

TRINITY COLLEGE

Trinity International University, Deerfield, Illinois

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR OPTIONS APPLICATION



This application is to be completed only by students who have completed their junior year in high school in the upper 25% of their class (or grade average of "B" or above) and wish to enroll in Trinity's High School Senior Options Program. A student in this program is eligible to enroll in one course during May term and will receive college credit for this course.

Please be sure to:

1. Complete this application in its entirety.
2. Schedule a meeting/interview with the Admissions Office.
3. Submit a recommendation from a high school guidance counselor along with official high school transcripts.
4. Submit written permission from a parent or legal guardian.

Anticipated date of entrance: Year: _____ Term: <input type="checkbox"/> May Term

Personal Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle (or Maiden)
Address		Date of Birth
City	State	Zip
Day Phone		Evening Phone
		Email

How did you hear about Trinity, and why do you wish to enroll at this time? _____

High School Information (to be completed by all applicants)

<i>Current High School</i>	<i>City, State</i>	<i>Graduation Year</i>	<i>Guidance Counselor</i>

I have read the "Statement of Mission" and the "Statement of Community Expectations" and am willing to accept this lifestyle pattern as my own while I am on campus. I hereby certify that the information completed on this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that persons who falsify or omit information may be subject to dismissal from Trinity.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Trinity International University Mission Statement

Trinity's special mission is to do that which the great Western universities have ceased to do – provide excellence in academics as well as preparation for ministry and professions – all within the context of a Christian worldview and a Christian community.

Trinity's calling is to glorify the Triune God as a learning community “entrusted with the gospel.” The university serves the church by preparing students to fulfill their divine calling through the study of his Word and his world. Trinity is committed to the Christian vision that laid the foundations of the great Western universities: that all knowledge is unified in Jesus Christ, since it was through him that all things were made. Trinity's schools, each with distinct educational missions, are united by their commitment to this vision for the Christian university:

A Christ-centered community. Jesus Christ is the center of our learning and our common life as we enable men and women to serve God in their families, the church, their respective callings, and their culture.

The authority of God's inerrant Word, Holy Scripture. His Word is our final authority in all matters – his own nature, and the world he has made – and therefore the authority for all human understanding and inquiry.

Excellence in all things. Our teaching and scholarship, and all aspects of our community life, must bring honor to God by an excellence that we constantly assess to ensure its quality.

The development of the whole person. God has made us bodily creatures with the potential for physical and intellectual growth, for the growth of character, and for the development of our spiritual capacity – that we might know God in Jesus Christ.

Cultural engagement. We have been placed in a culture that has deep roots in the Judeo-Christian tradition, yet is seeking to reinvent itself in post-Christian terms. Trinity, as a university and in its training of students, is committed to engaging the culture and seeking to transform it for Jesus Christ.

International identity. We seek to reflect the worldwide purposes of God and the richness of his people drawn from “every tribe and tongue.”

Statement of Faith

We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for all Christian faith and life.

We believe in one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Advocate.

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ and, during this age, to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, and indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.

We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.

We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.

We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the Head.

We believe that only those who are, thus, members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church.

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every local church has the right, under Christ, to decide and govern its own affairs.

We believe in the personal premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this “Blessed Hope” has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer.

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting conscious punishment.

Statement of Community Expectations

As a Christian community, Trinity International University has characteristics and structures that express its nature, enhance its purpose, and provide for the life and growth of its members. The distinctives of the Trinity community include commitment to the authority of the Word of God, to the dignity of persons, and to the mutual support of fellow believers. These characteristics of community life are based on:

Principles derived from Scripture.

Insights discerned from various academic disciplines.

Awareness of contemporary societal trends.

Appreciation for the evangelical heritage of the college and its constituency.

Membership in the Trinity community offers unique privileges and implies unique responsibilities. The privileges include opportunities for academic, personal, and spiritual growth within a sound and balanced setting. The responsibilities involve both general patterns of community lifestyle and particular requirements regarding specific activities. The standards of the college are demanding, beyond normal societal standards. In signing an application for admission, students assume the responsibility to maintain the Trinity Community Expectations as outlined below, as well as others as they are announced. These standards, much like the "training rules" of an athletic team, allow students to affirm the authenticity of their commitment to the community, to learn to trust themselves and to let their word be trusted – that is, to grow in integrity – by maintaining congruence between their life and these high standards.

General Patterns of Christian Lifestyle

Scripture sets the overall parameters for Christian community, which include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, tolerance, and self-control. In relationships with each other, community members are expected to practice compassion, to bear one another's burdens, to forgive each other, and to encourage one another. In relation to the material world, they are expected to exercise good stewardship and appropriate use of resources.

These expectations are in contrast to such sins as jealousy, conceit, greed, the sowing of discord, and the expressing of prejudice based on race, creed, ethnic origin, sex, or socioeconomic status. All such sins are an affront to God and are destructive to community.

Scripture does not provide specific teaching regarding all human behavior. Consequently, controversy in respect to individual practices has arisen throughout the history of the church. Any set of community standards may contain elements with which some of its members disagree. Nevertheless, out of a desire to encourage an environment appropriate to its purposes, respect for its heritage, and concern for the values of its constituency, Trinity has established the following on- and off-campus behavioral guidelines for all full- and part-time students:

* Practices that are specifically forbidden in Scripture, such as dishonesty, theft, abortion, premarital sex, adultery, homosexual behavior, profanity, gossip, pornography, and infringement on the rights of others, will not be condoned.

* Scripture explicitly teaches respect for governmental authority. Students are therefore expected to uphold the laws of the local community, the state, and the nation except on those occasions where obedience to civil authority would require behavior directly in conflict with other scriptural principles.

* In a Christian academic community, academic dishonesty, including cheating, plagiarism, and misappropriation of library materials, is regarded as a serious violation.

* Abuse of one's body is inappropriate for a Christian. Accordingly, students will be required to refrain from the possession or use of harmful substances such as tobacco, nonprescribed stimulants and depressants, and hallucinogenic drugs.

* Gambling and the possession or use of intoxicants (i.e., alcoholic beverages) have been regarded by many in the college and its constituency as practices that are questionable and encourage exposure to demeaning social surroundings. They are not allowed.

* In order to facilitate orderly community life, students are expected to abide by other procedural rules and regulations as announced.

Scripture should be our guide at all times. During the summer and winter semester breaks, the student is not under the community expectations unless he or she represents Trinity in an official capacity, resides on campus, or is visiting on campus. The university also reserves the right to refuse continuation to a student who is involved in activities or has committed actions during the summer or winter semester breaks that may be deemed by the administration as potentially impacting the safety of students on campus or having ongoing consequences that violate scriptural principles or Community Expectations.

Policy on Drug and Alcohol Abuse

All Trinity students are expected to maintain standards of conduct that exclude the possession, use, and distribution of alcohol, tobacco, and nonprescription drugs both on and off campus.

Alcohol and drug consumption cause a number of changes in behavior, ranging from impaired judgment and coordination to inhibiting a person's ability to learn and use higher mental functions. Repeated use can lead to dependence; long-term use will cause permanent damage to the brain, liver, and other vital organs and may lead to death.

Counseling services for drug and substance abuse are available through Trinity's Counseling Center. Along with individual counseling for drug or substance abuse, the Counseling Center, in cooperation with the Dean of Students Office, will schedule forums as needed to address issues in this area that they believe would be pertinent to the Trinity student body at large. Information regarding off-campus substance abuse counseling services and rehabilitation programs can be obtained at the Counseling Center or the Health Services Office information rack.

Trinity will enforce the full extent of local, state, and federal laws toward those who unlawfully possess, use, or distribute illicit drugs and alcohol on campus. Any student who is using drugs or is in a room/vehicle in which drug use is occurring is subject to immediate dismissal by the institution Student Hearing Committee. The school also reserves the right to require a student to submit to a full drug test if there is reasonable suspicion deemed by the Dean of Students that the student may be involved in some form of chemical abuse. Refusal by the student to submit to the test within 24 hours of the request could result in dismissal from college.