



MONTESSORI
HIGH SCHOOL
AT UNIVERSITY CIRCLE

Montessori High School at University Circle

2017-2018 Academic Year Application



Application Checklist

Please use the list below to ensure you submit a complete application. When all of the below materials have been completed and have been received by the school, your application will be complete. Please note that the below materials do have different deadlines.

Due prior to Student Shadow Experience

- ☐ General Information
- ☐ Short Answer Questions
- ☐ \$50.00 Application Fee

- ☐ Student Shadow Experience

Completed on: _____

Due after the Student Shadow Experience

Deadline: December 15th

- ☐ Essay Questions
- ☐ Parent Statement
- ☐ School Counselor or Principal Recommendation
- ☐ English Teacher Recommendation
- ☐ Math Teacher Recommendation
- ☐ Community Member Recommendation
- ☐ Official School Transcripts

General Information

To be considered for admission for the 2017-2018 Academic Year, please complete all below sections with current and accurate information. Print clearly.

Applicant Information

First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Birth Date: _____
Month Day Year

Present Age: _____ Present Grade: _____

Grade Applying For: _____

Gender:

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Self-Identify _____

If you select self-identify, please explain.

Home Address

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City State/Province

Postal/Zip Code Country

Country of Citizenship: _____

Country of Birth: _____

Dual Citizenship

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please list the countries of citizenship.

Applicant's Personal Email:

Applicant's Home Phone:

Applicant's Cell Phone:

Parents' or Guardians' Information

1: Parent or Guardian

First Name:

 Last Name:

Relationship to Applicant:

☐ Parent

☐ Guardian

☐ Other

If you select other, please explain.

Home Address – If different from above

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City

 State/Province

Postal/Zip Code

 Country

Email: _____

Home Phone Number – If different from above: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____

2: Parent or Guardian

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant:

☐ Parent

☐ Guardian

☐ Other

If you select other, please explain.

Home Address – If different from above

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

City *State/Province*

Postal/Zip Code *Country*

Email: _____

Home Phone Number – If different from above: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Employer: _____

Title: _____

Applicants' parents or guardians are:

- ☐ Married
- ☐ Domestic partners
- ☐ Single parent
- ☐ Separated
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed

Applicant lives with:

- ☐ Mother
- ☐ Father
- ☐ Both parents
- ☐ Guardian(s)
- ☐ Other

Siblings

Full Name

Grade

Gender

Indicate relatives that have attended MHS.

Full Name

Relationship

Class of

Indicate all schools attended in the last five years.

School Name

City/State

Dates Attended

Grades

Has applicant received social services?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain.

Has applicant ever received severe disciplinary censure at school or from the community?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain.

Has applicant ever been asked to withdraw by school?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain.

Has applicant ever been expelled?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain.

Applicant Personal Statement

Responses can be written on the lines provided under each question or a handwritten or printed copy can be attached to the application. If you choose to attach a printed copy, please use Times New Roman, size 12 font. Short answer responses and essay responses should be attached separately.

Short Answer Questions

Please answer each questions in 100-200 words.

1. Tell us about the school or after-school activity that is most important to you. Explain why it is important.

2. What is the most interesting thing you have learned in the past school year?

3. Describe any jobs held, volunteer work performed, or community service performed. If school related, please indicate.

4. Imagine you have just reached your one millionth hit on YouTube. What is your video about?

Essay Questions

Essay questions should be answered 450-550 words.

Choose one essay from the selection below. Indicate which question number you have chosen to answer at the beginning of your response. Please attach your answer on a separate sheet of paper.

1. If you could trade lives for one day with an ordinary unknown person in any part of the world, who and where would it be? Why did you choose this person and place? What would you hope to learn, and what would you expect the person you've swapped with to learn from your life?
2. An openness to diversity is at the core of true understanding and respect. In your opinion, what is the meaning of diversity and how does it influence your growth as an individual? How would you uphold that in a community?
3. Imagine that you are backpacking through a country you have never been to before. Your backpack includes three items that will help the local people learn about your family and culture. What are those three items, and how do they represent your family and cultures?
4. If you were given the ability to travel back in time to any period in history, where would you go to and why?
5. Choose a movie or novel where the main character makes a difficult choice. Do you agree or disagree with the decision the character made and why?

Declaration

I/We do hereby attest that the information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. I/We further acknowledge that the submission of this application permits Montessori High School at University Circle to review transcripts, test scores, evaluations, and recommendations about the applicant in the determination of admission. I/We hereby certify that I/we will notify Montessori High School at University Circle if I/we wish to withdraw this application or halt the review process.

Applicant Signature

Date

1: Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

2: Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Montessori High School at University Circle provides equal opportunity for all students and applicants for admission or employment, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, veteran status, age, or sex in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, employment policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, and other school-administered programs and activities. Discrimination on the basis of disability in educational programs, activities, and employment at Montessori High School at University Circle is prohibited.

Applicant References

Montessori High School at University Circle does not require applicants to sit for The Independent School Entrance Exam (ISEE). However, we do require several recommendations. This requirement helps to establish a more complete view of the applicant. Taken in conjunction with your general application and your transcripts, these recommendations help the Admissions Committee better understand you as an individual and as a potential member of our community.

Please select one:

- ☐ I/We waive my/our right of access to recommendation letters as accorded me/us by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. I/we understand a copy of this waiver may be sent with the letter of evaluation.
- ☐ I/We do not waive my/our right of access to the letters. I choose to maintain my/our right of access to this letter accorded me/us by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. I understand a copy of this waiver may be sent with the letter of evaluation.

Applicant Signature

Date

1: Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

2: Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Please provide the names and email addresses for your school counselor or principal, your English teacher, your math teacher, and a community member of your choosing below.

Teachers must have worked with the applicant within the last three years.

Community members may be an adult who is not related to the applicant, but who knows the applicant well. You may choose anyone who interacts with the applicant on a regular basis such as an additional classroom teacher, an employer, a music instructor, a coach, or a member of his or her religious community.

MHS will distribute the recommendations directly to these individuals by email. Please notify your references that they will be receiving an email from our Admissions Office.

School Counselor or Principal Name

Email

English Teacher Name

Email

Math Teacher Name

Email

Community Member Name

Email

Parent Statement

Parents or guardians may work together to answer the questions below on behalf of their child. Please include the names and email addresses of all parents or guardians involved in completing this statement. Alternatively, parents or guardians can submit individual statements.

The deadline for submission is December 15th.

1: Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

2: Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Please introduce us to your family.

Describe your child's personality, including his or her temperament and distinctive qualities.

Describe your child's talents, hobbies, and educational interests.

Which academic subjects have most challenged your child in his or her current school? Is there a subject from which he or she has most benefited?

Please describe the learning environment that you believe will encourage your child's educational success.

Please briefly describe a typical week of school for your child. Include any school or after-school activities your child is involved in.

What are your child's greatest areas of need, and what steps have been taken to address these concerns?

Describe your child's relationship with his or her peers.

What do you perceive are your child's strengths?

The Montessori High School at University Circle mission and curriculum emphasizes the importance of respect, responsibility, integrity, and community. How do you model or instill these values at home?

Share an anecdote about your child that will give us insight into his or her character.

Please share any additional information about your child that will help us to better know him or her.

How to Submit

Families can submit the application in the following ways:

- **Online**

Families can access all components of the application online. To start the process, visit <https://form.jotform.com/62455518559163>.

- **Email or Fax**

Families can complete the PDF version of the application by either printing it out or using Adobe Acrobat. Printed versions can be completed by hand, scanned, and submitted by email or by fax.

Please print clearly using either a black or blue pen. If submitting by email, please send to admissions@montessorihighschool.org. If submitting by fax, please send to 216-421-1874.

- **Hardcopy**

Families can drop off completed hardcopy applications at the Main Office in Lillard Hall, located at 11025 Magnolia Drive, Cleveland, Ohio 44106. The applications can be turned into the Office Administrator.

In the event that the office is closed, families can use the mail drop, located to the left of the entrance, to submit their application. A member of the Admissions Team will notify you that the application has been received when the office reopens.

The deadline for submission is December 15th. The application will be considered complete only when all required components of the application have been received and the application fee has been paid in full.

When Montessori High School at University Circle has received the completed application, the application will be reviewed by the Admissions Committee. Families can expect to be notified of admission decisions in February.

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