Vanderbilt Summer Academy

ADMISSION APPLICATION

Please type or print in blue or black ink.

Applicant’s name

Last    First    Middle    Preferred name

Date of birth_____/_____/______  Gender _______  Current grade [School year 2017/2018]  □ 6th  □ 7th  □ 8th  □ 9th  □ 10th  □ 11th
Month    Day    Year

Race/Ethnicity (optional)  □ Asian  □ African American/Black  □ Hispanic  □ Middle Eastern/North African  □ Multiracial
□ Native American  □ Pacific Islander  □ White  □ Other

Mailing address

Number and street, or box    City, State, ZIP

Home telephone ( ) __________________________ Applicant email __________________________

Applicant cellphone ( ) __________________________

Are you applying for financial aid? □ Yes  □ No
If yes, you may enclose a completed financial aid application at this time, or when you have gathered all supporting documents.

For rising seventh grade applicants only: Did you apply for financial aid through your Career Connections application? _____ YES _____ NO
If yes, your previous financial aid application will be applied to VSA, and no further financial aid application is required.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Primary Contact:

First    Last    Relationship to Student

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Email Address    Preferred Phone #

Secondary Contact:

First    Last    Relationship to Student

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Email Address    Preferred Phone #

We will send most VSA correspondence via email, including admissions notices, to student and primary contact emails. Please ensure that email addresses are accurate and legible.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

T-shirt size (Adult sizes)  □ Small  □ Medium  □ Large  □ Extra large  □ 2XL

How did you hear about Vanderbilt Summer Academy?
□ I am a returning student  □ Catalog Mailing  □ Teacher  □ School Counselor  □ Web Search  □ Postcard  □ Friend  □ Open House
□ E-Newsletter  □ Vanderbilt Publication  □ Duke TIP  □ Social Media  □ Other: __________________________

2018 APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2018
APPLICATION PRIORITY WINDOW: NOON, FEBRUARY 1–NOON, FEBRUARY 7
APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL ALL COURSES ARE FILLED.
Session I: June 10-15, 2018 • Session II: June 17-29, 2018 • Session III: July 8-27, 2018

Send completed application to:
Vanderbilt Summer Academy Admissions
PMB 506 • 230 Appleton Place • Nashville, TN 37203-5721
(615) 322-3173 • pty.vanderbilt.edu
COURSE INFORMATION

Please rank your course choices in order of preference. You may rank as many choices as interest you. We will place you in your highest ranked classes based on available openings. Rank only those classes that you are willing to take and pay for. A nonrefundable 10% tuition deposit will be required to hold the course placement for the admitted student.

Session I: June 10-15, 2018
(Rising 7th and 8th graders)
___Programming in Python
___Conservation Paleobiology
___Abstract Mathematical Modeling
___Stellar Astronomy
___Business of Chemical Engineering
___The American Legal System
___Anthropological Approaches
___Biopsychology of Sleep
___The Science of Emotion
___Writing Music City
___Kinematics for Mechanical Design
___Philosophy and Contemporary Media

Session II: June 17-29, 2018
(Rising 9th and 10th graders)
___Agents of Change
___Nanoscience and Engineering
___Climate Change
___Writing Poetry & Free Verse
___The Fourth Branch of Government
___Graph Theory
___Bioarchaeology
___Mathematical Reasoning
___Clinical Psychology
___Ecostats
___Programming for the “Interconnected Age”
___Philosophy and Film

Session III: July 8-27, 2018
(Rising 11th and 12th graders)
___Microscopy of Nanomaterials*
___Adaptive Engineering
___Programming and Computer Science
___Med School 101*
___Neuroscience of Brain Dysfunction
___Special Topics in Mathematics*
___Beyond Calculus*
___Novel Writing
___The (Big) Business of Social Change
___Identity in the 21st Century
___Economic Analysis in the Real World
___New Problems in Rhetoric

*Course requires additional application information and/or prerequisites. See description in catalog.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

School name

City/State

QUALIFYING OPTIONS

Students may qualify for VSA in multiple ways. Please submit either a copy of your ability or advanced achievement assessment, qualifying test scores, or portfolio along with your application.

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Portfolio

- Most recent test scores on a nationally-normed, grade level test (ERB, Terra Nova, SAT-10, etc.)
- School Transcript
- Two Teacher Recommendations
- Sample of Relevant Coursework

*6th grade applicants may qualify with any qualification method, but portfolio and/or individual ability assessments are most common. Call our office with questions about 6th grade eligibility.

Please read, sign, and date the following certification. We certify that all statements and supporting documents submitted in the application process are truthful, accurate, and complete. We also agree that the intentional submission of false or misleading statements or supporting documents constitutes cause for denial of admission or dismissal from the program.

Signature of parent or legal guardian

Signature of applicant

VSA is committed to principles of equal opportunity and does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity.
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ESSAY 1

Student’s name

In 200–300 words, please tell us why you think your first-choice course is a good fit for you.
You may use a separate sheet of paper, if needed.

Note: Please speak freely. We use these essays to learn more about you. They may be shared with VSA faculty and staff.

I hereby certify that the words and ideas above are my own.

Signature
Please write an original response to one of the following in 200–300 words:

• What is one global problem, issue, or crisis we are currently facing that you feel has not been given the attention it should? What would you do to either solve the problem or bring more awareness to it?

• You are given the opportunity to create your own holiday. What would it celebrate, how would it be celebrated, and why would it be worthy of celebration?

• Famed essayist Anna Quindlen once said that, as an undergraduate at her university, she “majored in unafraid.” What does that mean to you? How would you apply such a “major” to your short-term or long-term goals?