

## *Instructions and Checklist*

We are thrilled that you have decided to apply to Shimer College! With our Great Books curriculum and small, discussion based classes, Shimer offers its students a stimulating intellectual environment and the opportunity to explore life's most fundamental questions. We're glad you found us, and we look forward to learning more about you through the application process.

The following is a checklist to assist you in completing your application for admission to Shimer College. If at any time you have a question, please send us an email at [admission@shimer.edu](mailto:admission@shimer.edu) or call us at 800-215-7173 or 312-235-3500.

We look forward to receiving your application and to helping you discover what Shimer has to offer you.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Official High School Transcripts** or the equivalent are required for admission. Homeschooled students not enrolled in a program should submit narrative transcripts. Final transcripts as proof of graduation are required for enrollment.
- Official College Transcripts:** If you have attended any college or university since high school, you are regarded as a transfer student. Please list all the schools you have attended since high school on the application and contact the registrar at each of these schools to request that an official transcript be sent to Shimer College. Any student with fewer than 60 semester hours at another college must also submit a high school transcript or its equivalent.
- College Entrance Examinations (ACT or SAT):** In most cases, Shimer College does not require college entrance examinations for admission. However, if they are available, we ask that they be posted on your high school transcript or that you ask the testing agency to forward the results to Shimer. Applicants to the B.A. to J.D. Program are required to submit either SAT or ACT scores. Shimer's ACT code is 1142 and its SAT code is 1717.
- Letter of Recommendation** from a teacher who can assess your academic progress and level of readiness for college-level work. Weekend students may submit a recommendation from an employer or someone other than a relative who knows you very well. This can be mailed or emailed directly from the recommender to [admission@shimer.edu](mailto:admission@shimer.edu).
- Essays or Writing Samples** are an important part of your application. They will be read carefully by the Admission Committee. As an alternative to the questions listed on the application form, you may elect to submit a portfolio of two or three examples of expository writing of high quality. These can be mailed or emailed directly from the recommender to [admission@shimer.edu](mailto:admission@shimer.edu).
- Job History:** Many high school students have part-time and/or summer jobs. If you are applying to the Weekday program, Shimer would be interested to know about them. If you are applying for the Weekend Program, job experience is especially important; it is among the primary criteria considered in reviewing your application for admission to Shimer.
- Application fee of \$25** payable to Shimer College.
- Admission Interviews** are usually conducted in person as soon as the college has received your completed application. However, if you are visiting the campus, we will be happy to meet with you at that time. If you are unavailable for a personal interview, arrangements can be made for a telephone interview.

Send transcripts and any other application materials to:

**Shimer College**  
**Office of Admission**  
**3424 South State Street**  
**Chicago, IL 60616**