



2015-2016

Student Application



TEXAS ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL AND STEM STUDIES

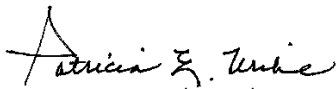
January 2015

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies. Our program is dedicated to providing an accelerated and rigorous dual credit curriculum that will assist you in fulfilling your academic goals. We are committed to providing a fair opportunity to all the applicants and would like to request that you fill out this application completely and to the best of your knowledge. It is imperative that a complete application be submitted in person at our offices at Texas A&M International University. All required documents should be attached to the application.

The Texas Academy is a two year program that allows exceptionally talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore year of college while simultaneously receiving their high school diploma. Our selection committee will review your application and contact you with their decision. Best of luck on your academic endeavors.

Regards,



Patricia E. Uribe, Ed.D.

Director/Superintendent

Please review the application and gather all information requested before filling out the forms. Only "Complete Applications" will be considered by the selection committee. Applications should include the following:

- Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) Score Report
- Texas Success Initiative (TSI) Score Report
- 3 letters or recommendation
 - o Teacher
 - o Counselor
 - o School Administrator
- Student Essay
- Parent/Guardian Statement
- School transcript that includes current GPA and class rank

Complete applications must be hand delivered, faxed, or mailed to:

**TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
TEXAS ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL AND STEM STUDIES
DR. BILLY F. COWART HALL, ROOM 213
5201 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD
LAREDO, TEXAS 78041-1900
956.326.2860 | 956.326.2863 (FAX)**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015 BY 5:00 PM

TEXAS ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL AND STEM STUDIES

STUDENT INFORMATION				
Name				
First		Middle		Last
Date of Birth	MM	DD	YYYY	Age as of Sept. 1, 2015
Student I.D. No.		Gender		
Student Cell Phone No.	()	-	Home Phone No.	() -
Home Address				
City		State		Zip Code
E-Mail Address			Adult T-Shirt Size	S M L XL <small>(Circle One)</small>
Are you a Texas Resident?	Are You a U.S. Citizen?	Is English your first language?	Are you a sophomore?	Ethnicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes," Please specify county:	If "No," Please specify:	If "No," Please specify:	If "No," Please specify grade level:	Please Specify:

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION				
Current School				
School CEEB Code <small>(See your school Counselor for this)</small>		School Classification		
		<input type="checkbox"/> Home-School <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Public		
Phone No.	()	-	Fax No.	() -
Address				
City		State		Zip Code
Counselor's Name				
Have you tested for PSAT?	Have you tested for TSI?	<i>Please ensure that a copy of your PSAT and TSI Scores have been attached along with this application upon submission. Applications will not be considered without these scores.</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If "Yes," Please specify date:	If "Yes," Please specify date:			

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION					
Check parent(s)/guardian(s) with whom you reside:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Mother <input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Aunt <input type="checkbox"/> Uncle <input type="checkbox"/> Other:					
Parent/ Guardian Name	<small>Title</small>	<small>First</small>	<small>Last</small>	<small>Suffix</small>	
Cell Phone No.	()	-	Work Phone No.	()	-
E-Mail Address			Relationship		
Parent/ Guardian Name	<small>Title</small>	<small>First</small>	<small>Last</small>	<small>Suffix</small>	
Cell Phone No.	()	-	Work Phone No.	()	-
E-Mail Address			Relationship		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
General Extracurricular Activities
<i>List general extracurricular activities and those related to grades 7-10.</i>

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Awards and Honors

List individual or team honors and contest recognitions for grades 7-10.

Memberships and Offices

List organization memberships, offices held, and grade of participation for grades 7-10.

Accelerated Courses

List all honors/accelerated courses completed or in progress. Explain if classes are not accelerated (e.g. not offered, limited enrollment, schedule conflict, personal choice).

(Please Note: Honors and/or Pre-AP courses are NOT prerequisites, since availability varies widely across school districts).

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PERSONAL RESPONSES	
Parent/Guardian Statement	
<i>In about 100 words or less, please submit a statement on your child's decision to apply to the Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies.</i>	
- Please provide your response in a typed format and attach to the application. –	
Student Essay	
<i>In about 250 words, state why you wish to attend the Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies. Include what you hope to gain and what you plan to contribute to this Academy.</i>	
- Please provide your response in a typed format and attach to the application. –	
Certification	
By signing below, you hereby certify that the attached student essay is your own work and has not been directly edited or completed by others.	
Student Signature	Date

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION	
1. Did you participate in any math, science, technology and/or engineering competitions/programs?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Did a teacher/counselor encourage you to apply at the Texas Academy?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Have you attended or do you plan to attend a Parent & Student Information Session?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
4. How did you first hear about the Texas Academy?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Math Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Science Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> English Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Other Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> TAMIU faculty/staff <input type="checkbox"/> TAMIU website <input type="checkbox"/> TAMIU letter <input type="checkbox"/> News Media/Publication <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
5. Did you participate in TexPrep?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. Have you completed Algebra I?	9. Have you completed Biology?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
7. Have you completed Geometry?	10. Have you completed Chemistry?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Have you completed Algebra II?	11. Have you completed Anatomy & Physiology?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12. Have you completed other math courses?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, Please Specify:
13. Have you completed other science courses?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If Yes, Please Specify:

TEXAS ACADEMY OF INTERNATIONAL AND STEM STUDIES

Letter of Recommendation: Teacher

Dear Educator: The Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies relies on assessments by teachers and administrators in reviewing applications. We appreciate your time and perspectives in completing this form.

CONFIDENTIAL EVALUATION



TO THE EVALUATOR:

TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENTIALITY, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE STUDENT SEALED IN AN ENVELOPE.

1. Please cite indicators of this candidate's potential in your subject, noting unusual curiosity and intellectual ability.

2. Please comment on the student's drive (motivation, persistence), indicating whether candidate is a self-starter.

3. Please rate the student's maturity. Note whether attendance or tardiness have been issues.

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4. Please rate candidate by checking below:					
	Outstanding	Good	Average	Below Average	No Basis to Judge
a. General Intelligence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Emotional Stability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Independence	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Citizenship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Leadership	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Respect for Authority	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Motivation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Dependability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Reaction to Setbacks	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Intellectual Curiosity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Among the students I have encountered in my teaching career, this student ranks in the:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Top 2% <input type="checkbox"/> Top 5% <input type="checkbox"/> Top 10% <input type="checkbox"/> Top 25% <input type="checkbox"/> Top 50% <input type="checkbox"/> Bottom 50%					
6. I believe the likelihood that this student will succeed in the Academy is:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Probable <input type="checkbox"/> Possible <input type="checkbox"/> Questionable <input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely <input type="checkbox"/> Highly Unlikely					
Name of Teacher:			Title:		
School:			Subject taught to applicant:		
School Address:			City, State, Zip Code:		
School Phone: () -		No. of Years Teaching:		Length of Time Knowing Candidate:	
Signature:			Date:		

For more information regarding this letter of recommendation, please contact:

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Letter of Recommendation: Counselor/School Administrator

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1. Please indicate whether your school offers the following honors or accelerated programs and whether this candidate has enrolled in these courses.

Program:	School Offers	Applicant Enrolled
a. Honors Algebra I	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Honors Algebra II	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Honors Geometry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Honors English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Honors Biology	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Honors Chemistry	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

2. Applicant's Academic Rank

No. _____ out of _____ students.

3. Please specify number of absences and tardies.

Absences _____ Tardies _____

4. Was the applicant ever suspended from school?

Yes

No

If yes, please explain:

5. Please provide information about the applicant's maturity, drive, dependability and character.

Name of Evaluator:

Title:

School:

City, State, Zip Code:

School Address:

No. of Years in Profession:

School Phone:

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Signature:

Date:

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Application Certification	
Statement of Certification	
By signing below, we certify that the information presented in this application and attached documents is accurate and to the best of our knowledge. We understand that withholding pertinent or providing false information will invalidate this application. All documents will be reviewed by the Texas Academy of International and STEM Studies selection committee.	
Acknowledgement Statement	
I understand that if admitted to the program, I am committed to a two year program that allows exceptionally talented students to complete their freshman and sophomore year of college while simultaneously receiving their high school diploma.	
Confidentiality Statement	
By signing below, we waive the right to the review or the access of the confidential letters of recommendation that are submitted with this application.	
Student Signature:	Date:
Parent Signature:	Date:

HAND DELIVER APPLICATION TO:

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete		