

EXPERIENCE
ACADEMIC DISTINCTION
BLAIR ACADEMY



APPLICATION **2012-13**



ADMISSION CHECKLIST

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 2012.

- APPLICATION PART I AND FEE (\$50 FOR U.S. CITIZENS/\$125 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 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)

BLAIR ACADEMY
OFFICE OF ADMISSION
POST OFFICE BOX 600
2 PARK STREET
BLAIRSTOWN, NJ 07825-0600

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(908) 362-2024
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WEB SITE 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 Web site: 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,

Ryan Pagotto
Dean of Admission

Admission Procedure & Financial Information

Your initial step in applying to Blair is to complete the formal application that is enclosed or available online at www.blair.edu. 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 foreign countries are expected to take one of the above-mentioned examinations in addition to an appropriate test of their ability to communicate in English, such as the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language). Application deadline is February 1, 2012.

SSAT: School Code 1720
For info: www.ssat.org

TOEFL: School Code 9415
For info: www.toefl.org

PSAT: CEEB 310-105
Applicant may also provide score report
For info: 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 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, 2010 and 2011 Federal Tax Returns with all attached schedules, 2010 and 2011 W-2s, and the business/farm supplement if applicable. These materials should be received no later than February 1, 2012. Requests for assistance are reviewed by the Financial Aid Committee, and the first awards are granted beginning March 10, 2012. Federal tax returns for 2011 should be forwarded when complete but no later than April 30, 2012.

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 908-362-2024 or 800-462-5247.

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

Expenses

The annual charge for boarding students is \$47,600. This fee covers tuition, room and board. The annual charge for day students is \$33,800, 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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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)	
Preferred E-mail		Social Security Number	

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

- | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Asian American | <input type="radio"/> Black | <input type="radio"/> Hispanic | <input type="radio"/> Caucasian/White |
| <input type="radio"/> Pacific Islander | <input type="radio"/> African American | <input type="radio"/> Latino/Latina | <input type="radio"/> Indian Subcontinent |
| <input type="radio"/> Alaskan Native | <input type="radio"/> West Indian | <input type="radio"/> Asian | <input type="radio"/> Other _____
<i>Please specify</i> |
| <input type="radio"/> Native American _____
<i>Please specify tribal affiliation</i> | <input type="radio"/> Biracial/Multiracial _____
<i>Please specify</i> | | |

Present School _____	<input type="radio"/> Public	<input type="radio"/> 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 Web site Admission Presentation Independent School Directory/Web site

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

E-mail Address

E-mail 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 complete Parts I and II of the application and return it to the Office of Admission by January 15 in order to begin the financial aid process.) All financial aid paperwork must be submitted by February 1.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Signature of Person Responsible for Tuition

Date

Please enclose application fee (\$50 for U.S. Citizens/\$125 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 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 and athletic opportunities that are generally accorded or made available to students of the school.

Part II: Student Questionnaire: *Personal*

This questionnaire is an essential portion of your application for admission to Blair Academy. Its purpose is to allow the Admission Committee to get to know you as well as possible and to learn more about your experiences and interests.

Name

Grade to Enter

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

2) What do you consider your greatest personal strength?

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

4) What are the most important qualities you look for in a friend?

5) 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?

6) List any awards or honors you have received. Please be specific (Academic, Athletic, Community, etc.).

7) Which new extracurricular offerings do you wish to explore at Blair?

8) An opportunity for a bit of reflection and creativity: If you could share a meal with any prominent person (living, deceased or fictional), who would it be? Why?

Part II: Student Questionnaire: *Academic*

Name

Grade to Enter

1) Do you have any special course interests for next year? If so, please list them.

2) Which of your teachers has influenced you the most? Why have you chosen this person?

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

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 February 1 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:

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We would appreciate the inclusion of a profile of your school. Should you have any questions, please call our office at: (908) 362-2024 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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English Teacher Recommendation Form

Please return this form by February 1 to:
Office of Admission, Blair Academy, Post Office Box 600, Blairstown, NJ 07825-0600

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

E-mail

Mathematics Teacher Recommendation Form

Please return this form by February 1 to:

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

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 be 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

E-mail

Thank you.
Office of Admission

Name of Evaluator	Telephone	
Street Address	E-mail	
City	State	Zip Code
Place of Employment	Position	
Relationship to Candidate	Years of Relationship	
Signature	Date	

