

HILLSDALE COLLEGE FOUNDED 1844

Hillsdale

**UNDERGRADUATE
APPLICATION
FOR ADMISSION**



Hillsdale Application Plans

APPLICATION PLAN	APPLICATION DEADLINE	DECISIONS MAILED	DEPOSIT DEADLINE
<p>Early Decision (<i>binding</i>)</p> <p>Accepted students are asked to withdraw applications from other institutions and deposit early.</p>	November 1	December 1	January 15
<p>Priority Scholarship Deadline (<i>non-binding</i>)</p> <p>Applicants wishing priority consideration for academic scholarships should apply Regular Decision but submit all materials no later than January 1.</p>	January 1	Within four weeks of completing an application file	May 1
<p>Regular Decision (<i>non-binding</i>)</p>	April 1	Within four weeks of completing an application file beginning December 15	May 1
<p>Spring Admission (<i>non-binding</i>)</p>	<p>December 15</p> <p>Priority consideration given to applications completed by November 1</p>	Within two weeks of completing an application file beginning November 15	Within reasonable advance of January registration

Scholarship consideration is granted to all applicants at all deadlines. No additional paperwork is required. Need-based financial aid consideration requires the Confidential Family Financial Statement, available online or from the Financial Aid Office (financialaid@hillsdale.edu). The FAFSA is not applicable.

Introduction and Application Procedures

Admission to Hillsdale College is a privilege extended to students able to benefit from and contribute to the academic and social environment of the College. Important qualifications for admission are intellectual preparation, ambition, and social concern; accordingly, grade average, test scores, strength of curriculum, extracurricular activities, interviews, volunteerism, work experience, and recommendations are each reviewed carefully and are important in the evaluation process. While some factors are necessarily more important than others, seldom is any single criterion, however important, decisive.

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

Before consideration is granted, this application must be completed in full detail and supplemented by the following items:

- **\$35 APPLICATION FEE:** This is intended to cover the cost of processing the application and cannot be refunded. Checks should be made payable to Hillsdale College. (*Online applications incur no fee*)
- **TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION:** Letters should be academic in nature and may be submitted directly to the Admissions Office.
- **TRANSCRIPT(S):** We require official grades from all institutions in which you have enrolled or are currently enrolled. This includes both high school and college (unless dual enrolled). If a high school transcript includes grades from past institutions, those institutions do not need to send a separate transcript.
- **STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES:** The ACT, CLT, or SAT is required. Results should be in the form of an official score report or the labeled copy on an official high school transcript. TOEFL or equivalent results from international applicants are optional additions.
- **WRITING SUPPLEMENT:** A response to two short answer questions and one essay is required.
- **RÉSUMÉ:** List extracurricular activities, leadership, volunteerism, and work experience, including duration/class years for each experience.
- **DEAN OF STUDENTS TRANSFER FORM:** This form is required only for transfer students and is available online.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Hillsdale College Admissions Office
33 East College Street
Hillsdale, MI 49242

Phone: (517) 607-2327 | Fax: (517) 607-2223

Beginning May 1, submitted applications with missing supplemental items will be reviewed with those materials on file.

ONLINE APPLICATION

Students who wish to submit their application online may do so via The Common Application or the Hillsdale College website (hillsdale.edu/apply). The \$35 application fee for paper applications is waived for students submitting their application online.

INTERVIEWS AND CAMPUS VISITS

All applicants to Hillsdale College are encouraged to sit for an Admissions interview before or soon after applying. Campus visits serve as the best means of arranging such an appointment, with itineraries that may also include a tour of campus, class lecture, meal in the Student Union, and even an overnight stay in a residence hall. Visits are arranged throughout the academic year. Visit our website to begin: hillsdale.edu/visit.

Regional interview opportunities, as well as online interviews for distance candidates, are occasionally available. Contact your admissions counselor for additional details.

Special Instructions

TRANSFER CANDIDATES

Students who wish to transfer to Hillsdale College from another college or university must submit the standard application, including their high school record and ACT/CLT/SAT scores, and forward transcripts from all colleges previously attended. In addition, they must submit a transfer evaluation form (available on the Hillsdale Admissions website) completed by the Dean of Students at their current college or university. If admitted to Hillsdale College, a transfer student may expect to receive an evaluation of transfer credit as determined by the Registrar.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Candidates for admission from other countries follow the customary entrance procedures while also being responsible to submit all transcripts with English translation. If this service is not available at your school or university, evaluations may be performed by one of the approved credential evaluation agencies, such as World Education Services (WES), or Educational Credentials, Inc. (ECE). Other reputable agencies can be found on the NACES website. Students whose first language is not English may demonstrate proficiency by submitting the results of the TOEFL or an equivalent test. While the ACT, CLT, or SAT is required of international applicants, the TOEFL is optional.

HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS

Candidates for admission from homeschooling backgrounds are required to submit high school transcripts from the primary educator. We prefer that courses be listed on one page, be organized by year/level, and include grades. Notations may be made if courses were taken in a variety of contexts (i.e. co-op, guild, association, etc.). Detailed course descriptions, textbooks used, and/or a high school reading list may be submitted in addition to a transcript, but should not exceed five pages. If a homeschool student dual-enrolled at the college level during his or her high school education, please submit official college transcripts once the courses are concluded to be considered for transfer credit.

Letters of recommendation should be written by individuals of no relation. If the primary educator is a parent, three letters may be submitted.

VETERAN ADMISSIONS

Veterans who have served honorably follow the usual undergraduate application process. A Commanding Officer Endorsement and the last two performance evaluations will supplement the typical two required letters of recommendation from academic / civilian references for Freedom Scholarship consideration. Once admitted, a copy of form DD214 Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty will be part of the final financial aid consideration process.

GUEST STUDENTS

Students in good standing at another institution who plan to return to that institution may apply to enroll briefly at Hillsdale College as guest students after filing a guest application with the Admissions Office. That application form (which is different from this one) is available at the records office of most colleges and universities.

SPECIAL STUDENTS

Permission is granted to a limited number of special students to enroll for fewer than the minimum number of credit hours carried by a regular student. These students pay the per-credit-hour tuition fee and enroll for not more than eleven hours of coursework each semester. The standard application procedure must be followed.



Date _____

APPLICATION TYPE

When do you intend to begin study? Year _____ Term: Fall Spring
Application Plan: Early Decision Regular Decision Spring Admission

PERSONAL INFORMATION

BACKGROUND

Prefix: Dr. Miss Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Full Legal Name (first, middle, last, suffix) _____

Preferred First Name _____ Home Country _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Current E-mail Address _____

Home/Parent's Phone _____ Student's Cell Phone _____

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth _____

Country of Birth _____ City, State of Birth _____

Country of Citizenship _____ Country of Dual Citizenship _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

PARENT 1

Relationship: Father Mother Step-Father Step-Mother Legal Guardian

Prefix: Dr. Miss Mr. Mrs. Ms.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Is this parent's address the same as yours?: Yes No Country _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Employer _____ Title _____

Parent's Highest Education Level: High School Trade School / Community College Undergraduate Graduate

Parent Colleges / Universities and Degrees _____

Has this parent served, or is this parent currently serving in the military?: Yes No

PARENT 2

Relationship: Father Mother Step-Father Step-Mother Legal Guardian

Prefix: Dr. Miss Mr. Mrs. Ms.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Is this parent's address the same as yours?: Yes No Country _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Employer _____ Title _____

Parent's Highest Education Level: High School Trade School / Community College Undergraduate Graduate

Parent Colleges / Universities and Degrees _____

Has this parent served, or is this parent currently serving in the military?: Yes No

SIBLINGS

Please list your siblings, their ages, and any colleges they have attended.

COLLEGE INTENTIONS

Admit Type: (see definitions right)

- Freshman
- Transfer
- High School Dual Enrollee
- Non-Degree Seeking

Course Load: Full-Time Part-Time

Most applicants choose Full-Time, which is 12 or more credits.

Freshman: applicant who is still in high school, or is a high school graduate who has never enrolled full-time as a degree-seeking college student.

Transfer: applicant who has graduated from high school and is currently enrolled (or was once enrolled) full-time as a degree-seeking college student.

High School Dual Enrollee: applicant who is currently a high school student located near Hillsdale, Michigan who desires to take one or more courses at Hillsdale College concurrently with high school courses.

Non-Degree Seeking: applicant who wishes to enroll in one or more courses but will not be working towards a degree at Hillsdale College and is not seeking a degree elsewhere.

What is your primary academic interest at Hillsdale? _____

To what other colleges or universities have you applied or do you plan to apply?: _____

SCHOOL HISTORY

If you have not already done so, please have official transcripts mailed directly to the Hillsdale College Admissions Office, or include sealed transcripts with this application.

HIGH SCHOOL 1

High School Name _____

School CEEB Code (if known) _____ High School Country _____

High School City _____ High School State _____

Attended from (month/year) _____ Attended to (month/year) _____

HIGH SCHOOL 2

High School Name _____

School CEEB Code (if known) _____ High School Country _____

High School City _____ High School State _____

Attended from (month/year) _____ Attended to (month/year) _____

If you have attended more than two high schools, please note that here and attach an additional sheet with this information for all schools.

COLLEGE CREDIT

Have you attended other colleges or universities for credit?: Yes No If yes, please list below:

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY 1

College / University Name _____

School CEEB Code (if known) _____ School Country _____

School City _____ School State _____

Attended from (month/year) _____ Attended to (month/year) _____

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY 2

College / University Name _____

School CEEB Code (if known) _____ School Country _____

School City _____ School State _____

Attended from (month/year) _____ Attended to (month/year) _____

If you have attended more than two colleges / universities, please note that here and attach an additional sheet with this information for all schools.

CURRENT CLASSES

Please list all classes in which you are currently enrolled.

Month / Year of Start	Course Name

TEST SCORES

If you have not already done so, please have your ACT, CLT, or SAT test results, and any Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) test results sent to the Hillsdale College Admissions Office.

ACT

Have you taken the ACT?: Yes No If yes, test date (month/day/year): _____

Composite _____ English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____

CLT

Have you taken the CLT?: Yes No If yes, test date (month/day/year): _____

Total _____

Quantitative Reasoning _____ Verbal Reasoning _____ Grammar / Writing _____

CLT10

Have you taken the CLT10?: Yes No If yes, test date (month/day/year): _____

Total _____

Quantitative Reasoning _____ Verbal Reasoning _____ Grammar / Writing _____

SAT

Have you taken the SAT?: Yes No If yes, test date (month/day/year): _____

Total _____ Evidence-Based Reading / Writing _____ Math _____

SAT (2400 PTS)

Have you taken the SAT (2400 pts): Yes No If yes, test date (month/day/year): _____

Combined (CR+M+W) _____ Critical Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

IELTS

Have you taken the IELTS?: Yes No If yes, test date (month/day/year): _____

Overall Band Score _____

Listening _____ Reading _____ Writing _____ Speaking _____

TOEFL

Have you taken the TOEFL?: Yes No If yes, test date (month/day/year): _____

TOEFL Test Type: Internet-Based Test (iBT) Paper-Based Test (<June 2017) Revised Paper-Delivered Test

Internet-Based TOEFL Test Score:

Total _____ Listening _____ Reading _____ Writing _____ Speaking _____

Paper-Based Test (<June 2017):

Total _____ Listening Comprehension _____ Reading Comprehension _____

Structure / Written Expression _____ Test of Written English _____

Revised Paper-Delivered Test:

Total _____ Listening _____ Reading _____ Writing _____

AP/IB

Have you taken any AP or IB Tests?: Yes No If yes, please list subjects, dates, and scores, if available:

Subject	Testing Date	Score

SAT SUBJECT

Have you taken any SAT Subject Tests?: Yes No If yes, please list subjects, dates, and scores, if available:

Subject	Testing Date	Score

FUTURE TESTS

Do you plan to take the ACT, CLT, and/or SAT in the future?: Yes No

If yes, test date (month/day/year): _____

HILLSDALE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Please list any current Hillsdale College students or alumni (and graduation year) to whom you are related or with whom you are acquainted, along with your relationship.

Please list any faculty or staff of Hillsdale College (past or present) to whom you are related or with whom you are acquainted, along with your relationship.

If any siblings are also applying to Hillsdale College this year, please list full legal name(s).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HILLSDALE INTRODUCTION

How did you first learn about Hillsdale College?:

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| <input type="radio"/> Athletic Recruit | <input type="radio"/> <i>Imprimis</i> Newsletter |
| <input type="radio"/> College Fair | <input type="radio"/> Mailed Brochure or Other Print Piece |
| <input type="radio"/> College Ranking Publication/Website | <input type="radio"/> Newspaper/Magazine/Other Publication |
| <input type="radio"/> E-mail Communication | <input type="radio"/> Online Search |
| <input type="radio"/> Friend/Family/Word of Mouth | <input type="radio"/> Referred by Coach/Teacher/Guidance Counselor/Director |
| <input type="radio"/> High School Visit | <input type="radio"/> Talk Radio |
| <input type="radio"/> Hillsdale College Online Courses | <input type="radio"/> Other/Unsure |

MILITARY SERVICE

Have you served in the military?: Yes No

If yes, branch of service: Air Force Army Coast Guard Marine Corps National Guard Navy

Date of Separation, or anticipated (month/day/year): _____

DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

Have you ever been suspended from school or placed on academic probation?: Yes No

If yes, please explain (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime?: Yes No

If yes, please explain (attach additional pages if necessary): _____

EXPLANATIONS

Please explain, if necessary, any irregularities in your high school and post-secondary education, such as a gap year, changing high schools, or graduating late or early (attach additional pages if necessary):

Please share with us how COVID-19 impacted your studies and what actions, if any, your school took to continue your education. You may choose to mention online classes, interaction with teachers, study and homework schedule, or grading policy (attach additional pages if necessary):

If there is additional information you would like to be considered with your application for admission, please explain here (attach additional pages if necessary):

RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations can be mailed or e-mailed directly to the Hillsdale College Admissions Office, or included with your application in sealed envelopes that have been signed on the outer seal.

ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION 1

Prefix: Dr. Miss Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Full Name _____

Organization _____

Title _____ Relationship to you _____

Primary Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION 2

Prefix: Dr. Miss Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Full Name _____

Organization _____

Title _____ Relationship to you _____

Primary Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____

FINANCIAL AID CONSIDERATION

Do you plan to apply for need-based aid?: Yes No

If yes, you must complete Hillsdale College's Confidential Family Financial Statement, available online at hillsdale.edu/cffs. The CFFS is encouraged for all applicants, but not required.

Would you like your application file to be reviewed for merit scholarship(s)?: Yes No

No additional paperwork is necessary. No award can be made prior to a student's application and admission. Priority fall term application date is January 1, with continuous awards being made after the priority date as funds remain available. An admissions interview is highly encouraged.

Would you like to be considered for Division II varsity athletic scholarship?: Yes No

If yes, please contact the coaches in your sport(s) of interest. Departmental deadlines and requirements apply.

Would you like to be considered for art department scholarship(s)?: Yes No

If yes, please visit artscholarship.hillsdale.edu. Departmental deadlines and requirements apply.

Would you like to be considered for music department scholarship(s)?: Yes No

If yes, please visit hillsdale.edu/musicscholarship. Departmental deadlines and requirements apply.

Would you like to be considered for theatre department scholarship(s)?: Yes No

If yes, please contact James Brandon, departmental chairman, at jbrandon@hillsdale.edu. Departmental deadlines and requirements apply.

Are you currently or do you plan soon to become an Eagle Scout?: Yes No

If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Are you a member of the Christian Service Brigade?: Yes No

If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status and brigade number: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Are you a member of Trail Life USA?: Yes No

If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Have you served in the military?: Yes No

If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

Have one or more parents served in the military?: Yes No

If yes, you may qualify for associated scholarship, and should be certain Financial Aid is aware of your current status: financialaid@hillsdale.edu.

RÉSUMÉ

Please indicate notable extracurricular activities, leadership positions, volunteerism, work experience, and any academic or community honors. You may also attach a supplemental résumé, but all entries should include all of the information below, including dates and durations.

ACTIVITY 1

Activity Name _____

Positions held, if any: _____

Description of activity and any accomplishments: _____

Participated from (*month/year*) _____ Participated to (*month/year*) _____

Hours / Week _____ Weeks / Year _____

ACTIVITY 2

Activity Name _____

Positions held, if any: _____

Description of activity and any accomplishments: _____

Participated from (*month/year*) _____ Participated to (*month/year*) _____

Hours / Week _____ Weeks / Year _____

ACTIVITY 3

Activity Name _____

Positions held, if any: _____

Description of activity and any accomplishments: _____

Participated from (*month/year*) _____ Participated to (*month/year*) _____

Hours / Week _____ Weeks / Year _____

ACTIVITY 4

Activity Name _____

Positions held, if any: _____

Description of activity and any accomplishments: _____

Participated from (*month/year*) _____ Participated to (*month/year*) _____

Hours / Week _____ Weeks / Year _____

ACTIVITY 5

Activity Name _____

Positions held, if any: _____

Description of activity and any accomplishments: _____

Participated from (*month/year*) _____ Participated to (*month/year*) _____

Hours / Week _____ Weeks / Year _____

ACTIVITY 6

Activity Name _____

Positions held, if any: _____

Description of activity and any accomplishments: _____

Participated from (*month/year*) _____ Participated to (*month/year*) _____

Hours / Week _____ Weeks / Year _____

ACTIVITY 7

Activity Name _____

Positions held, if any: _____

Description of activity and any accomplishments: _____

Participated from (*month/year*) _____ Participated to (*month/year*) _____

Hours / Week _____ Weeks / Year _____

WRITING: SHORT ANSWER

On separate paper to supplement this application, please prepare answers to *both* of the following two short answer questions. Please include the prompts with your answer. Responses should be 250 words or less.

SHORT ANSWER 1

Hillsdale's classical liberal arts curriculum teaches students "the best that has been thought, written, and said" throughout Western history and across disciplines. How do you hope this approach to education will prepare you for life after college?

SHORT ANSWER 2

Since its founding in 1844, Hillsdale College has aimed to develop the minds and improve the hearts of its students. How will your partnership in our community aid us in this work?

WRITING: ESSAY

On separate paper to supplement this application, please prepare an answer to one of the essay prompts below. Please include the prompt with your response. Your essay should be 650 words or less in length.

PROMPT 1

Hillsdale College considers itself a trustee of modern man's spiritual and intellectual inheritance tracing to Athens and Jerusalem, a heritage finding its clearest expression in the American experiment of self-government under law. Hillsdale students study timeless, centuries-old wisdom and what it means to live by it.

What have you inherited? How does that inheritance manifest itself in your life?

PROMPT 2

The Hillsdale College Honor Code asks students to be "honorable in conduct, honest in word and deed, dutiful in study and service, and respectful of the rights of others." These habits, and the education that accompanies them, help students rise to "self-government."

Using personal experience, or historical, literary, or artistic examples, discuss the necessary connection between virtue and a self-governed life.

PROMPT 3

Discuss how an event or circumstance, literary or artistic work, or personal experience has significantly influenced your life.

PROMPT 4

What is good character and why is it important? You may cite examples from literature, the arts, science, politics, history, athletics, business, education, or your own personal experience.

Which prompt have you chosen?: 1 2 3 4

EARLY DECISION AGREEMENT

FOR FALL TERM, EARLY DECISION APPLICANTS ONLY

I wish to be considered as an Early Decision candidate at Hillsdale College. I confirm that if I am admitted to Hillsdale College as an Early Decision candidate, I will submit an enrollment deposit by January 15 and commit to attending classes in the fall. I understand that the Early Decision application is binding, and that while I may apply to other institutions, I may only have one Early Decision application pending at any time. If I am admitted, and once I have received notification about financial aid from Hillsdale College, I will withdraw my applications to other institutions and make no additional applications. If I apply for need-based financial aid and am not offered an award which makes my attendance possible, I may decline the offer of admission and be released from the Early Decision commitment. Hillsdale College may withdraw my offer of admission at any time if these conditions are not met.

Signature and Date: _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

By my signature, or if under the age of 18, my parent/guardian's signature, I/we fully understand and accept the terms and conditions stated below:

- My application, including all supplemental items, are (or if not yet submitted, will be) to the best of my knowledge true and complete.
- I understand Hillsdale College has the right to withdraw acceptance or dismiss any student.
- I agree to notify Hillsdale College if there are any changes to the information submitted with this application, including disciplinary history.
- I authorize all schools to release all academic records in full to Hillsdale College. I authorize all schools to discuss my application, academic records, character, and recommendations on my behalf.
- I understand that files submitted will not be returned and may remain in my record.

Signature and Date: _____



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