FREEDOM AND CITIZENSHIP
SAMPLE STUDENT APPLICATION 2022

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name
Last Name
Cell Phone
Email Address
Street Address
Apartment Number
Borough/City
Zipcode
Date of Birth
Gender

ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITY STATUS

Freedom & Citizenship applicants must live in New York City, be a current junior in a New York City high school, and be prepared to commit to the full academic year program.

We seek applicants who are from low-income households and/or will be the first in their families to attend college in the United States.

There is no minimum GPA.

High School
Current year

What are your parents’ highest levels of education?

Parent 1
Parent 2

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freedomandcitizenship.columbia.edu/apply
To the best of your knowledge, what is your family’s taxable household income?

[Blank]

How many people live in your household (including yourself?)

[Blank]

We look for diversity in our cohort, including students from different countries and immigrant backgrounds. Please tell us:

Student’s country of birth

[Blank]

Parent 1 country of birth

[Blank]

Parent 2 country of birth

[Blank]

Are you currently enrolled in any of the following college access programs?

- Double Discovery Center
- Heckscher Scholars
- Liberty Partnership Programs
- Opportunity Network
- Options Center
- SEO
- Something else: [ ]
- I’m not enrolled in any college access program

Think about the fall semester of your senior year. When will you be available to attend F&C civic leadership meetings? Please select all available times during the academic year:

- 4:00 - 6:00pm
- 5:00 - 7:00pm
- 6:00 - 8:00pm
- None of these times

- Mondays
- Tuesdays
- Wednesdays
- Thursdays

ATTACHMENTS

Letter of recommendation (Optional):

Ask a teacher or guidance counselor to email a confidential letter addressed to Jessica Lee at freedomandcitizenship@columbia.edu speaking to your ability to handle a heavy academic workload, willingness to participate in class, commitment to academic improvement, and your engagement in social or political causes, as applicable.

If you would like us to email your teacher, asking for their letter of recommendation, please type their name and email address below.

Letters of recommendation are optional, but highly recommended.
Transcript:

You may upload your most recent high school transcript directly into this application, or you may ask your guidance counselor to email it to us on your behalf.

Counselor’s Name

Counselor’s Email Address

Short Essays:

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

Only PDF, Word, or Pages documents can be attached. If you would like to send a google document with your responses please skip this entry and share the document directly with us at: freedomandcitizenship@columbia.edu. You may also email your essays to us at that address at a later time.

1. 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?

2. 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?

3. 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?
APPLICATION SUBMISSION

STUDENT SIGNATURE

By signing below I promise to:

- Participate fully and to the best of my abilities in both the summer and academic year segments.
- Attend the complete summer seminar—I will not ask to be excused from any class or study session.
- Attend every civic leadership project meeting during the academic year except for unavoidable medical, religious, or academic conflicts.
- Communicate with Freedom and Citizenship staff whenever problems emerge or I need help.

Student Signature:

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

By signing below I attest that I will:

- Give permission for my student to participate in the Freedom and Citizenship program at Columbia University.
- Avoid scheduling medical or other appointments for my student during the summer program.
- Support my student's participation in the full summer AND year-long program.

Parent or guardian signature:

This is the end of the application!

Please click the ">>" button to submit your complete application to Freedom & Citizenship!