

How do I apply for Scholars Academy / AIMS?

1. Complete the application form which may be downloaded from the Thomasville City Schools Scholars Academy website at <http://sa.tccityschools.org/>. Application packets are also available at the Scholars Academy front office or at all of the city school system schools.
2. Submit at least three samples of student work. Student work samples may include any special projects which illustrate creativity, special ability or skills, or extraordinary effort. Poems, reports, research papers, drawings, paintings are acceptable examples. Every effort will be made to return student work samples, but valuable or highly sentimental pieces should not be submitted. Photocopies or photographs are preferred. Photographs of larger projects should be submitted. Work samples or photographs of work samples should be submitted loosely in a folder or manila envelope, not in a binder or notebook.
3. All students should submit copies of report cards or test score reports along with their applications. If you do not have a copy of your child's report card or test scores, copies may be obtained upon parental request from the office of the school where the child is currently enrolled. All parents are legally entitled to a copy of their child's school records at any time.
4. Submit a graded writing sample from the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Applications of students who made a "1" on any section of the most recent EOG will not be considered for admission into the Scholars Academy.
6. Submit requests for teacher recommendations to two teachers who have taught the child within the last two years. Recommendation forms may be downloaded from the Scholars Academy website. Copies of the recommendation forms are included in the application packets which may be picked up from the Thomasville City School System office or from any Thomasville City School. While teacher recommendations are strongly preferred, students enrolling from outside the system who have difficulty obtaining teacher recommendations may submit recommendations from non-family member adults who have first-hand knowledge of the student's special skills and talents; examples may include Scout leaders, community coaches, ministers, etc. Teachers within the school system may submit recommendation forms through the school system's inter-office mail. Please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to individuals who are not part of the Thomasville City School System.
7. Complete and sign the parent/student contract. Because staffing and financing for the program are based upon the number of students enrolling in the program, only those students who seriously plan to enroll in the program should apply. While the contract is nonbinding, its purpose is to ensure a commitment on the part of the child and the parent to enroll in the program if accepted so that resources allocated for the program are not wasted.
8. Admission to the program is by portfolio application rated on the following 100 point scale:

Standardized test scores	25%
Teacher recommendations	15%
Graded writing sample	10%
Student work sample	15%
Classroom grades from the last two years	25%
School/community involvement/awards and leadership	10%



Thomasville City Schools Scholars Academy / AIMS Application Packet Checklist

- Application form
- Report cards for current year and one previous year
- Available test scores for the most recent two years: ITBS, EOG, EOC, ERB, or alternate standardized test scores
- Graded writing assignment
- Three samples of student work (photograph or photocopy preferred)
- Parent contract
- Two teacher recommendation forms delivered to teachers

Application Deadline: March 30, 2018

Complete applications with current test scores and the required number of work samples received by **March 30, 2018** will be eligible for the Spring Application Review process. Late and incomplete applications will be processed in May after the close of the school year.

Thomasville City Schools Student Application Form

Check one: Scholars Academy AIMS

(Please print or type.)



Student's full legal name	Last	First	Middle
Grade 2018-19 (circle one)	6 7 8 9 10 11 12		
Gender	Age	Race	SSN (required for enrollment)
Birth date			
Custodial parent(s)' name(s)			
Complete home address	Street		
	City	State	Zip
Home phone		Email address	
Father's employer	Daytime phone	Cell phone	Email address
Mother's employer	Daytime phone	Cell phone	Email address
Is student currently in the gifted program? Check one.		Yes	No
Does your child receive educational accommodations? Check one.		Yes	No
If your child receives educational accommodations, please explain:			
School attended during 2017-2018?			
List all school, community, or extracurricular activities including youth club activities in which you have participated. Please be very specific and attach additional sheet if necessary.			
List any awards and honors you have received. (Do not include quarterly honor roll.)			
Please list the names and contact information of two teachers that you are using as references. Deliver the recommendation form to each teacher with the request that the forms be mailed directly to the Scholars Academy using the address at the bottom of the reference form. Reference forms must be received by March 30, 2018 .			
Reference #1		Reference #2	
Student signature	Date	Parent signature	Date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please attach copies of report cards and standardized test scores from the last two years. • Students who are accepted into the Scholars Academy will receive a registration form for choosing classes along with the acceptance letter. 			
<input type="checkbox"/> In the event that I am not accepted to the Scholars Academy, I would like for this application to be considered my AIMS application.			



Thomasville City Schools Scholars Academy / AIMS Parent/Student Contract

If accepted, my child will enroll in the Thomasville City Schools Scholars Academy or the AIMS program. I understand that the curriculum of these programs will be more rigorous than that found in a typical middle school or high school. I agree to support the academic demands of the teachers, will provide adequate time for homework and study, and will require that my child attend tutorial sessions if needed. I understand that my child may be transferred to his or her base school for poor academic performance, misconduct, or excessive absenteeism. I further understand that 20 hours of community service per year is a requirement, and I will support my child in meeting this requirement.

Parent signature

Print name

If accepted, I will enroll in the Thomasville City Schools Scholars Academy or the AIMS program. I understand that the curriculum of these programs will be more rigorous than that found in a typical middle school or high school. I will meet the academic demands of the teachers, will complete homework assignments, and will attend tutorial sessions if needed. I understand that I may be transferred to my base school for poor academic performance, misconduct, or excessive absenteeism. I further understand that 20 hours of community service per year is a requirement, and I agree to meet this requirement.

Student signature

Print name

