



APPLICATION FOR
ADMISSION

*... that the man of God may be complete,
thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- 2 TIMOTHY 3:17

WELCOME

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST in Patrick Henry College! Patrick Henry's mission is to prepare Christian men and women who will lead the nation and shape the culture, by providing an academically excellent baccalaureate level higher education with a biblical worldview. In accordance with this vision, we welcome applications from students who have a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and who are well prepared for our rigorous academic programs. The Admissions Review Committee is looking for students who are spiritually and academically prepared for PHC, who are excited about joining a community committed to developing their gifts, and who desire to serve wherever God leads. Committee members look at each applicant's life as a whole and take all application materials into consideration when making a decision.

This booklet contains the forms necessary to apply for admission. You will also find a checklist of application requirements, detailed instructions, and other helpful information for preparing your application.

As you consider your college plans, we would strongly encourage you to schedule a personal campus visit sometime during the academic year. There is no better way to understand the unique spiritual and academic community God is building here than to experience it for yourself. Registration and scheduling information is available on our campus visit page: visit.phc.edu

We are eager to answer any questions you have about the College as you are completing your application. We are pleased you are applying and look forward to working with you throughout the application process.

For Christ and for Liberty,

The Patrick Henry College Admissions Staff

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Purcellville, VA 20132

Patrick Henry College is certified to operate by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

ADMISSION APPLICATION INFORMATION

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed and signed admission application
- ☐ Application fee (if applicable)
- ☐ Official high school transcript(s)
- ☐ Official college transcript(s) (if applicable)
- ☐ Official SAT and/or ACT scores
- ☐ Reading list
- ☐ Extracurricular activities list
- ☐ Admissions essays (2)
- ☐ References (2)
- ☐ Personal phone interview

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

The Office of Admissions is committed to making the application process as efficient as possible, while ensuring adequate time for each application to receive a thorough review. After you apply, the Office of Admissions will match your application with any supporting documents submitted separately (i.e. test scores, transcripts, and references). Please note that the application and all supplementary materials must be postmarked by the application deadlines listed on the college website. While the admissions staff will strive to contact you about outstanding items, *it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure all application materials are postmarked by the application deadline.* An application is considered complete once the Office of Admissions has received a completed application and all supplementary materials. Admissions will then contact the student directly if the Committee recommends a candidate for interview.

Please mail the application and supporting documents to:

Admissions Review Committee
Patrick Henry College
10 Patrick Henry Circle
Purcellville, VA 20132

Admission decisions will be mailed approximately four weeks after an application is complete. All admission decisions will be sent by mail.

SCHOLARSHIP & FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Please refer to the College's website for full details of available scholarships, including deadlines and eligibility requirements. The information is available at the following address: www.phc.edu/FinancialAid. If you have any questions, please contact the PHC Office of Scholarship & Financial Aid; we will be happy to assist you.

Toll Free: 888-338-1776
Direct line: 540-441-8140.
E-mail: FinancialAid@phc.edu

EXPLANATION OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

Fill out all sections of the admissions application. Please type or print each section in ink, clearly numbering and marking with your name additional sheets for those sections which may require attachments. Be sure to sign and date the Certification and the Statement of Faith sections.

You may submit either an online or a paper application. Both versions are available on our website at www.phc.edu/admissions. The Office of Admissions recommends keeping a personal printed copy of all application materials, as the College will not be able to return applications, any accompanying materials, or copies thereof.

APPLICATION FEE

Please submit the \$20 application fee for the regular deadline or the \$40 application fee for the final deadline. The application fee is waived for applications postmarked on or before the early application deadline. Include your check or money order payable to Patrick Henry College with your application. Online applicants must pay by Visa or MasterCard. The application fee is non-refundable.

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

Please provide official, unopened transcripts from all schools attended. It is preferred that transcripts be sent directly from the high school to Patrick Henry College. Official transcripts are not accepted until completion of your high school junior year. Please include high school level work that was completed prior to 9th grade. Please also list courses currently in process and/or planned.

If applicable, please include any additional information that would help the Admissions Review Committee better understand your high school preparation. You may submit a high school profile or an addendum describing your school's specific educational philosophy. For example, please indicate if your curriculum followed a classical or Great Books model, emphasized interdisciplinary courses, or used a unit studies approach.

The College requires that a minimum of 18 high school level courses be completed. The following courses should be completed prior to admission to Patrick Henry College:

English: Minimum of four courses. To be well prepared, students should pursue a well-rounded, college preparatory English program that emphasizes literature, grammar, and composition. Examples: grammar, literature, composition, speech, and debate. Please note: Competitive speech and debate may count for one English course.

Mathematics: Minimum of three college preparatory courses, which must include: algebra I, algebra II, and geometry. Examples: algebra (I & II), geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, and calculus. To be well prepared, students should take courses at least through trigonometry.

Science: Minimum of two college preparatory courses in different subject areas. Examples: biology, chemistry, and physics. It is preferred that students complete three courses and that those courses include labs.

History: Minimum of two courses, which must include at least one comprehensive course in U. S. history and one comprehensive course in world history.

Government: Minimum of one course. The course should cover material on local, state, and federal government.

Foreign Language: Minimum of one course. Examples: French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Italian, Latin, or Greek. It is preferred that students complete two consecutive courses.

Electives: Minimum of five courses. Examples include Bible, fine arts, logic, rhetoric, music, economics, geography, and computer courses, as well as courses in areas such as biblical worldview and apologetics.

Final High School Transcript: After all high school work is complete, and prior to enrollment, PHC must receive the student's final, official high school transcript containing the specific date (month, day, and year) of graduation and the signature of the school administrator.

Note to Homeschool Applicants: Homeschool students may submit a transcript of high school course work that has been produced by their parents. In general, transcripts should follow these guidelines:

- List subjects studied (with specific course titles), broken down into units.
- Indicate the year in which each course was completed.
- Include all high school level courses, even if taken prior to 9th grade.
- Include grades (preferred) or some other means to indicate the level of mastery the student achieved in each course.
- Include a personal hand-signature from the parent, acting as the school administrator
- Seal the transcript in its own envelope.
- Supplement content with separate official transcripts for any courses taken through a third-party organization that issues "official" transcripts.

As an alternative, homeschooling families may provide a narrative description of the applicant's college preparatory work, including a description of subjects studied and an overall evaluation of the quality of work. In order to thoroughly evaluate applicants, the College needs to know what subjects applicants have studied as well as when and to what extent they studied them. Sample high school transcripts are available from the College website: www.phc.edu/relevantforms.php

OFFICIAL COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

If you are enrolled in or have taken college-level courses at any other educational institution(s), please ask the institution(s) to send an official transcript to Patrick Henry College's Office of Admissions. Please note: If courses are in progress, have the college submit an in-progress transcript for review purposes, to be followed by a final copy once all coursework has been completed.

OFFICIAL STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

You are required to submit official scores from the SAT and/or ACT. Your test results should be sent to the Office of Admissions directly from the testing agency. PHC's institutional code numbers are 2804 for the SAT and 4383 for the ACT.

SAT subject tests are not required; however, the Admissions Review Committee encourages you to supplement your application by submitting official scores for any subject tests you may have taken.

READING LIST

Careful reading is an integral part of Patrick Henry College's classical educational model. Students will engage with a variety of authors, genres, and viewpoints throughout their time at PHC. The breadth and depth of a reading list is often a helpful indication of the applicant's growing ability to comprehend and communicate ideas.

Please submit a typed list, in order of importance to you, of books read in the following areas: history, literature, theology, and philosophy.

The reading list should include:

- Books read in the past four years that are high school level and above
- The title and author of each work
- Notation to differentiate assigned reading from pleasure reading (please do not include textbooks)

A template is available on the PHC website: www.phc.edu/relevantforms.php

ACTIVITIES, HONORS AND INTERESTS

Patrick Henry College seeks students who demonstrate their commitment to servant leadership by faithfully developing their talents in their family, church, and community.

Please include a 1-2 page typed list or resume of community service opportunities, ministry activities, sports, clubs, political experiences, and employment history over the past four years. The list should include the following information for each entry: organization name, approximate time commitment, and positions held/responsibilities. A template is available on the PHC website: www.phc.edu/relevantforms.php

ADMISSIONS ESSAYS

FAITH ESSAY: Please respond to the following statement in essay form. The response should be between 500 - 750 words.

Describe your Christian faith by addressing:

- How you first came to faith in Christ
- How Christ relates to your daily life and your relationships with others
- How you have grown in Christ, including books and other influences that have had an impact on your life
- How your Christian faith affects your thinking

WRITING SAMPLE: Please provide one example of your writing that demonstrates your readiness for PHC's rigorous academic program. The writing sample should be 5-7 double-spaced, typed pages that best represent your written communication and analysis skills. You may submit either a new sample on any topic or a previously written essay, including work submitted for high school or college credit. The Review Committee will evaluate the writing sample for 1) excellent mechanics, 2) strength of your analysis, and 3) clear and persuasive style. Examples of acceptable writing samples include research papers, literary criticism, and argumentative essays. Please do not submit fiction, poetry, speech transcripts, or electronic media.

REFERENCES

In order for your application to be complete and reviewed by the Admissions Review Committee, you must provide references from the following:

- Pastor or another leader in your church who can comment on your faith and spiritual life
- Teacher or academic official who can comment on your academic preparation and ability

Please ask the two individuals providing your references to use the forms provided in the application booklet. He or she should place the completed form in a sealed envelope and then sign his or her name across the seal. Providing your reference with a stamped envelope addressed to the Office of Admissions would be a courteous gesture on your part. References must be completed by a non-family member. Students who have been educated exclusively by their parents may ask another qualified individual to comment on their academic/vocational abilities in place of a teacher. Common alternatives include music instructors, debate coaches, and employers. Please contact the Office of Admissions with questions.