



2025 International Dual Enrollment Academy Student Application

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

Please submit your application packet by April 25, 2025 at 5 PM CDT.

Late or incomplete applications cannot be considered.

Up to 15 students will be selected for the 2025 Ghana IDEA cohort.

All applicants will be notified of decisions in early May.

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

* Indicates required question

Parent/Guardian Information

1. Parent/Guardian Name(s) *

2. Parent/Guardian Email Address *

3. Parent/Guardian Phone Number *

Student Information.

4. First Name *



5. Last Name *

6. Date of Birth *

Example: January 7, 2019

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8. Home Address (include zip code) *

9. Mailing Address (if different than home address) *

10. Student Phone Number *

11. Student Email Address *

12. School *

13. Current Grade *

Mark only one oval.

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Other: _____

Academic Information.

14. Current GPA *

15. Please list any academic honors, awards or recognitions (if none, type "N/A"): *

Extracurricular Involvement.

16. Please list school clubs, sports, community organizations or activities you participate in (if none, type "N/A"): *

Short Essays. Answer at least 2 of the 3 questions below (250-300 words each)

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

18. 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?

19. 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? [Click here to learn more about what it means to be a global ambassador for Birmingham.](#)

Additional Information

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

21. Please share any scheduling conflicts or concerns you have with the program calendar, including the related travel to Ghana. [Here's a link to the 2025 IDEA Program Calendar](#)

22. Please check the boxes below to verify your eligibility *

Check all that apply.

- I am currently enrolled in a school in the Birmingham City Schools system and will attend a BCS school in the 2025-2026 academic year.
- I will be a junior or senior in Fall 2025
- 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.
- If selected, I agree to serve as a global ambassador for Birmingham and the IDEA program.

Application Checklist.

Please upload the following items:

23. Academic Transcript *

Files submitted:

24. Letter of Recommendation #1 (from teacher) *

Files submitted:

25. Letter of Recommendation #2 (from another teacher, a counselor, community member, mentor, coach, extracurricular supervisor, family friend, etc.) *

Files submitted:

Student Signature.

By typing your name in the field below, you certify that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of your knowledge.

26. Student Name *
