

Application for Admission

Essays

The following questions are designed not merely to obtain information, but also to give the Admissions Committee an opportunity to assess your interest in and preparation for attending Thomas Aquinas College. We want a representative sample of your writing so we can see how you express yourself and gain some understanding of the quality of your mind and thinking. The Committee is not looking for brilliance or originality, but your answers should be thoughtful, well-organized and to the point.

Using sheets of white, unlined paper, please answer the questions in order. Please write complete sentences, and paragraph sensibly. Type or write neatly with an ink pen. Use only one side of the paper. Number your answers and your pages. You need not begin each new answer on a new page. The written application should be a finished copy, carefully presented.

We encourage applicants to contact the Admissions Office staff with any questions about the academic or community life of the College. We also strongly recommend that students read through the Bulletin of Information (available online or upon request from the Admissions Office) prior to writing this application. The Bulletin describes in detail the nature of the College's program of studies and residential life.

Please double-space and use 12 pt. font. Successful applications are generally 7-10 pages in length.

1. Why do you wish to attend Thomas Aquinas College? What aspects of the College most appeal to you and why? The Admissions Committee is particularly interested in your understanding of the academic program of the College, especially the fully-integrated, non-elective character of the curriculum. Please comment as well on your willingness and ability to participate in classroom discussions.
 2.
 - a. Thomas Aquinas College is a Catholic college, although one need not be a Catholic to attend. How do you understand the relation between the curriculum and the Catholic character of the College?
 - b. Every college has rules governing campus life. Some at Thomas Aquinas College are no longer commonly found at other colleges. There are regulations against consuming alcohol on campus, for example, and visiting residence halls of the opposite sex. There is also a curfew and dress code. How do you think such regulations are related to wisdom and the life of learning? Please comment on your willingness to abide by them.
 3.
 - a. Describe your reading habits and your experience with books.
 - b. Choose a book you consider to be excellent and write about some important aspect of it. Please do not write a book report: your essay should be neither a summary nor a mere description of your reaction to the book. You should not, for example, simply describe how Huckleberry Finn changed your life or how much you loathe the character of Madame Defarge in *A Tale of Two Cities*. Rather, if you choose a work of fiction, your essay should deal with some important theme(s) and/or character development(s). If you choose a work of non-fiction, comment on the author's argumentation. Your book discussion should be two full pages in length.
 4. Please evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the education you have received until now. You may also relate some school experience, or other experience, which was formative for you.
 5. Describe life within your family. (For example: Do you have brothers and sisters? Are your parents divorced or separated? What interests do you share with other members of your family? What interests do you pursue in your own free time?) Have you discussed your plans for college with your family? If so, what do they think?
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Date submitted _____ Social Security Number _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____
Last First () Middle

Home Address _____
Number & Street Telephone

City State / Province Zip / Postal Code e-mail

Birth Date mm/dd/yyyy _____ Birthplace _____ Citizenship _____ Religion _____

Name of Father _____ Check: living deceased

Father's Home Address same as above

Occupation _____ Number & Street City State / Province Zip / Postal Code
Bus. Telephone () **Home ()**
If different from applicant

Bus. Address _____
Number & Street City State / Province Zip / Postal Code

Name of Mother _____ Check: living deceased

Mother's Home Address same as above

Occupation _____ Number & Street City State / Province Zip / Postal Code
Bus. Telephone () **Home ()**
If different from applicant

Bus. Address _____
Number & Street City State / Province Zip / Postal Code

Secondary and post-secondary schools attended; list any degrees or certificates earned:

School	Location	Dates attended	Diploma/Degree/Certificate

Do you plan to ask the College for financial aid? _____ If you worked during high school, how many hours per week? _____

List your principal extracurricular activities in high school: _____

Give the names of those writing references for you.
Three are required. At least two are to be teachers or officers of the school you last attended.

1) Mr./Mrs./Miss/Dr. _____

2) Mr./Mrs./Miss/Dr. _____

3) Mr./Mrs./Miss/Dr. _____