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NOTRE DAME High School — Fairfield —

Building Character, Faith and Intellect

The Notre Dame High School *Distinguished Scholars Program*

*On the basis of the entrance exam, elementary/middle school achievement, teacher recommendations and personal interview, a select number of first-year applicants will be invited to pursue their four-year high school education as Notre Dame **Distinguished Scholars**. This High Honors Program is grounded in a challenging and diverse curriculum, featuring interdisciplinary inquiry, independent initiative and a commitment to academic excellence. Studying and learning together in this small group, a community of scholarship and intellectual curiosity will be prepared, on a more advanced level, for future studies and opportunities in higher education. Distinguished Scholars are also eligible to participate in a two-week International Study Program in Oxford, UK in the summer following either their freshman or sophomore years.*

Student's Name_____
First Last

Address_____

City_____**State**_____**Zip Code**_____

Home Phone_____**Parent Cell Phone** _____

Current School_____

Parents' Names_____

Parent Email Address(es)_____
(to be used to arrange for personal interview)

Applicants are asked to answer the following questions. Responses must be typed. Please answer completely.

1. Tell us about yourself…in 300 words or less, why do you feel you would be an excellent member of the **Distinguished Scholars Program** at Notre Dame?

2. Who has had an impact upon your education career to date? Describe this influence.

3. Where do you see yourself five years from now?

Recommendation Letter

Please ask a person familiar with your academic abilities to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf. This recommendation should speak to your academic abilities, your talents and your character. This letter can accompany your completed application or be mailed directly to the Notre Dame Admissions Office, **Attention: Distinguished Scholars Program**. This recommendation letter must be received by 2:30 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2021.

Parent/Student Interview

Students and parents will be contacted to schedule an interview. The Director of the **Distinguished Scholars Program** will contact parents using the email address included on this application. Please note that parents will attend this interview but questions will be directed to the student.

Deadline

Applications must be received in their entirety by 2:30 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2021.

Scholarship Information

Students invited to participate in the **Distinguished Scholars Program** will be awarded an academic scholarship. The amount of this scholarship will be determined by the entrance exam results and seventh/eighth grade academic achievement. If awarded a scholarship, students will be expected to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher with no *final* grades below 80 while at Notre Dame. Failure to do so may result in the revocation of any scholarship. In addition, students will be expected to fully participate in the **Distinguished Scholars Program** to continue to receive their academic scholarship. Families may also qualify for need-based financial aid.

Parental Acknowledgment

*I understand that this application must be completed in its entirety (including the recommendation letter) for review by the **Distinguished Scholars Program** Committee.*

Parental Signature (Required) _____Date_____

RETURN HARD COPY TO:

Admissions Office
ATT: **Distinguished Scholars Program**
Notre Dame High School
220 Jefferson Street
Fairfield, CT 06852