

Davidson THINK Summer Institute Application Checklist and Procedures

The following has been prepared to assist in ensuring that your THINK Summer Institute application materials are ready when you begin the Online Application Process. The Davidson Institute strongly recommends that you keep a copy of your application materials. *The Davidson THINK Summer Institute does not discriminate based on race, gender, religion, ethnicity, or physical disability.*

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- **Determine Eligibility** – To determine eligibility, review the THINK [Qualification Criteria](#).
- **Obtain Supporting Materials**
 - Copy of qualifying SAT and/or ACT test score reports uploaded as PDF files.
 - Résumé – Using a résumé format, list your schooling history, extracurricular activities, special study projects and/or activities in which you have been involved in during the past two years. The activities may be school, community or personal pursuits. Please identify your role in each activity.
 - Essay – In a narrative format, no longer than two double-spaced pages, introduce yourself and share why you are interested in the courses you have selected for the THINK Summer Institute. Describe what you hope to gain from the experience and what value you would add to the environment at THINK. Address any experience you have had staying organized and focused in an intense learning atmosphere and how you plan to meet this challenge at THINK. You may also include a discussion of your background, interests (academic and non-academic) and any other aspects of your life that reflect why you are a strong candidate for the program.
 - If applicable, copy of course pre-requisite requirements for preferred courses.
- **Nominating Form for First-Time Applicants** – One Nominating Form is required for each new applicant. Applicants must provide the name and email address for the individual asked to complete a Nominating Form. This must be from an educator in the subject area of math, science or English. We request this individual have direct experience with the applicant within the past 12 months. Nominators should be individuals who can speak to the applicant's abilities and aptitude for an intense residential college experience. Family members may not serve as nominators. Once the online application has been submitted, an automatic email will be sent to your Nominator with the Nominating Form link. When the Nominating Form has been submitted, a notification of receipt will be emailed to the Nominator, the applicant and the parent primary contact listed on the Parents-Guardians screen.
- **Parent Form(s)** – We require digital signatures 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 for the Davidson Institute. 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.

Please verify with your nominator and all parents/guardians that they have received their automatic emails with links to their forms in order to verify that these emails did not go into their spam or junk folders.

- **Application Fee Payment** – Once you submit your application, please pay your \$55 application fee through the Davidson Institute online store (<http://shop.davidsongifted.org/>).

Review - Applications are complete once all Parent and Nominator Forms have been submitted. The review committee evaluates applications on an individual basis to determine if an applicant is qualified.

Notification - Decision notifications will be sent via email within one month of application completion. Once accepted into the program, students will be sent additional information regarding next steps and participant materials. If accepted, the deadlines for tuition costs of \$3,400 are outlined in the [THINK Payment Summary](#).