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IF YOU BELIEVE CREATIVE THOUGHT MATTERS,
APPLY TO SKIDMORE

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO GET INTO SKIDMORE?

We look first at the strength of your academic record—the quality of your high school courses, your achievement in those courses, your recommendations, and your standardized test scores.

But our evaluation only begins there. We then look for personal qualities—students who are open-minded, have strength of character and are engaged thinkers; students who have exhibited initiative and creative thinking, both in school and outside of it; students who will thrive in an environment of intellectual freedom, risk-taking, and academic rigor—students who want to make the world a better place.

From your essay, recommendations, and interview we will get a sense of whether these are your personal qualities. We will pay close attention to your interests, talents, and accomplishments in and out of the classroom, what you've contributed to your school, family, and community, and what your hopes are for the future.

While we're looking for a common spirit of learning and giving, we also seek to enroll incoming classes that are as diverse as possible. Diversity reflects our world, and drawing the best from different perspectives results in greater things. Our student body is composed of men and women from a wide spectrum of socio-economic, racial, ethnic, and geographic backgrounds.

Early Decision

The application deadline for Round I Early Decision is November 15, with notification mailed by mid-December. The Round II Early Decision application deadline is January 15, with notification mailed by mid-February. If, after you carefully consider your college options, Skidmore is your first choice, we encourage you to apply under one of our two early-decision (ED) plans. Both the Round I (deadline November 15) and Round II (deadline January 15) ED plans allow you to clearly indicate your first-choice preference to the Admissions Committee.

By applying early decision, you agree that, if accepted, you will immediately withdraw any applications you have made to other colleges and will not submit any further applications. If you aren't accepted early decision, your application may be deferred for reconsideration without prejudice during the regular decision admissions process. ED applicants who clearly would be inadmissible in the spring are given a final negative decision at the time of early decision.

Regular Decision

Regular decision applications must be filed by January 15 of your senior year. You will be notified of the Admissions Committee's decision by early April.

Interviews

While interviews are not required, a personal interview allows us to learn more about you as an individual and about your interest in Skidmore. It also enables you to

Supplementary Application Materials

You may submit supplementary application materials, but they are not required. If you are seriously interested and accomplished in art, music, dance, theater, or creative writing, you may submit brief representations of your work or supplementary recommendations. Prospective studio art majors are not required to submit a portfolio. However, they are welcome to send 10 to 20 digital images on CD or DVD. Each image should be submitted as a separate file in .jpeg format. Individual file sizes should not exceed 3MB. All portfolios must be accompanied by a printed contact sheet (thumbnail page) of images. Do not affix any adhesive labels to your CD/DVD. Portfolios must be submitted to the Admissions Office no later than January 15. Applicants who wish to have their portfolios returned should include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

International Students

We welcome applications from international students. As an international student you are given special attention throughout the admissions process. Please be sure to fulfill all application requirements indicated above. If your first language is not English, you are also encouraged to submit the results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). There are a limited number of need-based financial-aid awards available for outstanding international students.

Your Secondary School Program

At a minimum, your program of study should include four years of English, three or more years of mathematics, three or more years of social science, three or more years of laboratory science, and three or more years of a foreign language.

Application Basics

You should submit your application by the appropriate deadline. Skidmore uses the Common Application. You can access the Common Application online at www.commonapp.org or obtain a paper Common Application from our Admissions Office. A \$65 application fee (or fee-waiver request signed by your guidance counselor) must be submitted with your application. In addition, we require an official high school transcript, the Secondary School Report (completed by your counselor), standardized test scores, two recommendations from teachers who have taught you in academic subjects, your midyear senior grades, and the Skidmore Supplement to the Common Application.

learn more about the College. For these reasons we strongly recommend that you come to the campus for an interview. It will be preceded or followed by a tour of the campus led by a student guide. You may also arrange for an interview locally with one of our Alumni Admissions contacts.

Standardized Tests

You are required to take either the College Board Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT Reasoning Test) or ACT with Writing Examination no later than December of your senior year. Although we do not require SAT Subject Tests, we do recommend that you submit scores of two Subject Tests.

While standardized test scores inform our decision, we feel that other factors, particularly your record of achievement in the classroom and your personal qualities, are better indicators of your ability to succeed at Skidmore.

London First-year Program

Each fall, 36 Skidmore first-year students begin their college careers in London, where they earn a full semester's worth of credits under the guidance of two Skidmore faculty directors. See cms.skidmore.edu/ocse/programs/london_fye/index.cfm

Transfer Applications

If you wish to transfer to Skidmore from another college or university, you need to apply online at www.commonapp.org. You should complete and return the application (with the \$65 application fee or request for a fee waiver from your advisor) by November 15 for admission in January, or by April 1 for admission in September. In addition to your high school transcript and standardized test scores, we require by the appropriate deadlines an official transcript of all college-level work completed, recommendations from two of your professors, and a statement regarding your personal and academic standing from the dean of students at your current college.

SEARCHING FOR A COLLEGE EXPERIENCE THAT WILL CHALLENGE YOU, EMBRACE YOU, AND GIVE YOU VIRTUALLY UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE AND EXPLORE?

Then consider Skidmore. Creativity is embodied in all that is Skidmore: curriculum, cocurricular life, campus setting, and the nature of Saratoga Springs itself. We are a diverse world of thinkers and doers, a world of academics, performing artists, community volunteers, and athletes who come together in the shared belief and commitment that creative thought matters. If you share that belief, apply to Skidmore.

