, and you will have the ability to track your application status online.

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance throughout the application process, please contact our office. Thank you for your interest in Blair; we look forward to reading your application!

Best wishes,

Teddy Wenner '96
Dean of Admission

Blair Academy

Part I: Application for Admission



(Please print or type)

Present Grade _____ Applying for Grade ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ PG Applying for September 20____
Applying as: ☐ Boarding Student ☐ Boy Has the applicant previously applied for admission to Blair Academy? ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Day Student ☐ Girl

Last Name First Name Middle Preferred Name
Home Street Address Home Telephone
City State Zip Code
Date of Birth Country of Birth Citizen of (include all)
Applicant Communication Email Social Security Number

How would you describe yourself? Please check one. (optional)

☐ Asian American ☐ Black ☐ Hispanic ☐ Caucasian/White
☐ Pacific Islander ☐ African American ☐ Latino/Latina ☐ Indian Subcontinent
☐ Alaskan Native ☐ West Indian ☐ Asian ☐ Other _____
☐ Native American _____ *Please specify tribal affiliation* ☐ Biracial/Multiracial _____ *Please specify*

Present School _____ ☐ Public ☐ Private
School Street Address School Telephone
City State Zip Code

How did you learn about Blair Academy? ☐ Blair family ☐ Blair alumnus/a ☐ Friend ☐ Your school
☐ Educational consultant ☐ Blair website ☐ Admission presentation ☐ Independent school directory/website

Name of referrer/relationship to applicant. How is this person connected to Blair Academy?

Names of relatives who are alumni or who now attend Blair Academy: Class Relationship

Names, ages and schools attending/attended of all brothers and sisters (including half and step):

Parents *(please check one)*

☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Mother deceased ☐ Father deceased

Student lives with *(check any that apply)*

☐ Father ☐ Mother ☐ Stepfather ☐ Stepmother ☐ Guardian ☐ Other _____

Father's Full Name

Mother's Full Name

Home Street Address *(if different from applicant)*

Home Street Address *(if different from applicant)*

Home Telephone

Home Telephone

Email Address

Email Address

City State Zip Code

City State Zip Code

Company/Position

Company/Position

Business Street Address

Business Street Address

City State Zip Code

City State Zip Code

Office Telephone Fax

Office Telephone Fax

Testing to be submitted *(check all that apply and include past or future date of testing)*

☐ SSAT (Secondary School Admission Test) Date: _____ ☐ ISEE Date: _____
☐ PSAT Date: _____ ☐ SAT Date: _____ ☐ TOEFL Date: _____
☐ ACT Date: _____

Is the applicant applying for financial aid? ☐ No ☐ Yes *(If yes, please visit the financial aid section of the Blair website for further information.)* All financial aid paperwork must be submitted by January 15.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Person Responsible for Tuition

Date

Please enclose application fee (\$75 for U.S. citizens/\$140 for international students) with this form and mail to:

Blair Academy, Office of Admission, Post Office Box 600, 2 Park Street, Blairstown, NJ 07825-0600

Note to Parents: Complete and return Parts I and II of the application for admission as soon as possible with the appropriate fee. For international applicants, the application must be completed online before an interview may be scheduled.

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy

Blair Academy does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, creed, race, color, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability status, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its education policies, admission, scholarships, loans or other school-administered programs. Each Blair student is afforded the rights, privileges and social, academic, artistic and athletic opportunities that are generally accorded or made available to students of the School.

Student Questionnaire: *Personal*

This questionnaire is an essential portion of your application for admission to Blair Academy. Your answers will allow the Admission Committee to get to know you as well as possible and to learn more about your experiences and interests. **The recommended length for questions 1 through 5 is 100-200 words, but you should write as much or as little as necessary to answer the question completely.**

Name

Grade to Enter

1) Why have you decided to investigate Blair Academy, and what aspects have influenced your decision to apply?

2) What personal characteristics would you like to further develop while at Blair Academy?

3) If you could only bring three things to Blair, what would they be and why?

4) Who inspires you and why? (Examples: teacher, coach, family member or historical figure)

5) What is your favorite piece of literature? Please explain why.

6) Describe yourself in one sentence.

7) Please list any extracurricular activities in which you have been involved during the past three years. Activities might include athletics, the arts, student government, community service, work experience, etc. Please list these activities **in an approximate order of importance to you**, and indicate the level of your involvement.

ACTIVITY & LEVEL IF APPLICABLE	POSITION/ROLE	YEARS OF EXPERIENCE	HOURS/ WEEK	DO YOU PLAN TO PURSUE AT BLAIR?

8) List any awards or honors you have received. Please be specific (academic, athletic, community, etc.).

Essay

Please choose one of the following essay topics and write a 250-500 word response.

- Describe a moment when you faced adversity. What was your response, and what was the ultimate outcome?
- What is the best piece of advice you have ever received?

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Signature of Applicant

Date _____

Request for Official Transcript

To the Candidate:

Fill in the following information and submit to your school registrar after the first marking period.

Name	Grade to Enter		
Street Address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Signature	Date		
Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date		

To the School Academic Official:

The student named above is applying for admission to Blair Academy. A full and candid report from the applicant's present school is essential if we are to give fair consideration to the application. Please return this completed form no later than January 15 with a copy of the student's transcript, including grades from the current academic year and the past two academic years, if available. We also request any standardized testing results you have on file for the applicant. All materials should be sent directly to:

Blair Academy
Office of Admission
Post Office Box 600
2 Park Street
Blairtown, NJ 07825-0600

We would appreciate the inclusion of a profile of your school. Should you have any questions, please call our office at: (908) 362-6121 or (800) 462-5247.

Your assessment of the student's personal character will be valuable to the Office of Admission.

1) Please comment on any strengths, weaknesses or problems of which we should be aware.

Request for official transcript continues on reverse side

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2) If the student has been expelled or suspended from your school, please explain.

3) Are there any general comments you wish to make?

Thank you for your prompt attention.
Office of Admission

Teacher's Name	School	Date
Teacher's Signature	Telephone	Email

English Teacher Recommendation Form

Please return this form by January 15 to:
Office of Admission, Blair Academy, Post Office Box 600, Blairstown, NJ 07825-0600 or email a PDF to application@blair.edu.

To the current classroom teacher of ENGLISH of: _____
Applicant's Name—Please Print or Type

The applicant is a candidate for admission to Blair Academy. Your professional assessment of this student's progress in English will be valuable to the Admission Committee and to the Dean of Academics in planning the student's program at Blair. We would appreciate your supplying the information requested below.

Academic

1) Briefly describe the nature of the course. For example, indicate what literature was read, how much writing was accomplished and the general level of achievement of the class.

2) What specific weaknesses did the student have? What areas need more attention: writing, reading, vocabulary, grammar, speech, etc.? Please explain.

3) What specific strengths did the student display? What material caught his/her interest the most?

4) List the main texts that were used and indicate how much of each text was completed (or will be completed) in your course.

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Social

5) Is the candidate courteous and mannerly in social relations?

6) Is the candidate reliable and/or dependable?

7) Describe the candidate’s personality.

8) In relation to others of the same age you have known, please summarize your rating of this candidate.

	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
As a person:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
As a student:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional Comments:

Teacher’s Name	School	Date
Teacher’s Signature	Telephone	Email

Mathematics Teacher Recommendation Form

Please return this form by January 15 to:
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To the current classroom teacher of MATHEMATICS of: _____
Applicant's Name—Please Print or Type

The applicant is a candidate for admission to Blair Academy. Your professional assessment of this student's progress in mathematics will be valuable to the Admission Committee and to the Dean of Academics in planning the student's program at Blair. We would appreciate your supplying the information requested below.

Academic

1) Please give the name of the course in which the student is currently enrolled.

2) Sections are sometimes designated in ways to indicate the course's degree of advancement. What, if any, such designation pertains to the applicant's section?

3) Please list the texts used in your course. Indicate by pages or chapters and sections the material to be completed by the end of this year. Your indications of the depth of coverage will be helpful as will any information about any major departure from the work of the text.

4) In what areas or with what kinds of problems is the applicant proficient? *(Please give examples.)*

5) In what areas or with what kinds of problems is the applicant encountering the greatest difficulty?

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6) We require all students to complete a three-year sequence of algebra I, geometry and algebra II. For strong mathematics students, a complete course in trigonometry is included in an algebra II honors course. Advanced courses and electives are available to students who have satisfactorily completed the required sequence. Our advanced courses include a variety of offerings in pre-calculus, non-AP calculus, AP calculus (AB) and AP calculus (BC). A course in math review is offered to those students interested in math but not sufficiently prepared for pre-calculus. In your judgment, where should the applicant be placed in this program?

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As a student:	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Additional Comments:

Teacher's Name	School	Date
Teacher's Signature	Telephone	Email

[illegible]

Name of Evaluator

Telephone

Street Address

Email

City

State

Zip Code

Place of Employment

Position

Relationship to Candidate

Years of Relationship

Signature

Date _____

Parent Statement (optional)

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Name of applicant _____ Grade to enter _____

Please share with us information about the applicant that would be helpful to the Admission Committee. Typically, parents have chosen to write about the applicant's strengths, weaknesses, background or aspirations that might otherwise not come to our attention.

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Thank you.

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Admission Procedure & Financial Information

Your initial step in applying to Blair is to complete this application. Every prospective student must also fulfill certain testing requirements. All candidates for the 9th and 10th grades are required to take the Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT) or the Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). Candidates for 11th grade must submit SSAT, PSAT or SAT scores. Candidates for the postgraduate year must take the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT). Registration information for all testing may be acquired through the Office of Admission. Applicants from countries other than the United States are expected to take one of the above-mentioned examinations in addition to an appropriate test of their ability to communicate in English, which is the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). The application deadline is January 15, 2023.

SSAT: School Code 1720
www.ssat.org

TOEFL: School Code 9415
www.toefl.org

PSAT: CEEB 310-105
Applicant may also provide score report
www.collegeboard.com

Personal Interview

All applicants are required to visit Blair Academy for a personal interview and tour of the campus. Visiting the school and meeting Blair students and faculty provide an opportunity to gain an intimate sense of our school community. When significant travel makes a campus visit impossible, please contact the office to schedule a telephone or Skype interview.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is awarded on the basis of demonstrated financial need. Each year, applicants for financial aid outnumber the grants available; thus, the Financial Aid Committee must make awards on a competitive basis to those qualified students who are truly most deserving of financial assistance.

Families interested in applying for financial aid should complete Part I and Part II of the Application for Admission as soon as possible. Upon receipt of Part I and Part II, the Office of Admission will forward you the remaining materials required to process your financial aid application. A completed application for financial aid must include: a copy of the Parents' Financial Statement (PFS) submitted to School and Student Services (SSS), IRS Form 4506, 2021 and 2022 Federal tax returns with all attached schedules, 2021 and 2022 W-2s, and the business/farm supplement if applicable. These materials should be received no later than January 15, 2023. Requests for assistance are reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee, and the first awards are granted beginning March 10, 2023. Federal tax returns for 2022 should be forwarded when complete but no later than April 30, 2023.

Financial aid awards are renewed on a yearly basis. Parents of recipients must submit the Parents' Financial Statement and a copy of their 1040 tax forms before January 15 to complete the application for the following academic year. Students will continue to receive financial aid only if they have performed academically at a level commensurate with their ability and have been positive, contributing members of the school community.

If you have questions about admission or financial aid, or wish to schedule a campus visit, please call (908) 362-6121 or (800) 462-5247.

SSS: School Code 1720
<https://sss.nais.org/>

Expenses

The annual charge for boarding students is \$70,200. This fee covers tuition, room and board. The annual charge for day students is \$48,900, which covers tuition, study rooms and meals at school Monday through Saturday. Deposits will be required in the student's debit card account to cover purchases of textbooks and supplies, personal items from the athletic store, campus center, activities and health center charges.

There are additional fees for art courses, music lessons, driver's education, special testing, class trips and other items. Some fees will be required in advance, and others will be billed.



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