



# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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Priority Deadline: February 1

General Deadline: March 15

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ARKANSAS SCHOOL for MATHEMATICS, SCIENCES and the ARTS  
200 Whittington Avenue • Hot Springs, Arkansas 71901  
*A campus of the University of Arkansas System*

1-800-345-ASMS  
[www.asmsa.org](http://www.asmsa.org)



## ADMISSION CRITERIA

### PLEASE NOTE!

ASMSA limits the number of students admitted to only those who meet the qualifications.

Priority is given to applicants who meet the deadlines, all others will be considered as space permits.

**If we receive your application after February 1<sup>st</sup> you will be considered as part of the general application pool.**

**The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts** is a public, residential high school for academically advanced juniors and seniors. Students traditionally apply in their sophomore year for their final two years in school. In order to graduate from ASMSA, all students must complete two years. Below are the guidelines applicants should follow when applying for admission to ASMSA.

### All applicants must:

1. Be a resident of the state of Arkansas.
2. Be a current 10th grade student who has a minimum of 10 (ten) Carnegie units of study upon completion of the 10th grade – (this must include two (2) English, two (2) mathematics, and two (2) sciences.)
3. Submit an ACT or SAT test score. Test data should not be more than two years old. Your application will NOT be complete unless you have an ACT or SAT score.
4. Submit the results from your Algebra I Proficiency Exam, Geometry Proficiency Exam, PLAN or PSAT if available.
5. Have a minimum, unweighted G.P.A. of 3.25 in core academic courses from your current school or proof of the equivalent if home schooled.
6. Submit transcripts from 9th and 10th grades (courses taken and grades received). Your transcript should include: a cumulative record of your 9th grade year including final grades and a mid-year report of your grades from the current school year including all first semester grades.
7. Submit three (3) letters of recommendation. These recommendations should come from a 9th or 10th grade mathematics teacher, science teacher, and English teacher.
8. **When submitting recommendations, please provide the teacher/counselor with a stamped envelope with ASMSA's address on the envelope so the teacher can mail in the recommendation separately from the rest of the application.**

### Students wishing to take part in our Priority application must:

1. Submit ALL the above general application materials.
2. Include official ACT or SAT scores.
3. Visit the school as a shadow before February.
4. Complete all items by February 1.

Students who submit a qualifying application by the specified deadlines will be highly considered for admissions. After applications are submitted, on-campus interviews will be conducted for students and parents by invitation only. If a student submits an application by the priority deadline (February 1), (s)he will be notified of our decision by late February. Any student accepted to ASMSA must maintain ASMSA's academic standards throughout their entire 10th grade year. Final semester grades will be evaluated.

**PRIORITY DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1**

**GENERAL DEADLINE: MARCH 15**

## APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Application and supporting documents must be postmarked by the designated deadlines:

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- Complete my Student Response Items**
  - Personal Information
  - Essay Questions
  - Extracurricular Activities/ Awards
  - Photograph (optional)
  
- Give recommendation forms to specified teacher with ASMSA-addressed and stamped envelope.**
  - Science teacher
  - Mathematics teacher
  - English teacher
  
- Take the ACT or SAT** (within the last two years)
  
- Fill out and give my counselor the School Discipline and Attendance Form**
  
- Check with counselor to make sure (s)he has sent the following documents:**
  - Official ACT or SAT scores
  - Official standardized test scores - PLAN/PSAT(if available)
  - Official 9th and 10th (most recent) grade transcript
  
- Visit the ASMSA campus**
  - Open House
  - Shadow experience (required for Priority Deadline)
  
- Make a copy of application for personal record**

**Send All Original Materials to:**  
**ASMSA ADMISSIONS**  
**200 Whittington Avenue • Hot Springs, AR 71901**

The applicant should complete and return both of the following sections:  
**PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RELEASE • STUDENT RESPONSE ITEMS**

Date Received - Office Use Only

**Personal Information**

*A student or parent should complete the following information. Please print or type in black ink.*

Applicant's Legal Name: (First, Middle, Last)

Preferred Name:

Gender: Male Female

Social Security Number:

Birthdate:

Home Address:

City and Zip Code:

County:

Home Phone Number:

Email Address:

School You Currently Attend:

Current Grade Level:

School Address:

School District

School Phone Number:

School Fax Number:

Number of Students in Your High School:

Number of Students In Your Current Grade:

Race or Ethnic Group  American Indian  Hispanic  Asian  White  Black Other (please specify):

Where did you first learn about ASMSA?

Media (TV, Newspaper, Radio)

Duke TIP mailing

ASMSA representative visit to your school

Field trip visit to ASMSA

ASMSA Website

Friend or family member

School counselor or teacher

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a United States Citizen?  Yes  No

If no, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant lives with:  Both Parents  Mother  Father

Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Name

Relationship to Student

Daytime Phone

Work Phone

Parent/Guardian 2 Name

Relationship to Student

Daytime Phone

Work Phone

Parent 1 Email Address

Parent 2 Email Address

Parent/Guardian Address (if different from above)

**Release of Confidential Information**

We, the parents of the applicant, hereby consent to the release of this application and the information contained therein to the ASMSA review committee. We understand that the review committee is comprised of educators, ASMSA instructors, and other people chosen by the school to review applications and select those students best qualified to attend ASMSA. We further understand that this release does not allow access to the application by any person not otherwise privileged.

We understand that failure to sign this release will result in our child's application being reviewed solely by ASMSA school personnel. School officials using the same criteria employed by the review committee will then make selection.

I, the undersigned, do hereby request that all school data in support of my application/nomination to the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts be at the disposal of ASMSA officials. I agree that ASMSA shall keep all comments made by my teachers or counselors in furtherance of my application confidential and waive the rights I might have to review such comments under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974.

Parent/Guardian 1 Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian 2 Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date

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**STUDENT RESPONSE ITEMS**

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Student Name

Date

To be completed by student with assistance from parents, counselor or teacher.  
The answers may be typed or neatly handwritten, using black ink.

General Extracurricular Activities (school, community, religious)	Grade

Math/ Science Oriented (e.g., UIL, Math Counts, ACTM Math Contest, ASMSA Math Competition)	Grade

Awards and Honors - List individual or team honors & contest recognition, indicating grade (7-10).	Grade

List organization memberships, offices held, and grade of participation (7-10).	Grade

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School Discipline and Attendance Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a student applying to the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts. I understand that part of the selection process includes a review of my standardized test scores, transcripts, disciplinary and attendance records. I give permission to my current school to provide the necessary information on my behalf and send it to ASMSA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature Date

Dear School Principal or Counselor,

Please complete the following information on the above-named student. Please make sure the student has signed the waiver above.

1. Has the above-named student been subjected to any disciplinary action from school?

\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO If YES, please explain.

2. Has the above-named student had any extended or excessive absences from school in the last two school years?

\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ No If YES, please explain.

3. Highest level of courses offered for 10th grade students:

English \_\_\_\_ AP \_\_\_\_ PAP \_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_ Adv  
Math \_\_\_\_ AP \_\_\_\_ PAP \_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_ Adv  
Science \_\_\_\_ AP \_\_\_\_ PAP \_\_\_\_ H \_\_\_\_ Adv

4. Describe this student's course of study within your school's curriculum.

\_\_\_\_ Most rigorous available \_\_\_\_ Demanding \_\_\_\_ Fairly demanding \_\_\_\_ Basic

CLASS RANK: \_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_ STUDENT'S UNWEIGHTED G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_

School's Average ACT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the student taken the ACT/SAT? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

If Yes, ACT score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT score: \_\_\_\_\_

If No, are they registered for an upcoming exam? If, Yes when? \_\_\_\_\_

List the percentage of graduating seniors (over the past three years) who went to a

2 year college: \_\_\_\_\_ 4 year college: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Official (Please print name) Email Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
School Official Signature Date

Please enclose an official 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade transcript (fall semester grades must be complete before mailing), ACT or SAT, and PLAN/PSAT (if available). Admission to ASMSA is contingent upon receiving these items.

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Please use the following criteria to evaluate the student compared to the students you have seen in the past five years. Place an X or a check mark in the appropriate box.

Category	Below Average	Average	Good	Top 15%	Top 5%	NA
General Intelligence						
Self-Starter						
Independence						
Leadership Ability						
Maturity						
Desire to Achieve						
Emotional Stability						
Character						
Time Management						
Acceptance of a Challenge						

Additional Comments:

Overall, I recommend this student: Highly \_\_\_ With reservations \_\_\_ Not at all \_\_\_

If you are not recommending this student or are recommending with reservations please explain why.

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Teacher's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Years you have known the student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Teacher's Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's email address \_\_\_\_\_

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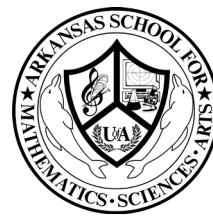
## THE ASMSA LIVING/LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



The Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts is a public, residential school for high school juniors and seniors who are academically talented in mathematics and science. The school was established by the Arkansas Legislature to provide a challenging educational opportunity for students with an interest in and potential for high achievement in sciences and mathematics, regardless of race, creed, sex, religion, national origin, or household income.

The school emphasizes a strong academic program in mathematics and sciences designed to educate tomorrow's leaders in technology through rigorous instruction and laboratory experiences. ASMSA also believes in cultivating the entire student, helping students grow both academically as well as socially. As a public, residential school, ASMSA gives its students the opportunity to live in a community with other high-achieving students under the supervision of a professional student services staff. Each student contributes to the community as well as gains from it. The student services staff provides supervision, plans social and residential activities, and helps guide students in making responsible decisions.

Those who seek admission to the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts do not need to be identified as academically gifted, but they should have a high aptitude for mathematics and the sciences. Applicants should be able to live successfully in a residential setting.



### Equal Opportunity Information

[www.asmsa.org](http://www.asmsa.org)

Discrimination based on race, sex, color, creed, genetic information, national origin, age, household income, or disability is prohibited.

The sole purpose of gathering this information is to ascertain the effectiveness of recruitment efforts in reaching all segments of the population and to ensure that proper facilities are available to serve all students selected for admission.



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**For more information about ASMSA  
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