

2021-22 FIRST YEAR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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APPLYING TO MEREDITH

What you need to know

Important Dates:

First Year, Early Decision (*Binding*)
Deadline: November 1, 2021

First Year, Early Action (*Non-Binding*)
Deadline: December 1, 2021

First Year, Regular Decision
Priority Deadline: February 15*, 2022

*Applications received after the deadline are considered on a space available basis.

Decisions are made within two weeks of receipt of a complete application.

Follow instructions carefully. Call 800-MEREDITH or email admissions@meredith.edu for assistance.

Requirements

First Year Applicants:

Units of Credit

A minimum of 16 units earned in grades 9-12. Your program of study must include the following:

English	4 units
Foreign Language	2 units
Mathematics.....	3 units (4 units recommended) (<i>Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry or a higher level course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite</i>)
Science.....	3 units
History/Social Studies	3 units
Electives	1 unit

Class rank - when available.

Official High School Transcript

Attention is given to rigor of coursework, grades earned, and grade trends. Official transcripts should be sent directly from the school or your school's electronic transcript provider.

SAT or ACT Scores optional

SAT (EBRW + Math) and ACT composite scores are reviewed. Attention is given to reading and math scores.

Submission of the SAT/ACT is optional including international students whose primary language of instruction is English. If you've taken the SAT or ACT and feel the score(s) support your application for admission, submit your scores. If your access to the exam(s) has been limited or if you've taken the exam(s) and believe the scores do not represent your academic ability, apply test optional. Applicants are not penalized for the option they choose. All applicants must indicate their plan for submitting a score at the time of application to the College.

International students whose primary language of instruction is not English must prove English proficiency by submitting the TOEFL or IELTS.

Recommendations from School Officials

Using the enclosed forms, please provide recommendations from school officials. The School Report should be completed by your high school counselor or other administrator. The Instructor Recommendation (optional) should be completed by a teacher who has taught you in an academic subject in your junior or senior year.

Interviews/Campus Visits

A virtual visit with your admissions counselor or on-campus visit is strongly recommended. Schedule a visit at meredith.edu/visit.

The Office of Admissions may request an interview, additional writing sample and/or additional recommendations.

Application Procedures

A complete application includes:

- Completed and signed application, including essay
- \$40 non-refundable application fee or acceptable fee waiver (checks and credit cards accepted)
- Official transcript
- School Report – School Official Recommendation
- Instructor Recommendation (optional)
- SAT/ACT is optional. You must indicate your plans to submit, or not submit, at the time you apply for admission.

Home-Schooled Students

In addition to items listed above please submit:

- Official transcript from each traditional high school attended (if any)
- Two recommendations, one of which must be a non family member.
- Interview with an admissions officer

Early Decision Plan (ED)

(see page 11)

If Meredith is your first choice for college, apply under the Early Decision Plan. The ED agreement is binding. If accepted you will:

- **Enroll at Meredith**
- **Withdraw applications from all other colleges; and**
- **Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit by December 15**

To apply, check the **First Year Early Decision** box on your application and submit your completed and signed application with supporting credentials by **November 1**. You must also submit the Early Decision Plan form on page 11. You will receive an admissions decision by **November 15**. If you also wish to receive an Early Decision financial aid estimate, the FAFSA must be received by **November 10**. You will receive a financial aid offer by **December 1**.

Financial Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required for applicants wishing to receive federal and/or state aid. **Early Decision FAFSA Priority Date: Nov. 10; Early Action FAFSA Priority Date: Jan. 15; Regular Decision FAFSA Priority Date: Feb. 15.** FAFSAs received after Feb. 15 will be considered with preference given to FAFAs received by **February 15. The FAFSA is available beginning October 1 at FAFSA.ed.gov.**

Competitive Scholarships

Meredith Impact Scholarships –

Admitted first-year students with a minimum 3.4 unweighted GPA OR 1100 SAT/22 ACT are guaranteed a minimum \$20,000 annual scholarship award, renewable for four years. No separate application needed.

Students with exceptional qualifications will be considered for award amounts up to \$24,000. Students who do not qualify for the Impact Scholarship may qualify for other merit-based scholarships or tuition grants from Meredith College ranging from \$17,000 - \$24,000.

Your complete Application for Admission is your application for merit scholarships. No additional application is required.

Talent Scholarships – Applications are required for Art, Interior Design, Music, and Theatre scholarships. Deadline: January 15; you must also be admitted to the College by January 15. Apply Early Decision or Early Action.

Meredith Legacy and Presidential

Scholarships – Your complete Application for Admission and your Honors Application serve as your Meredith Legacy and Presidential Applications. You must be admitted to the College and submit your Honors Application by January 15 to be considered. Apply Early Decision or Early Action. Applicants selected to interview specifically for the Legacy and Presidential Scholarships will be notified in early February.

Other Scholarships – Thomas Meredith, STEM (for students with mathematics, engineering, biology, or chemistry interest), North Carolina Regional Scholarships, Service, Creative Writing, and Teaching Scholars Scholarships require submission of scholarship applications. You must be admitted to the College and submit all components of scholarship application(s) by January 15 to be considered. Apply Early Decision or Early Action.

Honors Program – for gifted and motivated students seeking an enriched academic program. You must be admitted to the College and submit your Honors Application by January 15 to be considered. Apply Early Decision or Early Action.

Application for First Year Undergraduate Admission

Application Status (please respond to each statement or question)

<p>I am applying:</p> <p>First Year Early Decision*</p> <p>First Year Early Action</p> <p>First Year Regular Decision</p> <p><i>*complete and sign the early decision agreement on page 11</i></p>	<p>I am applying for admission beginning in the term:</p> <p>August of _____ (year)</p> <p>January of _____ (year)</p>	<p>Due to the pandemic, submission of an ACT/SAT is optional for students entering in 2020. You must choose your test plan at time of application. You will not be penalized or advantaged by your choice.</p> <p>I will be submitting a test score(s).</p> <p>I will be applying test optional.</p> <hr/> <p>Will you be applying for financial aid?</p> <p>Yes No</p>	<p>I plan to reside:</p> <p>On-campus</p> <p>Off-campus (local students only, approval from the dean of students is required).</p> <p><i>*complete and sign the agreement on page 12</i></p>
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Personal Information (All information provided is confidential and only used by Meredith College)

Legal name _____ / _____
first middle or maiden last preferred or nickname

U.S. Social Security number _____ - _____ - _____ Date of birth _____ / _____ / _____
(Required for receiving financial aid. You may call the Office of Financial Assistance if you prefer not to write in your SS#). month day year

Gender Female Male (Meredith College is an all-women's school at the undergraduate level.)

Permanent address _____ / _____
street, route county

_____ / _____
city state ZIP/postal code

Home Phone (_____) _____ Mobile Phone (_____) _____

_____ / _____
province country

Mailing address (if different) _____ / _____
street, route county

_____ / _____
city state ZIP/postal code Mobile Phone (_____) _____

_____ / _____
province country

E-mail _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

The Office of Admissions will contact you a number of ways regarding your application. Please acknowledge all applicable options:

Email Cell Phone Home Phone Text Message

Indicating preference signifies your approval for Meredith to communicate with you via these methods.

Are you a North Carolina resident? Yes No

If no, or less than a year, where? _____

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Have you already submitted the FAFSA? Yes No

Do you have a parent or guardian currently employed by Meredith College? Yes No

Are you a veteran? Yes No

Country of citizenship USA Other _____

If OTHER, please specify country & complete applicable questions in the shaded box on the next page.

If any of the above information changes, please contact the Office of Admissions.

Meredith College admits qualified women students without regard to race, creed, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, or disability.

If Not a U.S. Citizen

1. Are you a resident alien (also called permanent resident/green card holder)? YES NO
If YES, please indicate alien registration number and skip to question 5:
2. Are you currently in the U.S.? YES NO If YES, please specify visa type or special circumstances:

(Additional information will be requested if you are accepted for admission)

3. Will you require a student (F-1) visa? YES NO If YES, from what country:
4. Are you a dual citizen (a citizen of more than one country)? YES NO
If YES, which country's passport will you use when entering the U.S.? _____
5. Is English your native language? YES NO
6. Was English the primary language of your curricular instruction? YES NO
7. A photocopy of your passport, permanent resident card, visa and/or I-94 card will be required if admitted to the College.

Optional Information *(use for statistical studies and reports and has no influence on an admission decision)*

How did you first become interested in Meredith College? (check one)

Alumna Current Student Family Friend College Fair Meredith Publications
Social Media Advertisements Academic Adviser Athletics Other _____

Race and Ethnic Origin

Are you Hispanic or Latina? Yes No *If yes, mother/guardian's country of origin _____
*If yes, father/guardian's country of origin _____

Please select one or more of the following races:

American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander White

First Generation College Student Yes No

A first generation college student is a student from a family in which neither parent/guardian has earned a four-year degree.

Family Information

Parent/Guardian name _____ Is he/she living? YES NO
first middle last

This is my primary parent/guardian YES NO Relationship: _____

Home address _____
street, route or PO Box

_____ *city state ZIP/postal code province country*

E-mail address _____

Mobile phone (_____) _____ Home phone (_____) _____

Occupation/Position _____

Employer _____ Work phone (_____) _____

Parent/Guardian name _____ Is he/she living? YES NO
first middle last

This is my primary parent/guardian YES NO Relationship: _____

Home address _____
street, route or PO Box

city state ZIP/postal code province country

E-mail address _____

Mobile phone (_____) _____ Home phone (_____) _____

Occupation/Position _____

Employer _____ Work phone (_____) _____

Please list any Meredith College graduates/current students to whom you are related:

Name _____ Class _____ Relationship _____
first last maiden name

Name _____ Class _____ Relationship _____
first last maiden name

There are many important elements to consider as you make a well-informed college choice. As you consider your best-fit school, which two factors listed below are the most important to you? **Your response has no influence on an admission decision.**

- (please select only two)**
- Academic programs and their fit with my goals
 - Experiential learning (e.g. internships, study abroad, or research)
 - Social fit and the college community
 - The location of the college
 - Paying for my education
 - Other

Academic & Career Interest

Indicate your first and second intended majors, followed by career or professional goals

Academic Information

Beginning with ninth grade, list ALL high schools, colleges and universities, including summer schools, you have attended, including the institution you are currently attending.

Name	City/State/Country	Dates Attended From To	Type of degree or diploma (earned or expected)

When do/did you graduate from high school? (month/year) _____ / _____

My current high school is public private home school early college high school virtual

Please list all dates (month/year), including future testing plans and tests completed previously. If you are applying test optional, skip this section.

SAT	YES	NO	Date_____	Score_____
ACT	YES	NO	Date_____	Score_____
AP EXAMS	YES	NO	Date_____	Score_____
IB EXAMS	YES	NO	Date_____	Score_____
TOEFL	YES	NO	Date_____	Score_____
IELTS	YES	NO	Date_____	Score_____

List all courses in which you are currently enrolled. If not currently enrolled, check here and **answer the questions below this shaded box.**

Course Title (also list course number if college level)	Unit of Credit

List any other courses you expect to take before entering Meredith College.

Course Title (also list course number if college level)	When/Where	Unit of Credit

If you are not currently enrolled in an educational program, please provide information about how you have spent your time since leaving school.

Academic Honors

Briefly describe any scholastic distinctions or honors you have been awarded beginning with the ninth grade. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed or a resume, if preferred. Include your name on any attachments.

Activities

If needed, you may attach additional pages or submit a resume. Include your name on any attachments.

Activity	Position held, honors earned, etc.	Years (9-12)

Essay

The following two-part writing sample is an important component of your application. Please submit your thoughtful response to the following questions (maximum combined length should be no longer than 500 words):

- A. Describe the attributes of a Meredith education that make it a good fit for your future.
- B. Provide a personal example that demonstrates your commitment to planning, pursuing, and reaching your goals in the face of challenge.

Optional: Transcripts and test scores don't tell the whole story! We want to learn more about the person behind the application. That's why we partner with zeemee.com, a free platform where you can share short videos and photos that help us get to know you better. It's easy, fun, and open to all students – just download the ZeeMee app and follow the prompts to get started. If you choose to create a ZeeMee profile, please add your ZeeMee url here. _____

The Honor System

The Honor System is a long-cherished tradition and a basis for all life at Meredith College. Based upon the principles of integrity, fulfillment of community obligations and responsibility to others, the purpose of the Honor System is to maintain an atmosphere of trust and honor throughout the Meredith community. The willingness of each student to accept full responsibility for her actions and to abide by the standards set by her peers is imperative to a community of mutual trust. Every student who attends Meredith must commit herself to abide by and uphold Meredith's Honor Code and system of self-governance by signing the Honor Pledge during orientation. When you sign your application to Meredith College, you indicate that you are aware of the importance of the Honor System and, if enrolled, will be responsible for ensuring that the Honor System is at all times the standard for individual and community behavior.

Character Statement

1. Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at any educational institution you have attended from the ninth grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in a disciplinary action? These actions could include, but are not limited to: probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from the institution.

YES NO
2. Have you ever been adjudicated guilty or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony? Note: if the criminal adjudication or conviction has been expunged, sealed, annulled, pardoned, destroyed, erased, impounded, or otherwise required by law or ordered by a court to be kept confidential, you are not required to answer "yes" to this question, or provide an explanation.

YES NO

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please attach a separate sheet of paper outlining the approximate date of each incident and explaining the circumstances.

Condition of Admission

This application is made with the understanding and agreement that the applicant, upon admission, will be subject to the rules and regulations of Meredith College governing admission and retention of students, as outlined in the catalogue statement titled "Condition of Admission."

Student Statement

I certify that all information given in this application is complete and accurate. By signing and submitting this application, I indicate my willingness to accept both the responsibilities and privileges of the Honor System of Meredith College and all other conditions of admission.

Signature _____ Date _____

Submit your \$40 non-refundable application fee or acceptable fee waiver to the Office of Admissions at 3800 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27607. Credit card payment is available at meredith.edu/admissions.

School Report – School Official Recommendation

To the First Year Applicant:

Complete this shaded box and give this form to your school counselor, principal, or other school official. Please request that this form be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions.

Name _____
first middle last

Address _____
street, route or PO Box

city state ZIP/postal code province country

Applying for entry beginning: Fall Spring _____ (year)

Name of school _____ CEEB Code _____

Address _____

I recognize the confidential nature of this document and **I do** **I do not** waive my right to access.

Student's signature _____ Date _____

To the School Official:

- 1. Complete** all information requested on the **front and back** of this form.
- 2. Submit** an official copy of the applicant's transcript.
- 3. Return this form directly to the Office of Admissions.**

School Counseling phone (_____) _____ School Counseling fax (_____) _____

Accreditation by _____ Public School Private School

Percent graduates entering 4-year college _____ 2-year college _____ Other _____

If not provided on the transcript, please provide class rank and grading scale.

Class rank _____ out of _____ students as of _____ / _____
month/year

Is the rank weighted? YES NO

School does not rank _____

Give grading scale, highest to lowest:
 A =
 B =
 C =
 D =
 F =

In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school, the applicant's course selection is:
 Most Demanding Very Demanding Demanding Average Below Average

FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS ONLY: Will the student's home school graduation be recognized by her state of residence? YES NO

1. Has the applicant ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at your school from ninth grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in the applicant's probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from your institution?
 YES NO School policy prohibits response

2. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony, or other crime?
YES NO

Counselor Recommendation

Is the student recommended for admission to Meredith College? **(Required Information)**

YES NO Prefer not to respond School policy prohibits recommendation

Please provide your comments. *Attach additional page as needed.*

Signature _____ Title _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ E-mail address _____



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FAX (919) 760-2348
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Instructor Recommendation (optional)

To the Applicant:

Complete this shaded box. Then give the form to your recommender and request that this form be mailed or emailed to the Office of Admissions at admissions@meredith.edu

This form is to be completed by a teacher who has taught you in an academic subject in grade 11 or 12.

Name _____
first middle last

Address _____
street, route or PO Box

city state ZIP/postal code province country

I recognize the confidential matter of this document and **I do** **I do not** waive my right to access.

Applying for: August January _____ (year)

To the Instructor:

- Complete** all information requested on the **front and back** of this form.
- Return this form** directly to the Office of Admissions.

1. How long have you known this student?

Less than two years

Two to four years

More than four years

2. What subject(s) have you taught her and in what academic years?

3. Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No basis for judgement
Academic Ability					
Determination					
Cooperation					
Dependability					
Leadership					
Social Adaptability					
Integrity					
Motivation					
Creativity					

4. Would you expect this student to respond positively to a community that expects personal integrity in both academic and social matters?

YES NO If "NO," please explain:

5. Please use the space below to make any further comments regarding the individual abilities and/or needs of the student.

6. Do you recommend this student to Meredith College?

YES NO

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____

Name of institution _____

Address _____ Phone (_____) _____

E-mail address _____



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Early Decision Plan

The Meredith College **Early Decision Application Plan (ED)** is recommended for first-year students who have completed their college research and whose first choice is Meredith. **An Early Decision application is a binding commitment that means, if admitted, you will enroll at Meredith.** You will receive notification of an admission decision on or before November 15.

To be considered under the Early Decision plan, you must:

- Select the **First-Year Early Decision** box on your application for admission;
- Complete, sign, and return this Early Decision Agreement;
- Submit no other Early Decision applications to other colleges and universities;
- Submit your completed application for admission and your signed agreement by **November 1, Meredith's Early Decision Deadline;**
- **Early Decision** financial aid offers are dependent on submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All ED applicants are encouraged to submit the FAFSA by **November 10 - the early aid deadline** – in order to receive an estimated offer by December 1. Access the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.gov (available October 1).

If you are admitted to Meredith under the Early Decision Plan, you agree:

- To promptly withdraw all applications submitted to other colleges and universities and make no additional applications to any other institution. If you are seeking financial aid, you need not withdraw other applications until you have received notification about financial aid. If demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA and Meredith's Office of Financial Assistance is not met, you are released from the Early Decision agreement.
- To submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit to Meredith by December 15 – the ED deposit deadline – to reserve your space in the class;
- To enroll in the incoming First-Year class at Meredith.

Meredith College Early Decision Agreement

Name of Applicant _____
first middle last

Address _____
street, route or PO Box

city state ZIP/postal code province country

If accepted at Meredith College, I agree to enroll. I will submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit by December 15 to reserve my place in the class and withdraw applications from all other colleges and universities at that time.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

(parent/guardian signature required if you are under 18 years of age at the time you apply for admission)

Off-Campus Housing Request (Commuter student only)

Meredith College takes pride in its academic community and feels strongly that the residence life experience is an integral part of that community. However, Meredith allows students in the following categories to reside off-campus if that is their preference:

Please check all conditions that apply:

Student will reside locally with parent(s) or legal guardian.

Student will be 21 years of age or older at the time of enrollment. NOTE: Campus housing is usually available only to full-time undergraduate degree-seeking students under the age of 23 (see catalogue). International students, 23 or older, enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program may request special consideration for on-campus housing.

Please check below if you have a special request for commuter status:

Student requests special permission from the Dean of Students to reside with someone other than a parent or legal guardian. If you check this option, complete shaded box below.

Please read and sign below:

I understand that I am responsible for finding suitable housing if accepted for admission as a commuting student. If I do not qualify for off-campus residency as defined by Meredith College, I understand I will be contacted and given the opportunity to change my application status to on-campus residency.

Printed name _____

Student's signature _____ Date _____

If you are requesting special permission to live off-campus, please provide us with the following information concerning the person with whom you plan to reside should you attend Meredith College:

Name of person with whom you plan to live _____

Relationship _____ Age _____

Address _____

street, route or PO Box

_____ *city* _____ *state* _____ *ZIP*

Telephone Number (_____) _____ Occupation _____

Place of Employment _____

Marital Status: Single Married E-mail address _____

For Office Use Only:

Student qualifies for commuter status YES NO

Confirmed by _____ Date _____

Application Checklist

Completed application (including essay)

Non-refundable U.S. \$40 fee

The SAT/ACT is optional. You must indicate your plans to submit or not submit test scores at the time you apply for admission. If you are applying test optional, do not send test scores.

Official high school transcript

School Report – School Official Recommendation

Instructor Recommendation Form (optional)

Early Decision Form (if applying Early Decision)

Off-Campus Housing Request (commuter student only)

FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

SAT or ACT is optional if the primary language of instruction is English

Official TOEFL or IELTS score if primary language is NOT English

Certified English translation of academic transcript(s)

A photocopy of passport, permanent resident card, Visa and/or I-94 card

Certificate of Financial Responsibility (will be mailed to student upon admission)

Scholarship Information

Your application for admission and supporting credentials serve as your application for merit scholarships that are awarded at the time of admission.

To be considered for the following scholars, talent, and other scholarships please submit the application(s) found at Meredith.edu/scholarships. The application deadline is January 15. Please note: Scholarship applicants must also be admitted to the College by January 15 – apply Early Decision or Early Action to be considered for these specialized scholarships.

- Art
- Creative Writing
- Interior Design
- Meredith Legacy and Presidential Scholarships (submit the Honors Program Application for consideration) Applicants selected to interview specifically for the Legacy and Presidential Scholarships will be notified in early February.
- Music
- North Carolina Regional Scholarships
- Service Scholars
- STEM mathematics, engineering, biology, chemistry, computer science
- Theatre
- Thomas Meredith Baptist Heritage Scholarship (North Carolina Residents Only)
- Teaching Scholars

For further scholarship information, please visit: meredith.edu, call your admissions counselor at (919) 760-8581, or email admissions@meredith.edu

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