

FREEDOM AND CITIZENSHIP STUDENT APPLICATION 2021

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name

Last Name

Cell Phone

Email Address

Street Address

Borough

Zipcode

Date of Birth

Gender



THIS IS A SAMPLE
APPLICATION

PLEASE APPLY ONLINE
BY VISITING

[FREEDOMANDCITIZENSHIP.COLUMBIA.EDU/APPLY](https://freedomandcitizenship.columbia.edu/apply)

VIRTUAL LEARNING OPTIONS

We don't yet know exactly what the summer will look like for Freedom & Citizenship. We promise to give you the very best experience while minimizing health risks to you, our faculty, and the campus community. See our virtual schedule to learn what an all-virtual or hybrid program would look like. In which type of model would you participate? (Don't forget to consider what your families will allow!)

	Would ONLY Participate	Would Participate	Would NOT Participate
In-person only (full days on campus, non-residential)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hybrid (some or parts of some days on campus with appropriate social distancing)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virtual (all programming online)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If we run a hybrid program, how would you get to Columbia University's campus each day? (see map)

- I would likely walk
- I would likely take public transportation
- I would likely take a car (uber/lyft, taxi, family vehicle)

Tell us a little about your setup for virtual learning. Please select all that apply.

- I have a personal computer or tablet I can use
- I have a school computer or tablet I can use
- I have stable internet at home
- I rely on a hotspot for internet
- I have a quiet place at home to participate in virtual sessions
- My family will support my participation in the program and help make it a priority.

ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITY STATUS

Freedom & Citizenship applicants must **live in New York City**, be a **current junior** in a New York 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. Other students are still encouraged to apply. There is no minimum GPA.

What is your current year in high school?

Where do you attend high school?

What are you parent's highest levels of education?

Parent 1

Parent 2

To the best of your knowledge what is your family's taxable household income?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Below \$19,139 | <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$46,020 - \$52,739 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$19,140 - \$25,859 | <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$52,740 - \$59,459 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$25,860 - \$32,579 | <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$58,460 - \$66,180 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$32,580 - \$39,299 | <input type="checkbox"/> Above \$66,180 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Between \$39,300 - \$46,019 | |

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

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

Student's country of birth

Parent 1 country of birth

Parent 2 country off birth

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

- Double Discovery Center - Upward Bound
- Double Discovery Center - Talent Search
- Options
- Opportunity Network
- SEO
- Heckscher Scholars
- Something else:
- I'm not currently enrolled in any college access program

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CIVIC LEADERSHIP PLANNING

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursdays	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Ask a teacher or guidance counselor to write a confidential letter of recommendation 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.

Entering your recommender's email address below will generate an automatic email from us to them with instructions for submitting the letter.

Recommender's Name

Recommender's Email Address:

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.

- I am ready to upload the transcript now
- Please ask my guidance counselor to submit it
- I will send my transcript later

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 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.

SIGN HERE

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.

SIGN HERE

**CONGRATULATIONS
THIS IS THE END OF THE APPLICATION!**

**OUR PROGRAM HAS ROLLING ADMISSIONS, WHICH MEANS
WE WILL START ACCEPTING STUDENTS AS SOON AS WE
RECEIVE COMPLETE APPLICATIONS. THE SOONER YOU APPLY
THE HIGHER YOUR CHANCES ARE OF BEING ADMITTED.**

**WE CANNOT GUARANTEE SPOTS WILL BE OPEN AFTER OUR
DEADLINE OF MARCH 15**

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