

The Payne Academy Application

Student Data

Your Last Name	First	Middle
Street Address		
City	State	Zip
Student E-mail Address	Phone	
Birthdate	Home High School	Male Female
Current School		
Possible College Choice		
Possible College Major		
Possible Career		

Family Data

Parent or Guardian Full Name	
Address (if different)	
Home Phone (if different)	Cell Phone
E-mail Address	
Parent or Guardian Full Name	
Address (if different from yours)	
Home Phone (if different)	Cell Phone
E-mail Address	

If you reside with someone other than or in addition to either person listed above please provide that information below.

Other Guardian's Name	
Guardian's relationship to you	
Guardian's E-mail Address	Cell Phone

Additional Student Information

In each of the following categories, please note significant involvements and accomplishments. Include relevant dates. You should not be concerned if you do not have information to provide for each category.

Leadership roles	
Unique or advanced academic experiences	
Community service activities	
School-related activities	
Community-based Activities	
Major distinctions or honors	

Current Classes List classes in which you are enrolled now.		Classes Next Year List classes in which you hope to enroll next year.
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
	6	
	7	

Please complete the following sentences. Please answer the following questions. We are looking for thoughtful responses that represents your own unique perspectives. And, as you might expect, you should employ your very best writing skills.

If I could spend a day anywhere I wanted, doing anything I wanted, accompanied by anyone I wanted, it would be...

One thing I do really well is...

One thing I wish I could do better is...

The most memorable moment of my life was...

Two people I most admire are...

because...

Required Attachments

Academic Records

Attach a transcript (or copies of report cards) from the past two years of your schooling.

Teacher Recommendations

Request recommendations from two teachers who know you very well. The accompanying recommendation forms should be given to your teachers at least seven days before you need them completed. Select recommending teachers from two different academic areas. Your recommending teacher should be someone who knows you well and can support your application with insightful and helpful information about your scholastic performance.

Standardized Aptitude Test Results

If you have not taken the Tempe Union High School District's Honors and Gifted Placement Tests, attach the official results from an equivalent assessment. Contact the Payne Academy if you have any questions about this requirement.

Application Package Checklist

This application form, filled out completely and neatly

Transcripts or report cards from the past two years of school

Two teacher recommendations

Standardized test results (only if TUHSD placement tests have not been taken)

A recent photograph of yourself

Optional: Any additional materials which you believe supplement your application

PLEASE NOTE:

No part of your application will be returned to you. Please do not submit original or single copies of any documents that you wish to keep.

Statement of Your Application's Authenticity

To the best of my knowledge, all information provided in my [my child's] application package is truthful and accurate. My [my child's] essays are the product of my [his or her] original thought and expression. By submitting this application package, I give the Payne Academy permission to contact my [my child's] current school or any teacher(s) who provided a recommendation.

Student Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Teacher Recommendation

To the applicant: Print your name below, and then give this form to a classroom teacher.

Your Last Name	First	Middle
Your Telephone	Date submitted to Recommending Teacher	

I request that this evaluation be sent to the Payne Academy, in care of Coordinator Kriket Tomasi. I understand that it will be used in the review of my candidacy for admission to the Academy. I further understand that I will not have (and will not seek) access to the contents of this evaluation document.

Applicant's signature	Date
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To the teacher: The above-named student is applying for admission to the Payne Academy, a gifted school within the Tempe Union High School District. Please provide the following information to the best of your knowledge. Also, a brief letter of recommendation on behalf of this candidate would be extremely helpful to us. Reflect on this student's ability to readily grasp new material, to effectively analyze information, and to enthusiastically engage in the development of his or her own intellect. Include your thoughts on what distinguishes this student from his or her peers. Please send this form, along with your letter, to the Payne Academy, c/o Kriket Tomasi, 1830 East Del Rio Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282 or email to ktomasi@tuhsd.k12.az.us or return to student in a sealed envelope.

Your Name	
Your School	
Number of Years You've Taught	Subjects taught
How long have you known this student?	
In what courses have you taught this student?	

In the following categories, compare this student to other students that you have taught. Note that an "exceptional" rating should be reserved for those very few, truly remarkable students you've taught during the span of your career.

originality in solving problems	Fair	Good	Excellent	Exceptional
Thoroughness in pursuing coursework	Fair	Good	Excellent	Exceptional
ability to grasp difficult concepts	Fair	Good	Excellent	Exceptional
effectiveness in group problem-solving	Fair	Good	Excellent	Exceptional

How has this student achieved good grades in your course(s)? Please check those most applicable.

by constant hard work	by grade consciousness	by virtue of memorization	by brilliance of mind
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Compared to other students, overall, how would you rate this student? If you check "one of the top few", please explain in your letter.

Good (above average)	Excellent (top 10%)	Outstanding (top 5%)	One of the top few ever taught
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Thank you sincerely for the time and thought you have invested in preparing this recommendation.

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