



Midland School

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Application for Admission

Application Checklist

- Complete and return the Application for Admission along with the \$30 application fee.
- Include a copy of a typed, graded essay or report from an English or history class.
- Arrange for three (3) recommendations to be sent to our admissions office directly from your previous school. The recommendation forms are included in this packet. Two are for classroom teachers, and the third is for an administrator, which includes but is not limited to a counselor, principal, or head of school.
- Send an official transcript from your current school. Release form is included in this packet.
- Submit results from the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT) or the Independent School Entrance Examination (ISEE). We will also accept results from the ERB Comprehensive Testing Program (CTPIII). International applicants must submit results from the TOEFL for non-native English speakers.
- Interview. We strongly recommend that prospective students and families visit Midland in person. In the chance that this cannot happen, a phone interview must be conducted.

Applicant Information

I am applying for the academic year beginning in 20____ for grade _____. I am currently in grade _____.

Student's Name _____ Nickname _____ M ___ F ___

Home Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Country of Citizenship _____ Is English your second language? ___ Yes ___ No

Names and ages of siblings _____

Relatives who have attended Midland _____

How did you hear about Midland? _____

Your current school _____ Years attended _____

Address/City/Zip _____

School Phone (____) _____ High School Placement Counselor _____

Family Information

Mother's/Female Guardian's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone (____) _____

Father's/Male Guardian's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Occupation _____ Work Phone (____) _____

With whom does the applicant reside? _____

Stepmother's Name _____	Stepfather's Name _____	Significant Other's name _____
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Address _____ _____	Address _____ _____	Address _____ _____
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Home Phone (____) _____	Home Phone (____) _____	Home Phone (____) _____
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Occupation _____	Occupation _____	Occupation _____
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Work Phone (____) _____	Work Phone (____) _____	Work Phone (____) _____
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Financial Aid Information

The deadline for applying for financial aid is **February 1st**. Families requesting financial aid must provide the school with a copy of their current year's IRS 1040 forms and submit the Parent Financial Statement (PFS) to the School and Student Service for Financial Aid (SSS) in Princeton, New Jersey. Midland School's SSS school # is 5074. Financial Aid grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to families who demonstrate financial need. Families applying for financial aid after the February 1st deadline will be accommodated if financial aid funds are still available. This service is available online at <https://sss.ets.org/>.

Would you like the SSS form sent to you? ____ Yes ____ No

Parent Questionnaire

Midland School is concerned with the development of the whole child—not just the student, but the person. That is why we ask parents for a frank statement about your child’s skills and weaknesses—academically, socially, and personally. Your insights will not only assist the committee in evaluating your child’s application, but will also help us to educate, guide, support, and encourage your son or daughter upon enrollment at Midland.

What have been your child’s academic strengths and weaknesses? Please provide some specific successes and challenges that s/he has encountered in school recently.

Why is boarding school the right setting for your child’s high school career?

Does your child have any impairments—physical, psychological, or otherwise—that would prevent her/him from participating in Midland’s academic and extracurricular program, including any learning differences?

Yes No

If Yes to the above, please describe the impairment(s) and provide any relevant documentation that would help us serve your child more effectively.

Is your child currently taking any prescription medication? Yes No

If Yes, please list the medication(s), and the reasons for their prescription.

Student Questionnaire

Midland School is a small community made up of many talented, interesting, and diverse students. We want to know about you and how you will play a significant role in our community and how your presence will impact your classmates and teachers.

Please answer the following questions in your own handwriting using blue or black ink.

Complete the following activity chart by listing five activities of importance to you. These may include creative and artistic pursuits, athletic commitments, and hobbies. Include how long you have participated and any special achievements.

Activity	How Long?	Special Achievements

Please give some specific examples of recent successes that you have had in school. In which subject areas do you excel? What academic challenges have you overcome?

Each student brings to the Midland community his or her own unique gifts. Please describe a talent, skill, or interest that you will bring to our community.

Have you been subject to any disciplinary action, either in or out of school? ___ Yes ___ No

If Yes, briefly describe the nature of the event, and explain how you may have changed as a result.

Student Essay

This essay is an opportunity for us to get to know you better, to understand what is important to you, and to appreciate how you will uniquely enrich our community. Using your own lined paper, please answer one (1) of the following questions in a three to four paragraph essay. Write the essay in your own handwriting using blue or black ink, and include the essay with this application. Please remember to sign and date on this page, to verify the essay's authenticity.

Option #1. If the President of the United States called you and said that s/he would implement any program or policy of your choice, what would you request? Why?

Option #2. Would you rather be a respected judge, an acclaimed actor, a renowned athlete, or an admired scientist? What most appeals to you about the position you selected?

Midland School is dedicated to the highest ethical and academic standards. We expect honesty, respect for persons and property, and honorable behavior from all members of our community. Your signature below is considered verification of your intention to uphold, support, and enforce Midland School's expectations of achievement and conduct. It also attests to the fact that the answers in this application are uncompromisingly true. The reward is an enriched community filled with trust and affection, where people are supported and cared for and their unique talents, interests, and beliefs are celebrated by all.

Your signature _____

Date _____

Midland School does not discriminate on the basis of race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic program, or other school-administered programs and activities.

All interested families are encouraged to apply.

English Teacher Recommendation



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To the Applicant:

Please write your name below and give this form to a current **English teacher**. Please provide a stamped envelope addressed to Midland School Admissions.

Student Name _____ Applying for Grade _____

To the Teacher:

Midland School is a small, coeducational boarding school offering a rigorous college preparatory curriculum in a supportive atmosphere. This recommendation will help the Admissions Committee determine whether Midland School is the appropriate high school setting for the above student. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and candor and we assure your confidentiality. Thank you in advance for your time and expertise.

Please note that Midland School gladly accepts The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) Common Recommendation forms and all common recommendation forms used by independent schools in California.

Academic Qualities

	No Opinion	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best
Study habits							
Attention span							
Ability to work independently							
Organization							
Motivation							
Intellectual curiosity							
Critical and abstract thinking skills							
Attendance							

Personal Qualities

	No Opinion	Poor	Fair	Average	Good	Excellent	One of the Best
Leadership							
Reaction to criticism							
Concern for others							
Conduct							
Integrity							
Maturity							
Sense of humor							
Self-confidence							

English Teacher Recommendation Continued

Please answer the following questions about the student.

1. What is this student's primary strength and weakness in the language arts?

2. How does this student's academic achievement compare to his/her ability in your class?

3. Midland School is a small, close community where the ability to live among and work well with others is important to everyone's success. Please discuss the student's ability to work closely with others and his/her potential for success in a small setting.

4. Does this student require any additional prodding or supervision in order to complete work?

5. Is this student academically ready for the challenges of college preparatory English classes? Yes No

I recommend this student:

	Not at all	With reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Academic Ability					
Character					
Overall					

Your name _____ Email _____

School _____ School Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

**Thank you for your expertise in evaluating this candidate. Midland School
understands the time required and we sincerely appreciate your effort.**

Math or Science Teacher Recommendation



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To the Applicant:

Please write your name below and give this form to a current **Math or Science teacher**. Please provide a stamped envelope addressed to Midland School Admissions.

Student Name _____ Applying for Grade _____

To the Teacher:

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Integrity							
Maturity							
Sense of humor							
Self-confidence							

Math or Science Teacher Recommendation Continued

Please answer the following questions about the student.

1. For how long and in what context have you known the student?

2. How does this student's academic achievement compare to his/her ability in your subject?

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4. Does this student require any additional prodding or supervision in order to complete work?

5. Is this student academically ready for the challenges of college preparatory classes? _____ Yes _____ No

I recommend this student:

	Not at all	With reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Academic Ability					
Character					
Overall					

Your name _____ Email _____

Subject(s) in which you taught this student _____

School _____ School Phone _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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School Recommendation



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To the Applicant:

Please write your name below and give this form to your current **School Head, Division Head, Principal, or Guidance Counselor**. Please provide a stamped envelope addressed to Midland School Admissions.

Student Name _____ Applying for Grade _____

To the School:

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Self-confidence							

School Recommendation Continued

Please answer the following questions about the student.

1. For how long and in what context have you known the student?

2. What unique talents, interests, and abilities has this student brought to your school?

3. Midland School is a small, close community where the ability to live among and work well with others is critically important to everyone's success. Please discuss this student's ability to work closely with adults and his/her potential for success in a small setting.

4. Are there any factors that have impacted this student's academic or social progress to date?

5. Has this student been subject to disciplinary action at your school? ____ Yes ____ No
If Yes, please elaborate on the nature of the event, and the action taken.

5. Is this student academically and socially ready to move on to a college preparatory boarding school? __ Yes __ No

I recommend this student:

	Not at all	With reservation	Mildly	With Confidence	Enthusiastically
Academic Ability					
Character					
Overall					

Your name _____

Title _____ **Email** _____

School _____ **School Phone** _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Transcript Release and Confidentiality Form



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To the Applicant:

Please complete the following information. Your parent or guardian must sign in the box below to authorize the release of your school records and transcripts to Midland School. Please give this form to your current school's office with a stamped envelope addressed to Midland School Admissions.

Student Name _____ **Current Grade** _____

Your Current School _____

For the student named above, I authorize the release of all school records, including an official transcript for grades 7-11, as applicable, as well as results of any academic testing. I acknowledge that I waive my rights to read the confidential Teacher Recommendation and School Recommendation.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

To the School:

Please send the above student's official transcript for grades 7-11 as applicable. This should include all grades earned for courses taken to date, the scores for all aptitude and achievement tests, and first semester grades for the current school year as soon as they become available. Please include this confidentiality form with the transcript.

Please return this completed form and all materials to:

Midland School, Admissions Office, P.O. Box 8, Los Olivos, CA 93441.

Thank you in advance for your time and assistance. Should you have any questions, please contact Derek in Midland Admissions at 805-688-5114 ext. 14, or through email at dsvnungsen@midland-school.org.