

**Applying for Admission
Fall 2010**



**HOW TO APPLY
In a Few Simple Steps**

Please fill out three forms and return them to Alverno by January 15, 2010, with a non-refundable check for \$75. This includes the December 5 or January 9 testing. Transfer applications are accepted March 15--July 1. These forms are:

1. The application
2. The student self-recommendation
3. Parent questionnaire

Testing:

Alverno offers two entrance test dates: December 5 or January 9 at 8:30 am. Preference is given to students who take the HSPT at our school. Our test includes a special writing component specific to our English program.

To test at Alverno on December 5 or January 9, candidates for the Class of 2014 (current 8th graders) must bring a completed application and a (non-refundable) check for \$75 on or before the testing day.

Take these to your current school office as soon as possible, and they will send them in:

4. Academic recommendation (with stamped envelope addressed to Alverno)
5. Principal recommendation (with stamped envelope addressed to Alverno)
6. Transcript request card

Important but optional items also in this packet:

7. Information about how to apply for financial aid is available at www.factstuitionaid.com.

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION:

The application materials should be submitted in the enclosed envelope to:

Alverno High School
Admissions Office
200 N. Michillinda Ave.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Please make the application check out to Alverno High School. No cash, please!

Make copies of all application materials for your records.

THE FAMILY INTERVIEW includes the applicant and one or both parents. You will receive an appointment notification card scheduling your interview in February. Because of the large number of applicants, most of these interviews take place during school or work hours. The interview lasts about 30 minutes.

Transfer Applicants: We need three years of academic transcripts and results of any standardized testing. You do not need an entrance test.

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HOW WE EVALUATE YOUR APPLICATION:

The Admissions Review Board examines the student's folder when ALL the items on the Admissions checklist have been received. We want to consider your application with all the important information in front of us.

Because we are interested in the whole student--not just her academic side--we love to see additional materials such as artwork, creative writing, description of a volunteer project or sports event, etc. Please send copies, because originals cannot be returned.

Letters of notification are mailed to incoming priority applicants March 5, 2010.

CHECK IT OFF!

Here's a list of what is needed to complete your Alverno application. Questions? Please call **Admissions Director Candace Siegle**; Our phone number is (626) 355-3463 x 235, or E-mail Ms. Siegle directly at: admissions@alverno-hs.org.

ADMISSIONS CHECKLIST

_____ **Completed Application Form** (Attach recent photograph)

_____ **Application/testing fee: \$75 (Non-refundable)** (Make check payable to Alverno High School; no cash, please!) **This includes December 5 or January 9 HSPT Exam. The application fee is \$75 whether or not you choose to test at Alverno.**

_____ **Parent/Guardian Questionnaire**

_____ **Student Self-Recommendation Form**

_____ **Give Academic Reference Form and Principal Recommendation to school office with stamped envelopes addressed to Alverno**

_____ **Give transcript request card to school office**

_____ **Schedule Alverno campus visit—see www.alverno-hs.org for dates**

Optional:

_____ **Complete scholarship application (for students with all As and Bs only)**

_____ **File financial aid application to www.factstuitionaid.com (Make a copy for your records)**
(must be filed by January 15 to be received in time for consideration)

Good Luck!



Alverno High School admits students of any race, color, racial and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. Alverno does not discriminate on the basis of color, racial, or ethnic origin or sexual orientation in the administration of its education policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs. Alverno High School will attempt to make reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities.



APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Place recent photo here
(Optional)

Application for Grade: _____

Academic Year: _____

Applicant's Name : _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____
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HOME INFORMATION:

Mother's Name

Father's Name

Street Address

Street Address

City, State, Zip

City, State, Zip

(____) _____
Home Telephone

(____) _____
Home Telephone

Parent E-Mail Address for School-Related Correspondence: _____

Please check

any that apply:

____ Father deceased

____ Parents divorced

____ Student lives with father

____ Mother deceased

____ Parents separated

____ Student lives with mother

____ Student lives with
guardian

____ Student lives with
grandparents

____ Student lives with both
parents

*All school correspondence (grade reports, tuition notices, activity reminders, etc.)
is mailed to the person with whom the student is living.*

Present School: _____ Present Grade: _____
Name

Street Address

City, State, Zip/ Phone

Student will take HSPT _____ or ISEE _____. Date and location: _____

PARENTS' WORK INFORMATION:

Mother's Employer	Father's Employer
Type of Business	Type of Business
Mother's Position	Father's Position
Business Telephone with Extension if Necessary	Business Telephone with Extension if Necessary

PARENTS' EDUCATION:

College Attended (Mother)	Degree	College Attended (Father)	Degree
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Please check ONE ONLY: American Indian/
Alaskan Native Asian/Pacific
Islander Black Filipino
 Hispanic Other

Religious Affiliation: Catholic Protestant Jewish Other _____

Primary language spoken at home: English Spanish Other _____

Please list family members who are currently attending Alverno or have attended Alverno:

Name	Relationship	Dates at Alverno
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Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**Please send this signed form,
the \$75 non-refundable application fee,
student self-recommendation,
and parent questionnaires
in the envelope provided to:**

**Alverno High School
Office of Admissions
200 N. Michillinda Ave.
Sierra Madre, CA 91024-1699**



**STUDENT
SELF-RECOMMENDATION**

Applicant's Name: _____
(Please Print) (First) (Middle) (Last)

Present School: _____
(Name) (City)

Dear Alverno Applicant:

In evaluating your application for Alverno High School, it is important that the Admissions Committee has a clear sense of who you are as a person as well as a student. While your teachers and principal will have much to say about you, we are also interested in what you say about yourself. Please answer the following questions thoughtfully. Add extra sheets if you need to, and we prefer to have answers handwritten by you. Make sure your answers are neat and legible!

Describe yourself in three words: _____

What do you hope to contribute to the Alverno community? _____

What is your greatest academic strength? _____

In what area do you need to grow as a student? _____

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PERSONAL AND COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

So that we can get to know you better, please tell us about the activities you are involved in. Include community service, artistic and athletic pursuits, academic honors, and leadership positions. Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary.

ACTIVITY	GRADE	POSITION, HONORS WON
<i>Example: Student Council</i>	8	<i>President</i>
<i>Example: Helping at soup kitchen</i>	6-8	<i>Helped make big pots of soup</i>
<i>Example: Drama Club</i>	7	<i>Stage manager</i>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Which of these activities is the most important to you and why? _____

What are your ambitions for the future (college, career, goals)? _____

Service to others is an important part of the Alverno philosophy. Why do *you* think this is important? Tell us about your experience in helping others through your school, church, community, or on your own.

Thank you.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Parent/s or Guardian/s Name: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

We believe that when your daughter comes to Alverno, you come, too. In order to get to know something about you before the interview, please answer the following questions. If there are two parents or guardians in the family, please fill out separate forms. Please feel free to use additional paper if necessary.

Has your daughter received special classroom accommodations in the past? Yes No
If so, please submit paperwork with this application.

Why do you think Alverno is the right fit for your daughter? _____

What is your daughter's finest quality as a person? _____

What is the most important value by which you and your family live? How is this value reinforced in your daily life?

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Parent Questionnaire

How will you help your daughter succeed in a challenging academic program?

Parent involvement is very important at Alverno. Twenty hours of parent participation is required per two-parent family. Please indicate below how you might like to be involved at Alverno:

Fundraising campaigns _____
Chairing an event _____
Joining the Board of the Alverno Parent Association _____

What special talents do you bring to Alverno? (For example--Do you own a business? Are you a super fundraiser? Have construction expertise? Have catering skills? Work in the printing industry? You'd be surprised how much your special talents can benefit the Alverno community!)

If you and your daughter are applying to other high schools, which ones?

Please give any additional information about your daughter which you feel would be helpful to the Admissions Review Board and your daughter's future teachers.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Thank you.



Recommendation (Please check one):

_____ I highly recommend this student

_____ I recommend this student

_____ I recommend this student with reservations (Please state why) _____

_____ I do not recommend this student (Please state why) _____

Comments:

Is there any additional information that you think might or should influence our decision?

If you would like to speak to us by telephone, please let us know where we can reach you:

Name (please print!) _____ Date: _____

School Phone: _____ Best time to call if necessary: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

What subject do you teach? _____ How long have you known the student? _____

Signature: _____

Thank you!



Principal's Reference
Please submit by Jan. 15

Information on this form will be used only by the Admissions Review Board as part of the student's application and will help determine the student's suitability and potential contributions to Alverno High School. This form will not become part of the cumulative folder, and thus will not be open to review to any parties except the Admissions Review Board. Please complete both sides.

Student's Name: _____ Applying for Grade _____

Present School: _____

How many years has the student been at your school? _____

Has the student been subject to any serious disciplinary procedures? _____ yes _____ no

(If yes, please explain) _____

Attendance/tardy record: _____ excellent _____ good _____ fair _____ poor

Comments on attendance/tardy record: _____

How active are parents or guardians in participation and support of school activities?

Mother: _____ very active _____ moderately active _____ rarely participates _____ never participates

Father: _____ very active _____ moderately active _____ rarely participates _____ never participates

What is the Parent/Guardian financial history with your school?

_____ meets financial obligations to the school regularly _____ meets financial obligations with difficulty

_____ fails to meet financial obligations to the school

	<i>Excellent</i>	<i>Good</i>	<i>Average</i>	<i>Below Average</i>
Motivation:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Student's attitude toward school:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sense of Responsibility:				
Toward school:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Toward others:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Personal relationships:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative and leadership:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic potential:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Academic achievement:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Work and study habits:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Attendance/tardy record:	_____	_____	_____	_____
Classroom conduct:	_____	_____	_____	_____

Comments:

Is there any additional information that you think might or should influence our decision about this student?

Name (please print): _____ Title: _____

Date: _____ If we need more information, may we contact you by telephone? Yes ____ No ____

School phone: _____ Best time to call: _____

E-Mail address: _____ Signature: _____

Thank you!



