

The Davidson Young Scholars Program does not discriminate based on race, gender, religion, ethnicity, or physical disability.

The following has been prepared to assist in ensuring that your application materials are ready when you begin the Online Application Process.

Using the Online Application System

The Davidson Institute strongly recommends keeping a copy of your application materials, as well as typing and saving your responses to open-ended questions in another program before pasting the text into the Online Application System. If you are logged into the Online Application System and no new information is submitted within a 60-minute timeframe, your session will time out and you will receive a server error. Your information may not be saved. The system saves information as you click the “save” button or when you click on the top, right arrow button. If you have not clicked on the top, right arrow button, the information you have input on that specific screen will not be saved. If you receive a server error, you will need to close out of the system and log back in.

Application Checklist

- **Determine Eligibility** – Review the Young Scholars program [Qualification Criteria](#) and compare the applicant’s test scores and administration date to determine eligibility.
- **Evidence of Extreme Intellectual Abilities** – Upload documents as PDF files. Supplemental video(s) must be uploaded as a WMV file compressed to 75 MB or less. Visit the [FAQ](#) and [video help](#) pages for additional information.
 - **Required:** At least one IQ test, achievement test, or Talent Search/College Placement test from Option #1 or #2 as listed on the [Qualification Criteria](#) page. Please refer to that website for further details.
 - **Not Required - Supplemental information:** Other evidence of extreme precocity, as determined by the applicant and family, may be uploaded into the Online Application system. This section is optional and will not override test scores that fall significantly below the [Qualification Criteria](#). Please refer to that website for further details.
- **Nominator Form** – One Nominator Form is required for each application. Applicants must provide the name and email address for someone outside the family who did not administer testing to the applicant, and can speak to the applicant’s academic and extreme intellectual abilities. An automatic email will be sent to the Nominator with a link to the Form. They will be asked to respond to the following open-ended questions. We strongly recommend Nominators type and save their responses in another program before pasting the text into the Online Application System. Responses must be submitted utilizing the Nominator Form; answers to the following questions will not be accepted in any other format. When the Nominator Form has been submitted, a notification of receipt will be emailed to both the Nominator and the primary contact listed on the Parent/Guardian screen.
 1. Describe your relationship with the applicant.
 2. Describe an incident that speaks to his/her advanced abilities.
 3. How does this applicant’s academic abilities compare to other young people with whom you interact?
 4. The Davidson Young Scholars Program is designed to provide parents of profoundly gifted young people with individualized assistance in the areas of educational advocacy and planning, social/emotional, and talent development. Please tell us why this applicant could benefit from the Young Scholars Program.

- **Parent Form(s)** – Digital signatures are required on Parent Agreement Form(s) from all persons sharing **legal custody** of the applicant. Applicants must provide contact information for all persons who share **legal custody**, regardless of any "physical custody" arrangements, and designate a primary contact to receive emails from the Davidson Institute Online Application system. Once the online application has been submitted, each person listed as having legal custody will be sent an automatic email with a link to a Parent Form.

- **Discussion Questions** – On the Discussion Questions page, the following open-ended questions must be addressed.
 1. Please describe your child’s developmental milestones:
 2. Please describe an incident that demonstrates your child’s ability to learn and process complex information rapidly:
 3. Please describe an incident that demonstrates your child’s need to explore subjects in surprising depth:
 4. In what areas does your child exhibit prodigious intellectual ability?
 5. What is he/she currently doing to develop these talents?
 6. What is your role in assisting your child to develop his/her talents?
 7. Describe the three most challenging aspects of parenting this child.
 8. How do you see the Young Scholars program assisting you and your child?

- **Submission** – Once the application has been submitted, you will see a green check mark in the Online Application system. At this point, you can no longer review the information submitted. Please verify the Nominator and all Parents/Guardians listed as having legal custody have received automatic emails with links to their respective forms. If the forms are not in the person’s Inbox, please encourage them to check their spam or junk folders. In order to minimize the chance of email sent by the application system and the Applications Team being classified as spam by your email provider, please add @davidsongifted.org to your safe sender list and notify your Nominator and all parent/guardians to do the same.

Next steps

Please return to the [How to Apply](#) page for additional details regarding the application process.

For more information, please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions about the Young Scholars program and application process](#). If your question is not answered in the FAQs, please email ysapplications@davidsongifted.org. Emails will be answered within three to five business days.