

**McIntosh Middle School
Hawks Academy for Gifted and Advanced
Studies Application for Admission 2019/2020**



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Thank you for your interest in the Hawks Academy for Gifted and Advanced Studies at McIntosh Middle School. Attached you will find the Hawks Academy for Gifted and Advanced Studies application, which includes: Student Information Form, Student Essay Prompt, and Teacher Recommendation Form.

Please have your child respond to the essay prompt independently. Your guidance is appreciated; however, we want the response to be an indication of your child's interest in this program. Our intent is to identify students who have an interest in a challenging middle school experience designed for high achieving students. This experience will include scientific field research.

You may submit your child's application at any time prior to April 12, 2019. The school office is open Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM. Applications should be sent to McIntosh Middle School, Attention: School Registrar.

Grades, FCAT/FSA scores, teacher recommendations, and essay responses will be used in the acceptance process. This may take several weeks. Your patience is greatly appreciated during this process. Regardless of the outcome, every child who submits an application will receive notification from the school.

For further information, contact:

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Hawks Academy for Gifted and Advanced Studies Eligibility for Acceptance

I. Student Achievement:

GPA: Prospective Hawks students shall have maintained a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or greater in the four core subjects for the past three consecutive quarters.

Standardized Testing: Students shall have earned a qualifying score on two out of the three 2017-18 Florida State Assessments (ELA FSA, Math FSA and Science FCAT). Qualifying scores for each assessment are:

Math FSA: level 4 or 5 (above 85% percentile)

ELA FSA: level 4 or 5 (above 85% percentile)

Science FCAT: level 4 or 5 (above 85% percentile)

A score below “level 3” on any one of the three Florida State Assessments (ELA FSA, Math FSA or the Science FCAT) ranks the applicant lowest on the acceptance list and disqualifies the student if the Academy has reached capacity.

II. Secondary Achievement:

Teacher Recommendation: The teacher recommendation is an opportunity to become familiar with the student from the viewpoint of a professional. Prospective Hawks students must have a current teacher complete a letter of recommendation. At a minimum, the letter should address the character and work habits of the student. Only one recommendation is accepted per student.

Student Essay: The student essay is an opportunity for the Selection Committee to become acquainted with the student from their own perspective. It is important for students to highlight their personal gifts and talents. The essay should outline special qualities, achievements, and gifts the student possesses that would add diversity and enrichment to the Academy.



**McIntosh Middle School
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Application: Student Information**

Application must be completed and returned by April 12, 2019

Date: _____ Applying for Grade: _____

Student Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____

Parent email: _____

Telephone: _____
(Home) (Dad work or cell) (Mom work or cell)

Student Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Male _____ Female

Current School : _____ Current Grade: _____

Recommending Teacher or Fifth Grade Teacher: _____

Do you live in the MMS school district? _____ Yes _____ No

If "No," which middle school are you districted to attend? _____

If "No" please also complete the Choice Application. If the Choice window has closed, please complete the MMS STEM A² Application available on the MMS website.

Is the student identified as Gifted? _____ Yes _____ No

If "Yes," in what year was the student identified? _____

Is the student currently receiving ESE services? _____ Yes _____ No

Is the student currently on a 504 plan? _____ Yes _____ No

Is the student currently receiving ESOL services? _____ Yes _____ No



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Application: Student Essay**

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Essay Prompt

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John Burroughs, the naturalist, says that the hawk meets every challenge and opportunity by soaring higher and higher in ever-widening circles until its goal is accomplished.

How can you help our program soar higher? What experiences or qualities do you have that can contribute to the Hawks learning community? What do you hope to gain through this program?

Instructions for response:

- Handwritten
- 1 - 2 pages in length
- Please return with your completed application and recommendation to the McIntosh Middle School Registrar by **April 12, 2019**



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Application: Teacher Recommendation



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Name of Applicant: _____
Last First Middle

Note to Applicant: Please enter your name and deliver this form to the person who will write your recommendation.

Note to Recommender: The person whose name appears above is applying for admission to the Hawks Academy for Gifted and Advanced Studies at McIntosh Middle School. Your assessment of the applicant is a vital part of the selection process, and we appreciate your assistance.

Please return the completed form by **April 12, 2019** to: School Registrar
 McIntosh Middle School
 701 S. McIntosh Road
 Sarasota, FL 34232

1. Please give an appraisal of the applicant in terms of the qualities below by checking the appropriate box.

Quality	Outstanding	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Information
Reliability: Faithfulness in duties, personal integrity, sense of responsibility					
Leadership: Initiative, ability to obtain cooperation from others in achieving a goal					
Industry: Application of effort to task completion, capacity for sustained effort					
Scholarship: Mastery of essentials in academic and professional subjects					
Intelligence: Judgment, originality, ability to think critically					
Attendance:					

2. Please provide any additional comments about the applicant that you believe would be helpful in considering the student's application.

Recommender's Name: _____ Date: _____
 Postition/Title: _____ School: _____
 Signature: _____