

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION



“EDUCATION is *not* to reform students or amuse them or to make them expert technicians.

It is to unsettle their minds,
widen their horizons,
inflame their intellects,

TEACH THEM TO THINK STRAIGHT,
if possible.”

- *Robert Maynard Hutchins*



Shimer

The Great Books College of Chicago

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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 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.
- 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.
- 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

Have you previously applied to Shimer? Yes No Year _____ Term _____

Social Security Number (Optional for Admission, required for Financial Aid): _____

____/____/____

Date of birth (mm/dd/year)

Place of birth

Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes No

If not, are you a permanent resident? Yes No

If not, what is your citizenship? _____

Please identify yourself, checking all that apply. (This is an optional question.)

Asian American, Pacific Islander Native American White Hispanic, Latino

African American, Black Other (specify) _____ Multiracial (specify) _____

PREVIOUS SCHOOL INFORMATION

Please select all that apply.

I attend or attended a traditional high school.

I am a home-schooled student.

I attend or attended a Waldorf, Montessori, or other non-traditional school.

I expect to or have already earned my GED.

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

H.S. Graduation Date (mm/year)

Counselor's Name

Counselor's Phone

Please list all schools attended since high school

Years Attended

If you are not currently in school, please describe what you are doing.

Housing plans during the academic year: On Campus Off Campus With Parents

Do you plan to apply for financial aid? Yes No

Do you plan to enroll:

Full-time (12+ hours) ¾ Time (9-11 hours) ½ Time (6-8 hours) Less than ½

Please indicate if you are a:

- Child or Grandchild of a Shimer Alumnus/a
- National Merit Finalist
- National Merit Semifinalist
- Veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces

Enlist Date ____/____/____ *Discharge Date* ____/____/____

Please list any personal connections to Shimer College.

Full Name	Connection to you	Connection to Shimer
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

How have you learned about Shimer? Check as many as apply.

- Advertisements _____
- High School Teacher (name) _____
- Campus Visit/event (date) _____
- Alumni (name) _____
- College fair/high school visit _____
- Shimer Admission Counselor (name) _____
- College Guidebook/Reference Guide _____
- Family/friend _____
- Shimer website _____
- Received Shimer mailing _____
- Other (specify) _____

ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR INTERESTS

List the academic areas in which you have the greatest interest(e.g., Philosophy, Mathematics, Poetry)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

List the extracurricular or community activities you enjoy

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Do you have any extracurricular accomplishments you would like the Admission Committee to know about?

TEST SCORES:

If you plan to submit any of the following, please list the scores and test dates and have the official scores sent to Shimer College from the testing service or on your official transcript.

<i>Test</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Date</i>
ACT	_____	_____
SAT	_____	_____
GED	_____	_____
TOEFL	_____	_____

International applicants who do not speak English as a native language must achieve a TOEFL score of 100 or better on the internet-based test or 600 or better on the paper-based test.

Name of person submitting your letter of recommendation: _____

(Multiple recommendations are welcome, but only one is required. Academic recommendations from teachers are preferred. Weekend applicants may submit a recommendation from an employer or non-relative who knows you very well.)

ESSAYS:

Weekday Applicants: Please provide us with two carefully written, typed and substantive essays in response to the following prompts. Alternatively, you may submit two or three samples of expository writing of high quality. Essays should be a minimum of 500 words, but preferably at least two pages, double-spaced.

1. Describe an educational experience which you found to be rewarding or frustrating.
2. What book have you read recently that you found especially significant or valuable? What difference has it made in your life?

Weekend Applicants: Include a sample of writing that demonstrates your written communication skills.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

(If you have a resume, feel free to enclose it.)

Employer Position	Dates of employment
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The information supplied by me on this application is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

____/____/_____
Date

Non-Discrimination Statement: *Shimer college does not discriminate on the basis of sex, age, race, religion, sexual orientation including gender identity, national origin, or physical handicap in admittance of students, granting of financial aid, or hiring of employees.*