

APPLICATION CHECKLIST 2021

Before you begin your application collect the following information. Please note, you can not save your application once you start. We recommend waiting to apply until you have everything.

Personal, Educational, and Family Information:

- Your name, address, cell phone number, email address, date of birth, high school
- Your parents' highest level of education
- Your family's taxable income and household size
- Your fall after-school schedule for 2021 (you can make educated guesses if you're not sure)
- Guardian permission:** Signature from your guardian indicating that you have permission to participate
- Transcript:** Attach your most recent high school transcript or provide your counselor's email address
- Email address of your letter of recommender:** Ask a teacher or guidance counselor to email a confidential letter addressed to Jessica Lee at freedomandcitizenship@columbia.edu. The letter should speak to your ability to handle a heavy academic workload, willingness to participate in class, commitment to academic improvement, and engagement in social or political causes, as applicable.

Short Essays: Please answer the following questions with answers of 300 - 500 words each

- In Freedom & Citizenship we ask the big questions about how humans live together in society. We use ancient texts to help us think about the world today and our own place in it. Tell us about yourself and why you're interested in asking big questions about humanity. What specific questions are you interested in?
- Former students describe the summer seminar as both exciting and challenging. How are you looking for a challenge? What kind of skills would you like to improve, or what new experiences would you like to have?
- During your senior year you'll work with a group of students on a civic leadership project. What topic would you like to work on, why are you interested in that topic, and what kind of changes would you like to make?

Ideas from past years (you CAN suggest a topic not listed below):

- * Immigration
- * Human Trafficking
- * Domestic Violence
- * Refugees
- * Gentrification & Housing
- * School Segregation
- * College Affordability
- * Health Care
- * Gender Equality
- * Climate Change
- * Gun Control
- * Mass Incarceration

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