



Eligibility Requirements (rev 6/1/20)

Summer 2020 • All Programs

Bright, motivated students entering pre-kindergarten through 12th grades in fall 2020 in any educational setting—public, private, parochial, or home school—may apply. They must be 4 years old by June 1, 2020.

An ideal candidate, one who will enjoy and do well in our programs, typically evidences many of the following talents and characteristics in pre-primary, primary, and/or elementary years:

- Expresses curiosity and creativity
- Enjoys challenges
- Asks thoughtful questions
- Has problem-solving abilities
- Is keenly observant
- Has a creative imagination
- Demonstrates talent in art, music, writing, or drama
- Acts independently and with initiative
- Has a large vocabulary
- Uses a variety of language skills
- Discusses and elaborates on ideas
- Uses learned information in new contexts
- Enjoys reading
- Creates and/or tells stories
- Exhibits wit and humor
- Has a sustained attention span
- Has a good memory

Applicants need not have qualified for advanced programming at their schools. **Test scores are not required;** however, if the student has been tested we ask that the parents or teachers send the scores to us, but these are never our only criteria. Although our students generally rank at or above the 95th percentiles in some areas, we recognize the great variety of talents and abilities that children express and it is our great privilege to support them. The list of characteristics (above) may be used as a general reference. If uncertain about their child's eligibility, parents may request a conversation with the Director, Joan Franklin Smutny.

Returning students, who have attended previous programs of The Center for Gifted, are eligible upon our timely receipt of their applications. Eligibility materials are not required.

New students, who never have attended a Center for Gifted program: Submission of the following three items is required.

1. A teacher recommendation form (**for students entering pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, or if teachers are unavailable**, a parent or an educator who has worked with the student may complete this form)
2. A copy of the student's most recent report card (may be waived upon parents' written request if not available **for students entering pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.**)
3. The eligibility checklist for parents

The recommendation form and parent checklist can be downloaded from our website. These may be submitted via fax, mail, or email, before, with, or after application. A place in our program is tentatively reserved for each applicant upon our receipt of application. The required eligibility items should be sent as soon as possible after application. Our receipt of these items will not be acknowledged; however, enrollment status will be sent via email usually within one week after they are received.

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