



**Thomas Aquinas College**  
**Application for Admission – California**  
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Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yyyy

Mr./Mrs./Miss \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
mm/dd/yyyy

Name of Father Title (Dr., Mr., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Check:  living  deceased  
Last First

Father's Home Address  same as above \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of Mother Title (Dr., Mrs., etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Check:  living  deceased  
Last First

Mother's Home Address  same as above \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

<i>School</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Dates Attended</i>	<i>Diploma/Degree/Certificate</i>

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. \_\_\_\_\_



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### 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. A representative sample of your writing will show the Admissions Committee how well you express yourself and give 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. 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 life of the College. We also strongly recommend that students read thoroughly about the College's program of studies and residential life prior to writing their application. Printed literature is also available by mail from the Admissions Office, 800-634-9797 or [admissions@thomasaquinas.edu](mailto:admissions@thomasaquinas.edu).

*Please number your pages, double-space, use 12 pt. font, and answer both parts "a" and "b" where applicable. Successful applicants generally write 1–2 pages (250–500 words) per question.*

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. 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, please comment on the author's argumentation. *Successful book essays are generally 2 pages (500 words) 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 free time?) What challenges or obstacles have you faced in your life and how have you dealt with them? Have you pursued any occupations or careers? If so, please describe your experience. Have you discussed your plans for college with members of your family? If so, what do they think?

How did you hear about the College? \_\_\_\_\_

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What most attracted you to the College? \_\_\_\_\_

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