FRESHMAN APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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APPLYING TO MEREDITH
What you need to know

Important Dates:
Freshman Early Decision
Deadline: October 30

Freshman Regular Decision
Recommended Deadline: February 15*
Applications received after deadlines are considered on a space available basis.

Decisions are made within three weeks of receipt of a complete application.

Follow instructions carefully. Call 800-MEREDITH or email admissions@meredith.edu for assistance.

Requirements
Freshman Applicants:
Units of Credit
A minimum of 16 units earned in grades 9-12. Your program of study must include the following:

English ........................................ 4 units
Foreign Language .......................... 2 units
Mathematics ................................. 3 units
(Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry or a higher level course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite)
Science ..................................... 3 units
History/Social Studies .................... 3 units
Electives .................................... 1 unit
Class rank - when available.

Official High School Transcript
Attention is given to rigor of coursework, grades earned and grade trends.

Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) required
Composite scores are reviewed with attention given to reading and math. If English is your second language, submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Recommendations from school officials
Using the enclosed forms, please provide recommendations from school officials. The High School Official Recommendation should be completed by your high school counselor or other administrator. The Teacher Recommendation should be completed by a teacher who has taught you in an academic subject in your junior or senior year.

Interviews/Campus Visits
A campus visit is highly recommended. To schedule a visit and/or admission interview, contact the Office of Admissions at 919-760-8581 or admissions@meredith.edu. The Office of Admissions may request an interview, additional writing sample and/or additional recommendations.

Admissions Procedures
A complete application includes:
• completed and signed application, including essay
• $40 non-refundable application fee or acceptable fee waiver (checks and credit cards accepted)
• school official transcript
• school official recommendation
• teacher recommendation
• SAT/ACT scores

Home-Schooled Students
In addition to items listed above please submit:
• official transcript from each traditional high school attended (if any)
• GED certificate, unless high school graduation will be recognized by the state in which the home-school diploma will be issued
• one recommendation from a reference who is not related to the applicant (if applicable)
• interview with an admissions officer

Early Decision Plan
(see page 11)
If Meredith is your first choice for college, apply under the Early Decision Plan. The ED agreement is binding. If accepted you will:
• enroll at Meredith;
• withdraw applications from all other colleges; and
• submit a non-refundable $100 deposit by December 15.

To be considered, check the Freshman Early Decision box on the front of your application and submit your completed and signed application with supporting credentials by October 30. You must also submit the Early Decision Form on page 11. You will receive an admissions decision by November 15. If you also wish to receive an early decision financial aid estimate, the Early Decision Financial Assistance Application must be received by November 10. You will receive an estimated award by December 1. Your final award will be confirmed after your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been received.

Financial Aid
Meredith requires the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for applicants wishing to receive federal aid. FAFSA deadline is February 15. FAFSA’s received after this date will be considered with preference given to those received by February 15. The FAFSA is available beginning January 1 at www.FAFSA.ed.gov.

Competitive Scholarships
Academic Merit Scholarships – Your complete application for admission is your application for merit scholarships. No additional application is required.

Talent Scholarships – Separate applications are required for Art, Music and Interior Design. Request an application from the Office of Admissions. The deadline for submitting scholarship applications is January 15.

Meredith Legacy and Presidential Scholarships – Your completed Application for Admission and your Honors Program Application serve as your Meredith Legacy and Presidential Scholar Application(s). Your Application for Admission and your Honors Program Application must be complete (all documents submitted) by January 15 to be considered for talent scholarships.

Meredith Scholarship and Paschal Scholarship
Other Scholarships – The Thomas Meredith Scholarship and Paschal Scholarship (for students with mathematics, engineering, biology or chemistry interest) require submission of a scholarship application. You may request either application from the Admission Office or online at www.meredith.edu/financial_assistance/scholarships/.

Honors Program
For those gifted and motivated students seeking an enriched academic program, Meredith College offers an Honors Program. Honors Program applications are due by January 15, along with your completed application for admission, and are available through the Office of Admissions. Students who wish to be considered for the College’s most prestigious academic scholarships, the Meredith Legacy and Presidential Scholarships, should apply through the Honors Program.
Application for Freshman Undergraduate Admission

I am applying as a:  
- [ ] Freshman Early Decision*  
- [ ] Freshman Regular Decision  
*complete and sign the agreement on page 11

I am applying for admission beginning in the term:  
- [ ] August of ______ (year)  
- [ ] January of ______ (year)  
*complete and sign the agreement on page 12

I plan to reside:  
- [ ] On-campus  
- [ ] At home (local students only)*  
*complete and sign the agreement on page 12

Will you be applying for financial aid?  
- [ ] Yes  
- [ ] No

Personal Information (All information provided is confidential and only used by Meredith College)

Legal name _________________________________________________________________ /____________________  
first                               middle or maiden                              last                       preferred or nickname

U.S. Social Security number  _________ – ________ – ___________   Date of birth  ________ / ______ / __________  
month             day           year

Permanent address ___________________________________________________________ /____________________  
street, route                                                                                               county
province                                                                                         country  
   city                                   state                           ZIP/postal code
   Home Phone (_______)

Mailing address (if different) ___________________________________________________________ /____________________  
street, route                                                                                               county
province                                                                                         country  
   city                                   state                           ZIP/postal code
   Telephone (_______)

E-mail ________________________________________________________Cell Phone (_______)

The Office of Admissions will contact you a number of ways regarding your application, however, we wish to 
know your preference for how we communicate with you. Please check all that apply: 
Email___  Cell Phone___  Home Phone___  Text Message___

Are you a veteran?  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Yes

Are you a North Carolina resident?  
- [ ] No  
- [ ] Yes   If yes, how long? ____________________  
If no, or less than a year, where? ____________________

Country of citizenship  
- [ ] USA  
- [ ] Other ____________________  
If OTHER, please specify country & complete applicable questions in shaded box below.

If any of the above information changes, please contact the Admissions Office.

If Not a US Citizen

1. Are you a resident alien (also called permanent resident)?  
   - [ ] YES  
   - [ ] NO  
   If YES, please indicate alien registration number and skip to question 5:

2. Are you currently in the U.S.?  
   - [ ] YES  
   - [ ] NO   If YES, please specify visa type or special circumstances:

   - [ ] YES  
   - [ ] NO

(Additional information will be requested if you are accepted for admission)

3. Will you require a student (F-1) visa?  
   - [ ] YES  
   - [ ] NO   If YES, indicate your country of birth: ____________________

4. Are you a dual citizen (a citizen of more than one country)?  
   - [ ] YES  
   - [ ] NO   If YES, which country’s passport will you use when entering the U.S.? ____________________

5. Is English your native language?  
   - [ ] YES  
   - [ ] NO  
   Was English the primary language of instruction in your most recent schooling?  
   - [ ] YES  
   - [ ] NO

A photocopy of passport, permanent resident card, Visa and/or I-94 card will be required if accepted for 
admission. Further information will also be required for F-1 Visa holders.

Meredith College admits qualified women students without regard to race, 
creed, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age or disability.
Optional Information *(used for statistical studies and reports)*

**How did you first become interested in Meredith College?** (check one)
- Alumna
- Current Student
- Family
- Friend
- College Fair
- Meredith Publications
- Internet
- Guidance Counselor
- Athletics
- Other

**Race and Ethnic Origin**

Are you Hispanic or Latina?  
- Yes  
- No

*If yes, family’s country(ies) of origin ________________________

Please select one or more of the following groups of which you consider yourself a member:
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- White

**Religious Preference:** ____________________________

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### Family Information

Parent/Guardian name ____________________________ first  middle  last  Is he/she living?  
- YES  
- NO

This is my primary parent/guardian  
- YES  
- NO  Relationship: ____________________________

Home address ____________________________

street, route or PO Box ____________________________

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Home phone (____) ____________________________ Cell phone (____) ____________________________

College ____________________________ if applicable

Graduate school ____________________________ if applicable

Occupation/Position ____________________________

Employer ____________________________ Work phone (____) ____________________________

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Graduate school ____________________________ if applicable

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Employer ____________________________ Work phone (____) ____________________________
Please list any Meredith College graduates/current students to whom you are related:

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**Academic & Career Interest**

Indicate any field of interest, intended major, or career or professional goals you are considering (List in order of preference.)

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

To what other colleges have you applied? (Optional)

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

**Academic Information**

Beginning with 9th grade, list ALL high schools, colleges and universities, including summer schools, you have attended for academic credit, including the institution you are currently attending.

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When do/did you graduate from high school? (month/year) _____ / __

High School is  ☐ public  ☐ private  ☐ home school  ☐ early college high school

Have you or will you take any of the following: please list all dates (month/year), including future testing:

SAT  ☐ YES  ☐ NO  When __________________________

ACT  ☐ YES  ☐ NO  When __________________________

TOEFL  ☐ YES  ☐ NO  When __________________________

IELTS  ☐ YES  ☐ NO  When __________________________
List all courses in which you are currently enrolled. If not currently enrolled, check here and answer the questions below this shaded box.

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List any other courses you expect to take before entering Meredith College.

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If you are not currently enrolled in an educational program, please provide information about how you have spent your time since leaving school.

_________________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________
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**Academic Honors**

Briefly describe any scholastic distinctions or honors you have been awarded beginning with the ninth grade. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed or a resume, if preferred. Include your name on any attachments.

_________________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________

Have you participated in your state's Governor's School Program?  ○ YES  ○ NO

**Co-Curricular Activities**

Attach additional sheet(s) if needed or a complete resume is acceptable. Include your name on any attachments.

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Essay
The following two-part writing sample is an important component of your application. Please submit your thoughtful response to the following questions (maximum combined length should be no longer than 500 words):
   A. Describe the attributes of a Meredith education that make it a good fit for your future.
   B. Provide a personal example which demonstrates your commitment to planning, pursuing, and reaching your goals in the face of challenge.

The Honor System
The Honor System is a long-cherished tradition and a basis for all life at Meredith College. Based upon the principles of integrity, fulfillment of community obligations and responsibility to others, the purpose of the Honor System is to maintain an atmosphere of trust and honor throughout the Meredith community. The willingness of each student to accept full responsibility for her actions and to abide by the standards set by her peers is imperative to a community of mutual trust. Every student who attends Meredith must commit herself to abide by and uphold Meredith’s Honor Code and system of self-government by signing the Honor Pledge during orientation. When you sign your application to Meredith College, you indicate that you are aware of the importance of the Honor System and, if enrolled, will be responsible for ensuring that the Honor System is at all times the standard for individual and community behavior.

Character Statement (Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.)
1. Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at your school from 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal or expulsion from your institution?  ○ YES  ○ NO

2. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other crime?  ○ YES  ○ NO

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please attach a separate sheet of paper outlining the approximate date of each incident and explaining the circumstances.

Condition of Admission
This application is made with the understanding and agreement that the applicant, upon admission, will be subject to the rules and regulations of Meredith College governing admission and retention of students, as outlined in the catalogue statement titled “Conditions of Admission.”

Student Statement
I certify that all information given in this application is complete and accurate. By signing and submitting this application, I indicate my willingness to accept both the responsibilities and privileges of the Honor System of Meredith College and all other conditions of admission.

Signature__________________________________________ Date _______________

Enclose a $40 non-refundable application fee or acceptable fee waiver and return in the envelope provided along with Application. (Credit card payment available by calling the Office of Admissions at 1-800-MEREDITH)
High School Recommendation

To the Freshman Applicant:

Complete the shaded box below and give this form to your high school counselor, principal or other school official. Please request that this form be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions.

Name ____________________________________________________________________________________________
first              middle              last

Address __________________________________________________________________________________________
street, route or PO Box

city                            state                            ZIP/postal code
province                             country

Applying for:  ○ August     ○ January     _________ (year)

I recognize the confidential nature of this document and  ○ I do  ○ I do not  waive my right to access.

Student’s signature ________________________ Date __________________

To the School Official:

1. Complete all information requested on the front and back of this form.
2. Attach a copy of the applicant’s high school transcript.
3. Return this form and transcript directly to the Office of Admissions.

Name of school ___________________________ CEEB/ACT Code ______________

Address _________________________________________________________________________________________

College Counseling phone (_______)_________________ College Counseling fax (_______)____________________

Accreditation by ___________________________  ○ Public School  ○ Private School

Percent graduates entering 4-year college _______ 2-year college _______ Other ________

Passing mark ______

Are honors courses indicated on transcript?  ○ YES  ○ NO

Is it your policy to record courses failed?  ○ YES  ○ NO

Is your school on block scheduling?  ○ YES  ○ NO

Class rank _____ out of ______ students as of _______ /_______

Is the rank weighted?  ○ YES  ○ NO

School does not rank ______

In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school, the applicant’s course selection is:

○ Most Demanding  ○ Very Demanding  ○ Demanding  ○ Average  ○ Below Average

FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS ONLY: Will the student’s home school graduation be recognized by her state of residence?  ○ YES  ○ NO

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1. Has the applicant ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at your school from 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in the applicant’s probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from your institution?

☐ YES  ☐ NO  ☐ School policy prohibits response

2. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other crime?

☐ YES  ☐ NO

Is the student recommended for admission to Meredith College?  (Required Information)

☐ YES  ☐ NO  ☐ Prefer not to respond

Comments (attach additional page as needed)

_________________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________

Signature ____________________________ Title ____________________________ Date ___________

Printed name ____________________________ E-mail address ____________________________

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meredith.edu
Teacher Recommendation

To the Applicant:
Please complete the shaded box below, give to the person indicated and request this form be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions.

This form is to be completed by a teacher who has taught you in an academic subject in grade 11 or 12.

Name___________________________________________________________________________________________
first                    middle              last
Address _________________________________________________________________________________________
street, route or PO Box ______________________________________________________________________________
city                            state                            ZIP/postal code province country
Applying for:  ☐ August  ☐ January  _________ (year)

To the Teacher:
1. Complete all information requested on the front and back of this form.
2. Return this form directly to the Office of Admissions.

1. How long have you known this student?
   ☐ Less than two years  ☐ Two to four years  ☐ More than four years

2. What subject(s) have you taught her and in what academic years?
_________________________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________________________
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3. Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below:

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4. Would you expect this student to respond positively to a community that expects personal integrity in both academic and social matters?

☐ YES  ☐ NO  If “NO,” please explain:

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

5. Please use the space below to make any further comments regarding the individual abilities and/or needs of the student.

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________________________________

6. Do you recommend this student to Meredith College?

☐ YES  ☐ NO

Signature __________________________ Date ________________

Printed name ________________________________________

Name of institution ______________________________________

Address ___________________________________________ Phone (_____)

E-mail address ________________________

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Early Decision Plan

The Meredith College Early Decision admission plan is recommended for first-time freshmen whose first choice is Meredith. An Early Decision application is a binding commitment that means you will enroll at Meredith if accepted. You will receive notification of the admissions decision by November 15.

To be considered under the Early Decision plan you must:
- Check the Freshman Early Decision box on page one of your application for admission;
- Complete this Early Decision Agreement;
- File no Early Decision requests with other colleges or universities;
- Submit your completed admission application and your signed agreement by October 30 of your senior year to receive a decision by November 15;
- If applying for an early decision on financial assistance, submit the Meredith College Early Decision Financial Assistance Application by November 10 in order to receive an estimated award by December 1. The Meredith College Early Decision Financial Assistance Application will be mailed to you upon submission of your Early Decision undergraduate admission application.*

If you are accepted to Meredith under the Early Decision Plan, you agree:
- To withdraw any other applications you may have filed with other colleges or universities;
- To submit a non-refundable $100 deposit to Meredith by December 15 to reserve your place in the class;
- To enroll in the incoming freshman class at Meredith College.

*If the student’s demonstrated financial need determined by the Meredith College Early Decision Financial Assistance Application is not met, the accepted early decision candidate is released from the enrollment requirement.

Meredith College Early Decision Agreement

Name of Applicant_________________________________________________________________________________
first          middle   last

Address ____________________________________________________________
street, route or PO Box _____________________________________________
city                            state                            ZIP/postal code
province

If accepted at Meredith College, I agree to enroll. I will submit a non-refundable $100 deposit by December 15 to reserve my place in the class and withdraw applications from all other colleges and universities at that time.

Signature of Applicant__________________________________________________  Date ______________________

Signature of Parent or Guardian__________________________________________ Date _____________________

(parent/guardian signature required if you are under 18 years of age at the time you apply for admission)

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Off-Campus Housing Request (Commuter)

Meredith College takes pride in its academic community and feels strongly that the residence life experience is an integral part of that community. However, Meredith allows students in the following categories to reside off-campus if that is their preference:

Please check all conditions that apply:

☐ Student will reside locally with parent(s) or spouse.

☐ Student will be 21 years of age or older at the time of enrollment. NOTE: Campus housing is usually available only to full-time undergraduate degree-seeking students under the age of 23 (see catalogue). International students, 23 or older, enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program may request special consideration for on-campus housing.

Please check below if you have a special request for commuter status:

☐ Student requests special permission from the Dean of Students to reside with someone other than a parent or spouse. If you check this option, complete shaded box below.

Please read and sign below:

I understand that I am responsible for finding suitable housing if accepted for admission as a commuting student. If I do not qualify for off-campus residency as defined by Meredith College, I understand I will be contacted and given the opportunity to change my application status to on-campus residency.

Printed name __________________________________________________
Student’s signature ____________________________________________ Date _________________

If you are requesting special permission to live off-campus, please provide us with the following information concerning the person with whom you plan to reside should you attend Meredith College:

Name of person with whom you plan to live ________________________________
Relationship ________________________________ Age __________________
Address ____________________________________________
street, route or PO Box _______________________________________
city state ZIP ____________________________
Telephone Number (_______)____________________ Occupation __________________________
Place of Employment ________________________________________________
Marital Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married E-mail address ________________________________

For Office Use Only:

Student qualifies for commuter status ☐ YES ☐ NO
Confirmed by ________________________________ Date __________________________

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Application Checklist

- Completed application (including essay)
- Non-refundable U.S. $40 fee
- SAT or ACT scores
- Official high school transcript
- High School Official Recommendation Form
- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Early Decision Form (if appropriate)
- Off-Campus Housing Request (if appropriate)

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Official TOEFL or IELTS score
- Certified English translation of academic transcript(s)
- A photocopy of passport, permanent resident card, Visa and/or I-94 card
- Certificate of Financial Responsibility (will be mailed to student upon admission)

Scholarship Information

Your application for admission and supporting credentials serve as your application for academic merit scholarships. To be considered for the following specialized scholarships, please request the applicable application from the Office of Admissions. The scholarship application deadline is January 15. Please note: Your application for admission must also be complete (all documents submitted) by January 15 to be considered for these specialized scholarships:

- Meredith Legacy and Presidential Scholarships (submit the Honors Program Application for consideration)
- Art
- Music
- Interior Design
- Thomas Meredith Baptist Heritage Scholarship (North Carolina Residents Only)
- Paschal (mathematics/engineering/biology/chemistry)

To apply for the Honors Program, request an application from the Office of Admissions. Honors Program applications must be submitted by January 15. Please note: Your Application for Admission must also be complete (all documents submitted) by January 15 to be considered for the Honors Program.

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