

Please be sure to review the eligibility and participation requirements before beginning this application.

Attach additional sheets where more space is needed.

This application can also be completed online at <https://forms.gle/D5VXeu9ocCWRuqLY7>

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ PRONOUNS (optional): _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS (with zip code): _____

MAILING ADDRESS (if different from home address): _____

SCHOOL: _____ CURRENT GRADE: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Current GPA: _____

Please list any academic honors, awards or recognitions:

EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Please list school clubs, sports, community organizations or activities you participate in:

SHORT ESSAYS. Answer at least 2 of the 3 questions below (250-300 words each) and attach as a separate document:

1. Why are you interested in participating in the International Dual Enrollment Academy (IDEA)? What do you hope to gain from this experience academically, culturally and personally?

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2. Describe a time you engaged with someone from a different cultural background than your own. What did you learn from that interaction and how has it shaped your perspective?

3. As a participant in the International Dual Enrollment Academy, you will have the opportunity to travel abroad and represent Birmingham as a global ambassador. What qualities do you possess that make you a strong candidate for this role, and how do you plan to apply the knowledge and skills gained through the program to make a positive impact in your local community?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please share anything else about your background, identity, skills or aspirations that is relevant to your participation in IDEA: _____

Please share any scheduling conflicts or concerns you have with the program calendar, including the related travel to Japan. [Here's a link to the 2024 IDEA Program Calendar](#)

ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION

I am currently enrolled in a school in the Birmingham City Schools system and will attend a BCS school in the 2024-2025 academic year.

I will be a junior or senior in the Fall of 2024

I am available to fully participate in all IDEA sessions and travel and will notify organizers of any potential scheduling conflict well in advance of any absence. [Click here to view the 2024 IDEA Program Calendar.](#)

If selected, I agree to serve as a global ambassador for Birmingham and the IDEA program. [Click here to learn more about what it means to be a global ambassador for Birmingham.](#)

SIGNATURE:

Student Name: _____ Date: _____

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application form
- Academic transcript
- Two letters of recommendation (at least one from a teacher; the second can also be from a teacher or it can be from a counselor, community member, mentor, coach, extracurricular supervisor, family friend, etc.)

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please submit your application packet by April 19, 2024 to:

International Dual Enrollment Academy
c/o Birmingham Sister Cities
EMAIL: bhm.sistercities@gmail.com
MAIL: 1116 20th St S, #314, Birmingham, AL 35205

Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Top applicants will be interviewed.

Up to 15 students will be selected for the inaugural IDEA cohort.

All applicants will be notified of decisions by April 29, 2024.

For questions, contact bhm.sistercities@gmail.com.