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# MINDS MATTER

## Minds Matter Prospective Student Application

To ensure that we reach the most dedicated and qualified students, Minds Matter has a detailed application process. Minds Matter is a meritocratic organization that rewards hard work, dedication and achievement. We do not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, physical ability, or national origin.\*

**\*We will not share your immigration status with anyone.**

Please do not ask anyone to help you edit this application. We really want to see your thoughts in your own words.

If you have any questions about the application, please email [admin@mindsmatter.org](mailto:admin@mindsmatter.org). You can **save** and **resume** your application at any time by creating a login password above. Reach out to [admin@mindsmatter.org](mailto:admin@mindsmatter.org) if you experience any issues logging in.

To start which chapter are you applying to? \*

Portland

Minds Matter has two sites that host Saturday sessions. Which site would you like to apply to? \*

Please select...

If you are not admitted to your preferred site, would you like to be considered for the other location? \*

Please select...

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### Basic Information

Legal First Name \*

I have a preferred name or nickname that's **different** than my first name

Legal Last Name \*

Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY) \*

Student Personal Email Address \*

Other/School Email Address \*

Preferred Email \*

Student Phone Number (Input without hyphens ex: 1234567890) \*

High School (Portland)

My high school is not listed

What year will you graduate high school? (**NOTE:** You must be a current freshman in high school in order to apply for fall 2024 enrollment. Only students graduating in 2027 are eligible for fall 2024 enrollment. \*)

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### Demographic Information

Mailing Street Address  
(include apartment/unit # (if applicable) \*)

(include apartment/unit # (if applicable))

City \*

State \*

Zip Code \*

Race \*

What is your ethnicity, country of origin, or family culture? \*

Gender \*

Pronouns \*

How did you find out about Minds Matter? \*


- Guidance/School Counselor
- School Presentation
- Teacher
- Current Minds Matter Student
- Internet Search
- Other

Will you be a first-generation college student?

By selecting yes, you confirm that your parents/guardians **did not** graduate from a 4-year college **in the United States**. By selecting no, you confirm that your parents/guardians **did graduate** from a 4-year college **in the United States**. \*

Did either of your parents/guardians graduate from a 4-year college or university **outside of** the United States? \*

If you are fluent in a language other than English AND would prefer to be matched with a mentor who speaks that language (if possible), please state that language.

Is English your first language? \*

- Yes
- No

Minds Matter will assign you two mentors. Please indicate if you would prefer male or female mentors. \*

- I prefer female mentors
- I prefer male mentors
- I prefer one female mentor and one male mentor
- No preference

What is your t-shirt size?

## Family Information

With whom do you live? (select all that apply -- if using a PC hold down control key and click all that apply) \*

Please select...

- Father
- Mother
- Guardian


Parent/Guardian 1 Full Name \*

Parent/Guardian 1 Email Address \*

An email will be sent to this parent/guardian with a form that is required to complete your application. Please make sure the email address is typed correctly.

Parent/Guardian 1 Phone Number (enter without hyphens ex: 1234567890) \*

Parent/Guardian 1 Highest Level of Education \*


Please select... 

Parent/Guardian 2 Full Name

Parent/Guardian 2 Email Address

Parent/Guardian 2 Phone Number(enter without hyphens ex: 1234567890)

Parent/Guardian 2 Highest Level of Education

Please select... 

What is the primary language spoken in your home? \*

Please select... 

Did any of your grandparents graduate from a four-year college? \*

- Yes
- No

Do you have any siblings in college or who have completed college? \*

- Yes
- No

Do you have a sibling who is involved or was involved at one point with Minds Matter? \*

- Yes, Current Student
- Yes, Alum
- No

Who is your sibling who is/was involved with Minds Matter?

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### Financial Information

What is your family income for the most recent tax year (2023)?

NOTE: We use this information to determine eligibility for our program. It is not shared with anyone outside of the organization.  
If your family has not filed yet, an estimate is okay.

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What was your family income for the 2022 tax year? \*

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### Academics

9th Grade First Semester GPA (unweighted): \*

8th grade second semester GPA (unweighted): \*

Please let us know if you are participating in another college access or professional preparation organization. (please put none if you are not involved in another organization) \*

Guidance/School Counselor Name \*

Guidance/School Counselor Email Address \*

An email will be sent to your guidance counselor when you submit to complete their portion of your application.

Guidance/School Counselor Phone Number(enter without hyphens e.g. 1234567890)

\*

Principal Name \*

Teacher Recommender Name \*

Teacher Recommender Email Address \*

An email will be sent to your teacher when you submit to complete their portion of your application.

### Extracurricular Activities

What extracurricular activities (personal, school, athletic, religious, community, etc.) have you participated in during the last two years? What positions (if any) have you held (e.g. editor, president, secretary, captain)? Be sure to only list ONE activity per submission (to add more than one, use the "Add Another Activity" button below). Please include family and community commitments (such as church, volunteering, work, babysitting, etc.)



Activity Name

Day(s) of the week the activity is held (select all that apply - hold down control and click all that apply)

Please select...

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday

Hours per week

Leadership position(s) held

[Add another activity](#)

Do you have a part-time job? \*

- Yes
- No

### Awards/Scholarships

What awards/honors (if any) have you received in the past three years? Be sure to only list ONE award per submission (to add more than one, use the "Add Another Award/Honor" button below).

Award, honor, or scholarship name:

Brief description of award, honor, or scholarship:

[Add another award/honor/scholarship](#)

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### Short/Long Responses

**NOTE:** write your answers in a word document before submitting them here to ensure you don't lose any progress on your responses.

Short Response (Portland)

**1.** Why are you interested in Minds Matter? What do you hope to gain from the program?

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**2.** Why do you want to go to college?

\*

**3.** Think about a time when you felt overwhelmed by a situation or faced an obstacle that derailed you from a goal. What was the goal, what happened to overwhelm or derail you, and how did you handle it?

\*

**4.** What specialty quality will you bring to the Minds Matter team?

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**5.** If you could have dinner with one person alive or from history, who would it be and why?

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**6.** What is one problem in society you would most like to solve?

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## Final Steps

### Student Attestations

- I understand that I am expected to attend all weekly Minds Matter sessions occurring from October to May.
- I understand that I must inform my mentor if I will not be able to make it to a Minds Matter session due to an illness or emergency.
- I understand that I am expected to complete homework from Minds Matter sessions.
- I understand that I am expected to complete applications for and attend regional or national summer programs.
- I have informed my parent/guardian(s) about these requirements for participation in Minds Matter.

### Time Commitment Agreement

- By checking this box, I understand that if I am accepted to Minds Matter I am committing to sessions every Saturday throughout the school year (excluding school breaks). Due to the intensity and rigor of Minds Matter, we cannot accept
- students who have conflicts that will cause them to miss more than five sessions per year. We will ask students to leave our program if they fail to disclose a Saturday session conflict that they either knew or should have known about at the time of submitting the application.

- Check this box if you are comfortable with Minds Matter sharing your email address with colleges if you become a Minds Matter student (your response to this question does not affect your application in any way).

- By checking this box, you represent and warrant that you have read and
- understood the [Privacy Policy](#) of Minds Matter and you agree to be bound by it. You also confirm that all the information submitted is honest, correct, complete and has been written only by you.

**Please press the Submit button only once and please wait for the form to fully process before you leave this page.**

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