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Admissions Procedure

Welcome and thank you for your interest in Buffalo Seminary. Please review the following information pertaining to the admissions process at Buffalo Seminary.

Campus Visit and Interview

All applicants are encouraged to visit Buffalo Seminary, to attend a day of classes, and to speak with the Admissions Director. School visits and interviews are scheduled by calling the Admissions Office at 716.885.6780.

Entrance Examination

Each applicant must take Buffalo Seminary's entrance examination administered in the fall. If necessary, a special examination appointment may be arranged. Call the Admissions Office at 716.885.6780 or visit the Buffalo Seminary website for more information.

Application

Each applicant must submit Buffalo Seminary's complete application for admission, all supporting documents, and the \$35 application fee.

School Transcript

Each applicant must arrange for an official transcript, including grades, attendance, and standardized test scores, to be sent to Buffalo Seminary. The Transcript and Record Release form is to be given to the applicant's current guidance counselor or principal.

Recommendations

Buffalo Seminary requires one recommendation from the applicant's English teacher and one from a mathematics or science teacher. Additional recommendations may be submitted if the applicant chooses. The Recommendation form and confidential return envelopes are to be given to the recommending teachers.

Tuition Assistance Application

Parents who wish to apply for need-based tuition assistance should contact the Admissions Office to request the financial aid packet.

A complete application consists of:

- Visit to Buffalo Seminary and interview with the Admissions Office
- Entrance examination registration and results
- Application Parts I, II, & III along with the \$35 application fee
- Official school transcripts
- English and math or science teacher recommendation forms



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Financing a Sem Education

Tuition 2009-2010

Day Tuition	\$15,970
Mandatory Lunch Fee	\$830

* Please note: additional expenses include books, field trips, and gym clothing.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is awarded on a need-basis. Families apply by completing a comprehensive Financial Aid Application from a netnet company, FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment, and available from the Admissions Office or online. The Tuition Assistance Committee will use this information as a basis for consideration.

Merit Scholarships

A limited number of scholarships are awarded to students who do not qualify for financial aid and who have distinguished themselves academically, in the arts, in their middle-school community, or through community service. The amount of these awards range from \$500 to \$2,000 annually.

Payment Options

1. Pay in full by July 1
2. Two payment plan: August 1 and January 1
3. Nine payment plan: July-March through an automatic deduction from your bank account

Transportation

Most school districts provide free transportation to Buffalo Seminary for students residing within 15 miles of the school. Please check with your local school district for further information.



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Application for Admission: Part I & II

Application for Admission—Part I: To be completed by parent or legal guardian

Please attach a recent photo of the applicant for identification purposes

Applicant Information

Name *First, Middle, Last* _____

Nickname _____ Date of Birth *Month, Day, Year* _____

Applicant seeks to enroll in grade _____ for the term beginning *Month, Year* _____

Home Address *Number, Street* _____

City, State, Zip _____ Country of Citizenship _____

E-mail Address _____ Preferred Telephone _____

Has applicant ever attended our summer program, Summer at Sem? _____

Language spoken at home _____ With whom does the applicant reside? _____

Where should bills be sent? _____

Person(s) to receive grades, comments, and other correspondence _____

If parents are separated or divorced, who has legal custody of applicant? _____

We have included the following optional question to assist in our commitment to enroll a diverse student body: What ethnicity does the applicant identify with?

- African
- African-American
- Asian
- Asian-American
- Caucasian
- Hispanic/Latino
- Middle-Eastern/South-West Asian
- Native American
- Multi-racial (please specify) _____
- Other (please specify) _____

Mother/Guardian Information

Name *First, Last* _____

Home Address *Number, Street (if different from above)* _____

City, State, Zip _____ Country of Citizenship _____

Employer Name _____ Position Held _____

Employer Address *Number, Street* _____ City, State, Zip _____

Business Telephone _____ Preferred E-mail Address _____

School(s) attended *Degree(s) attained* _____

Father/Guardian Information

Name *First, Last* _____
Home Address *Number, Street (if different from above)* _____
City, State, Zip _____ Country of Citizenship _____
Employer Name _____ Position Held _____
Employer Address *Number, Street* _____ City, State, Zip _____
Business Telephone _____ Preferred E-mail Address _____
School(s) attended *Degree(s) attained* _____

If parents do not speak English, please provide the name of a contact person for translation of school communications: _____

Home Address _____
Home Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____
Relationship to Applicant _____

Applicant's Siblings

Name _____ Age _____
School(s) *Degree(s)* _____

Name _____ Age _____
School(s) *Degree(s)* _____

(Please list additional siblings on a separate sheet)

Current School Information

School Name _____ Dates Enrolled _____
Address *Number, Street* _____
City, State, Zip _____ Telephone _____
Head of School _____
Guidance Counselor _____

Previous Schools Attended

School Name _____
Dates attended from _____ to _____ Grades attended from _____ to _____
School Address _____

(Please list additional schools on a separate sheet)

Other

Please list the names of relatives or friends who attend(ed) Buffalo Seminary:

Name _____ Relationship to applicant _____

Name _____ Relationship to applicant _____

Please tell us how you heard about Buffalo Seminary _____

What other schools are you considering? _____

General Information

Please describe your expectations of the school you seek for your daughter's secondary education. _____

Are any of your daughter's needs not being met at her current school? If yes, please explain. _____

What are your daughter's strengths? _____

What are her areas for growth? _____

Has your daughter ever had any special tutoring, testing, or counseling (for educational or psychological purposes)? If yes, please explain. _____

Does your child have any significant health problems? What medications is she taking? _____

Is there anything else you feel we need to know in order to serve your daughter and you? (Please know that we cannot fully evaluate your daughter's potential for success at Buffalo Seminary without full disclosure.)

Application for Admission—Part II: To be handwritten by the applicant

Subjects you are now studying _____

Do you currently study a foreign language(s)? What language(s) and for how many years? _____

Have you taken an advanced mathematics course such as Algebra I or Geometry? Please specify. _____

Please list the sports that you are interested in playing at Buffalo Seminary _____

Extracurricular activities (in grades 6-8) _____

Personal hobbies and interests _____

What community services activities have you participated in? _____

Please list any honors, awards, or prizes you've earned _____

Travel experiences _____

Application for Admission—Part III: Personal Essay

On a separate sheet of paper please type a 300 word essay on one of the following topics.

- A. What goals do you want to accomplish (personal, academic) in high school?
- B. Describe a person you admire and why.
- C. Tell us about a significant experience, achievement, challenge, or risk you have taken and its impact on you.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Please send this completed application and the \$35 day application fee, or \$50 residential application fee, to: Buffalo Seminary, Office of Admissions, 205 Bidwell Parkway, Buffalo NY 14222. Please direct any questions to the Admissions Office at 716.885.6780. FAX: 716.885.6785 E-mail: admissions@buffaloseminary.org

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Transcript and Record Release

Please sign and give this form to the guidance counselor or principal at the school your daughter is currently attending. The school will copy and mail the records to Buffalo Seminary.

The student below is an applicant for admission to Buffalo Seminary. Copies of grades, attendance records, standardized test scores, and psycho-educational test scores for 6th, 7th, and 8th grades are needed for evaluation.

Please send this information to:

Buffalo Seminary
Office of Admissions
205 Bidwell Parkway
Buffalo, NY 14222

Dear Registrar:

I authorize the release of transcripts and records to Buffalo Seminary for:

Student's Name

Grade

Parent's Signature

Date



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Recommendation, Part I

Applicant's Name _____ **Date** _____

Dear Colleague,

This applicant is seeking admission to Buffalo Seminary, an independent, college-preparatory, day and residential school for young women. We would appreciate your candid appraisal of this applicant with respect to the qualities listed below. You may indicate your ratings by checking the appropriate description in each column. Please check the question mark where you have insufficient observations needed to make a judgment. All information submitted is strictly confidential and reviewed solely by the Admissions Committee. Thank you for your assistance.

E = Excellent **VG** = Very Good **S** = Satisfactory **NI** = Needs Improvement

	E	VG	S	NI	?
Initiative/Motivation					
Study habits					
Quality of work					
Attentiveness					
Participation in class					
Level of achievement					
Problem-solving ability					

Personal Traits

Independence					
Responsibility					
Relationship with peers					
Relationships with adults					
Tolerance of frustration					
Citizenship					
Leadership					
Adaptability					
Consideration of others					



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Recommendation, Part II

Please use the spaces below to write your comments to the following questions. Please attach additional sheets if necessary.

In what areas has the applicant shown special aptitude or ability? _____

Please define areas of the applicant's academic strengths and weaknesses. Please comment on their nature and extent. _____

How does the applicant respond to constructive criticism? _____

Please comment on the relationship between the school and the applicant's family. _____

I recommend this applicant to Buffalo Seminary

With great enthusiasm With confidence With some confidence

With reservation Not recommended

(please explain)

Name (please print) _____ Title _____

Subject _____ Grade _____

School _____ Daytime Phone _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

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