

Bard College at Simon's Rock | The Early College

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

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Applying to enter in: _____

Academic Recommendation

About the Applicant:

Legal Name	<i>Last/Family/Sur</i>	<i>First/Given</i>	<i>Middle</i>	Preferred First Name
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PRIVACY NOTICE: By signing the application, this student authorized their school to release all requested records covered under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) so that the application may be reviewed for admission by Bard College at Simon's Rock. They further authorized the admission officers reviewing the application to contact school officials should they have questions about this form. Under the provision of the FERPA, they will have the right, when they enroll at Simon's Rock, to review their educational records, unless they waive their right to access below. Conversely, admission records are not accessible to applicants, those students who are denied admission, or those students who decline an offer of admission.

☐ This student waived their right to access this form.

To the Recommender:

Bard College at Simon's Rock is a selective, private, nondenominational, coeducational college of the liberal arts and sciences specifically designed to offer bright, highly motivated students the opportunity to begin college after the tenth or eleventh grade. Our Pathway to Academic Choice and Excellence (PACE) program is designed for students who are intellectually and academically ready to begin college early, yet need further instruction to develop their English language proficiency. We appreciate your frank and detailed account of the candidate. Please complete both sides of this form and sign below.

Recommender's Name Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.	Subject Taught
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Secondary School/Organization Name

School Address

Number and Street

<i>City/Town</i>	<i>State/Province</i>	<i>Zip/Postal Code</i>	<i>Country</i>
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Recommender's Phone ()	Recommender's Email
<i>Area/City Code</i>	<i>Number</i> <i>Extension</i>

Signature	Date
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About the Applicant:

What words first come to mind when you think of this student?

How long have you know this student and in what context?

In which grade level(s) was the student enrolled when you taught him/her? ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ Other _____

List courses in which you have taught the applicant, noting for each the applicant's year in school, the level of course difficulty (AP, IB, honors, 100-level, 200-level, etc.), and the grade earned by the applicant.

RATINGS

Compared to other students you have instructed, how do you rate this student in terms of:

		No basis	Below average	Average	Good (above average)	Very Good (well above average)	Excellent (top 10%)	Outstanding (top 5%)	One of the top few encountered in my career
	Academic achievement								
	Intellectual promise								
	Quality of writing								
	Quality of spoken communication								
	Creative, original thought								
	Productive class discussion								
	Respect accorded by teachers								
	Respect accorded by student peers								
	Disciplined work habits								
	Maturity								
	Motivation								
	Leadership								
	Integrity								
	Reaction to setbacks								
	Concern for others								
	Self-confidence								
	Initiative, independence								
	Overall								

Evaluation

If you prefer, you may answer these questions in a personal letter on official letterhead and attach it to or upload it with this form. Please assess the candidate's: (1) intellectual abilities as well as his or her actual performance; (2) social maturity and peer relations; and (3) readiness to engage in the kind of independent work and living required in college. Are there any academic, social, and/or personal habits you've observed that need further development in order for the candidate to succeed in a college environment? (4) Comment on any background information or special circumstances that you think may be relevant to our assessment of the candidate. We welcome information that will help us to differentiate this student from others.