

FIRST YEAR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

2017-18

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APPLYING TO MEREDITH

What you need to know

Important Dates:

First Year, Early Decision (Binding)
Deadline: October 30

First Year, Early Action (Non-Binding)
Deadline: December 4

First Year, Regular Decision
Priority Deadline: February 15*

*Applications received after deadline 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

First Year 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 (4 units recommended) (<i>Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry or a higher level course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite</i>)
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). **Meredith requires our own writing sample therefore, the essay portions of the SAT and ACT are not required.**

Recommendations from school officials

Using the enclosed forms, please provide recommendations from school officials. The Secondary School Report 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 strongly 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)
- Official transcript
- Secondary School Report
- 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 \$300 deposit by December 15.**

To apply, check the **First Year Early Decision** box on your application and submit your completed and signed application with supporting credentials by **October 30**. You must also submit the Early Decision Plan 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 FAFSA must be received by **November 10**. You will receive an award by **December 1**. If your award is estimated, a final award will be confirmed when federal and state need-based aid award amounts are made available to colleges and universities.

Financial Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for applicants wishing to receive federal and/or state aid. FAFSA priority 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 **October 1** at 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, Interior Design, Music and Theatre scholarships. Request an application from the Office of Admissions or find it at meredith.edu/admissions. The deadline for submitting talent scholarship applications is **January 15**. Your application for admission must also be complete (all documents submitted) by **January 15** to be considered for talent scholarships. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply Early Action.

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). Interested applicants are encouraged to apply Early Action. Your Application for Admission and your Honors Program Application must be complete (all documents submitted) by **January 15** to be considered for the Meredith Legacy and Presidential Scholarships. **Other Scholarships** – The Thomas Meredith, Paschal (for students with mathematics, engineering, biology or chemistry interest), Service, Honors Program, and Teaching Fellows Scholarship require submission of a scholarship application. You may request either application from the Admission Office or access the application online at meredith.edu/admissions. Your Application for Admission and your Thomas Meredith or Paschel Application must be complete (all documents submitted) by **January 15** to be considered for the Thomas Meredith and/or Paschel Scholarships. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply Early Action.

Honors Program

For 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, must apply through the Honors Program. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply Early Action.

Application for First Year Undergraduate Admission

Application Status (please respond to each statement or question)

I am applying as a:

- First Year Early Decision*
 First Year Early Action
 First Year Regular Decision

**complete and sign the early decision agreement on page 11*

I am applying for admission beginning in the term:

- August of _____ (year)
 January of _____ (year)

I plan to reside:

- On-campus
 At home (local students - approval required)*

**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

Gender Female Male

Permanent address _____ / _____
street, route county

_____ Home Phone (_____) _____
city state ZIP/postal code

_____ / _____
province country

Mailing address (if different) _____ / _____
street, route county

_____ Home Phone (_____) _____
city state ZIP/postal code

_____ / _____
province country

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 _____

Indicating preference signifies your approval for Meredith to communicate with you via these methods.

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 Office of Admissions.

If Not a U.S. Citizen

1. Are you a resident alien (also called permanent resident/green card holder)? 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: _____

(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.

Optional Information (used for statistical studies and reports)

How did you first become interested in Meredith College? (choose 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, mother/guardian's country(ies) of origin _____
*If yes, father/guardian'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 Other

First Generation College Student Yes No

A first generation college student is a student from a family in which neither parent/guardian has earned a four-year degree.

Important – your response has no impact on your application for admission.

Family Information

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

This is my primary parent/guardian YES NO Relationship: _____

Home address _____
street, route or PO Box

_____ *city state ZIP/postal code province country*

E-mail address _____

Home phone (____) _____ Cell phone (____) _____

Highest Education Level (choose one)

- some high school high school diploma or equivalent some college or community college/trade school
 graduated from college graduate school

Occupation/Position _____

Employer _____ Work phone (____) _____

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Employer _____ Work phone (____) _____

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Please list any Meredith College graduates/current students to whom you are related:

Name _____ Class _____ Relationship _____
first last maiden name

Name _____ Class _____ Relationship _____
first last maiden name

Please list any additional Meredith College graduates/faculty/staff/current students who influenced your decision to apply:

Name _____ Class _____ Relationship _____
first last maiden name

Name _____ Class _____ Relationship _____
first last maiden name

There are many important elements to consider as you make a well-informed college choice. As you consider your best-fit school, which two factors listed below are the most important to you?

(please select only two) (use check boxes) IMPORTANT: Your response has no impact on the admission decision.

- Academic programs and their fit with my goals
- Social fit and the college community
- Paying for my education
- Opportunity to participate in athletics
- The location of the college
- Other

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, including the institution you are currently attending.

Name	City/State/Country	Dates Attended From To	Type of degree or diploma (earned or expected)

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

High School is public private home school early college high school

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

SAT	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Date_____	Score_____
ACT	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Date_____	Score_____
AP EXAMS	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Date_____	Score_____
IB EXAMS	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Date_____	Score_____
TOEFL	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Date_____	Score_____
IELTS	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO	Date_____	Score_____

List all courses in which you are currently enrolled. If not currently enrolled, check here and **answer the questions below this shaded box.**

Course Title (also list course number if college level)	Unit of Credit

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

Course Title (also list course number if college level)	When/Where	Unit of Credit

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

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.

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Activities

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

Activity	Position held, honors earned, etc.	Years (9-12)

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):

- Describe the attributes of a Meredith education that make it a good fit for your future.
- Provide a personal example that demonstrates your commitment to planning, pursuing, and reaching your goals in the face of challenge.

Optional: Transcripts and test scores don't tell the whole story! We want to learn more about the person behind the application. That's why we partner with zeemee.com, a free platform where you can share short videos and photos that help us get to know you better. It's easy, fun, and open to all students – just download the ZeeMee app and follow the prompts to get started. If you choose to create a Zeemee profile, please add your Zeemee url here. _____

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.)

- Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution you have attended from the 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in a disciplinary action? These actions could include, but are not limited to: probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution.
 YES NO
- Have you ever been adjudicated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? Note: if the criminal adjudication or conviction has been expunged, sealed, annulled, pardoned, destroyed, erased, impounded, or otherwise required by law or ordered by a court to be kept confidential, you are not required to answer "yes" to this question, or provide an explanation.
 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 online at meredith.edu.

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Secondary School Report

To the First Year Applicant:

Complete this shaded box 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)

Name of school _____ CEEB/ACT Code _____

Address _____

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:

- Complete** all information requested on the **front and back** of this form.
- Attach** a copy of the applicant's high school transcript.
- Return this form and transcript** directly to the Office of Admissions.

College Counseling phone (_____) _____ College Counseling fax (_____) _____

Accreditation by _____ Public School Private School

Percent graduates entering 4-year college _____ 2-year college _____ Other _____

If not provided on transcript, please provide class rank and grading scale.

Class rank _____ out of _____ students as of _____ / _____
month/year

Is the rank weighted? YES NO

School does not rank _____

Give grading scale,
highest to lowest:

A =

B =

C =

D =

F =

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

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

Counselor Recommendation

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

- YES NO Prefer not to respond

Please provide your recommendation comments. *(attach additional page as needed)*

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ E-mail address _____

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Teacher Recommendation

To the Applicant:

Please complete this shaded box, give to the person indicated and request that 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:

- Complete** all information requested on the **front and back** of this form.
- 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?

3. Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No basis for judgement
Academic Ability					
Determination					
Cooperation					
Dependability					
Leadership					
Social Adaptability					
Integrity					
Motivation					
Creativity					

Meredith College admits qualified women students without regard to race, creed, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, or disability.

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 Application Plan (ED)** is recommended for first-year students who have completed their college research and whose first choice is Meredith. **An Early Decision application is a binding commitment that means you will enroll at Meredith if admitted.** You will receive notification of the admissions decision on or before November 15.

To be considered under the Early Decision plan, you must:

- Select the **First-Year Early Decision** box on your application for admission;
- Complete, sign, and return this Early Decision Agreement;
- Submit no other Early Decision applications to other colleges and universities;
- Submit your completed application for admission and your signed agreement by **October 30, Meredith’s Early Decision Deadline;**
- **Early Decision** financial aid awards are dependent on submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All ED applicants are encouraged to submit the FAFSA by **November 10 - the early aid deadline** – in order to receive an estimated award by December 1. Access the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.gov

If you are admitted to Meredith under the Early Decision Plan, you agree:

- To promptly withdraw all applications submitted to other colleges and universities and make no additional applications to any other institution. If you are seeking financial aid, you need not withdraw other applications until you have received notification about financial aid. If demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA and Meredith’s Office of Financial Assistance, is not met, you are released from the Early Decision agreement.
- To submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit to Meredith by December 15 – the ED deposit deadline – to reserve your space in the class;
- To enroll in the incoming First-Year class at Meredith.

Meredith College Early Decision Agreement

Name of Applicant _____
first middle last

Address _____
street, route or PO Box

city state ZIP/postal code province country

If accepted at Meredith College, I agree to enroll. I will submit a non-refundable \$300 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 student only)

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
- Secondary School Report
- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Early Decision Form (if applying Early Decision)
- Off-Campus Housing Request (commuter students only)
- Official College Transcript if you attend an early or middle college high school

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 appropriate application from the Office of Admissions or find it at meredith.edu/admissions. Talent and Scholars programs 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:

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

To apply for the Honors Program or Teaching Fellows, request an application from the Office of Admissions or find it online at meredith.edu/academics. 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.** Honors Program applicants are encouraged to apply Early Decision or Early Action.

For further scholarship information, please visit: meredith.edu/, call your admission counselor at (919) 760-8581, or email admissions@meredith.edu

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