



High School Application



Dear Parent(s) and Student,

Thank you for your interest in applying for Tamarack Waldorf High School. The High School admissions procedure involves six steps:

1. **Forms:** The High School Application Information form, along with the Parent and Student Questionnaires, need to be completed and returned. Please note that while we do not require an entrance exam, we do require school records (see below) and a basic skills assessment that will help us properly place the student.
2. **School Records:** An authorization form for release of school records is included for your use, should you need it. In order for your application to be considered, we must receive copies of the student's grades, transcripts, attendance records and teacher reports for the past two years.
3. **Recommendations:** Please use the attached forms to request recommendations from teachers or counselors at your present school, who will be asked to send them directly to us. Ideally, one should be from an English/Humanities teacher and one from a Math/Science teacher. If you have studied a world language, please also have your world language teacher complete one, and send it to us.
4. **Visit:** We invite you to attend an information evening or to contact us for a tour of the school. It is highly recommended that students spend a day shadowing at the high school before enrolling.
5. **Interview:** After the preliminary visit to the school, and upon receipt of all application materials – parent and student forms (this packet), teacher recommendations, attendance records, grades or transcripts – an interview will be scheduled to include the parent(s) and the student. At this interview, the student is asked to come prepared to share with us some of their “best work.”
6. **Enrollment/Acceptance:** The application will be reviewed by the admissions committee, which will notify you of your status in relation to enrollment.

If you have questions or concerns, please call us at (414) 265-7075.

Sincerely,

Kate Knuth
High School Enrollment

Application for Enrollment: High School

A non-refundable application fee of \$50 must accompany this application. This fee is waived for Milwaukee Parental Choice Program students and students enrolled in Tamarack Waldorf School's 8th grade. Tamarack Waldorf School welcomes all people regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin.

Tamarack Waldorf School's enrollment policy states that a student's birthday must fall within a particular window in order to be placed in a specific grade. Children turn 7 by May 31 of their first grade year; students turn 15 by May 31 of their ninth grade year.

Applying for Grade: 9th 10th 11th

Child's Legal Name: First _____ Last _____ Birth Date _____

Anticipated Start Date (Month/Year) _____ Circle: Male / Female

School currently attending _____ School Phone _____

School Address (copies of records must be requested before an interview) _____

Please list names and ages of other children in the family Birth Date _____

_____	_____/_____/_____
_____	_____/_____/_____
_____	_____/_____/_____

Applicant lives with the following adults(s): _____

Custody Placement _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Relationship to Child _____ Relationship to Child _____

Address _____ Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ City, State, Zip _____

Please indicate best time and phone to reach you, if you are difficult to reach

Home phone _____ Home phone _____

Work phone _____ Work phone _____

Cell phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____ Email _____

Who is financially responsible for school expenses for this student? ___ Mother ___ Father ___ Other
I/We will ___ pay full tuition ___ apply for tuition assistance ___ receive funding through School Choice

Tamarack Waldorf High School Parent Form

1. What are your reasons for wishing that your child attend Tamarack Waldorf High School?
2. What characteristics are you looking for in a school?
3. Has your child ever had any serious physical problems, illnesses or injuries? If so, please describe these and give the ages when they occurred.
4. Please describe any circumstances in your child's home, family or environment which may have had particularly positive or negative effects on his or her personal or school life.
5. Has your child undergone or is your child undergoing psychiatric or psychological counseling? If yes, please describe the nature of the therapy.
6. Has your child had educational testing? _____ (yes/no) Does your child have, or has your child ever had, an IEP? _____ (yes/no) If yes to either question, please include a copy of the documents.
7. Has your child had any significant learning, behavioral or emotional problems? Please describe.
8. Has your child repeated or skipped a grade? _____ (yes/no) If so, which grade? ____ Has your child been expelled or encouraged to withdraw from a school? _____ (yes/no) If yes, please explain.
9. To your knowledge, has your child used or experimented with alcohol or drugs? If so, please explain.
10. Please add any information you think would help us in reaching a decision on admission or in helping the applicant as a student here. (For example: special skills, interests, musical or artistic abilities, needs, temperamental characteristics, etc.) Please use an additional page if necessary.

To the best of my knowledge this is an accurate picture of my child. I understand that withholding information may result in an extension of the probationary period, or expulsion of the student.

Student Name (please print) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Tamarack Waldorf High School Questionnaire (Student Form)

This is an opportunity for you to tell us informally about some aspects of your life, so that we can get to know you better. Please answer the questions fully and with openness. Try to say what you really think, not what you feel we would like you to say. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers. Use another sheet of paper if you need more room.

Name _____ Nickname _____

Place of Birth _____

Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

A. School

1. Which subjects have you enjoyed the most and why?

2. What books have you recently read that particularly captured your interest? Why?

3. What do you like most about your present school?

4. If there was one thing you could change about your current school, what would that be?

5. What recent school experiences have you enjoyed or found value in? Include participation in any school organization or activities.

6. What foreign languages have you studied, and for how long?

B. Visual and Practical Arts

1. Do you like to sketch, paint or sculpt? How much have you done? On your own? In school?
2. Please describe any craftwork such as weaving, pottery, metal-work, stained glass, stone-carving, woodcarving you may have done.
3. Have you done any building/repairing/tinkering projects of any kind? If so, describe them.

C. Performing Arts

1. Do you have any musical interests? Do you play an instrument? Do you know how to read music?
2. Do you like to sing? Have you studied music formally or have you taught yourself? Have you attended any concerts or operas?
3. Do you like to act? Have you ever acted in or been part of a drama production? If so, please explain.

D. Athletics and Outdoor Activities

1. Please check any of the following you have participated in. Add any that are not listed:

Team sports:

Baseball Basketball Football Volleyball Soccer Hockey Lacrosse Track

Individual sports:

Tennis Swimming Bicycling Skiing Horseback Golf _____(Other)

2. Have you ever done any hiking or camping? If so, tell us about a few of your experiences.

E. Other Interests

1. How do you usually spend your free time?
2. Do you belong to any clubs or associations in or outside of school? Explain.
3. Do you have any regular jobs or responsibilities at home? What are they?
4. About how much time do you spend on the computer and/or watching TV for pleasure (not counting schoolwork) each day? Each week?

5. Do you have a cell phone? If so, what is your level of attachment to the phone?
6. Do you plan on having a paid job during the school year? Why?

F. Other Questions

1. How do you see yourself relating to adults and people your own age?
2. Tamarack Waldorf High School faculty and students work hard to create a healthy academic and social life. Certain activities can interfere with the learning experience. The school does not support the use of tobacco, drugs or alcohol. Are you willing to refrain from using these and other controlled substances while you are a student at TWHS, including during summers, weekends, and school breaks?

G. Creative or Descriptive Essay

Write a paragraph describing a special interest you have and why you enjoy it. It might be a hobby, a school subject, a sport, some particular topic, or any activity important to you.

***Please bring to your interview one or two examples of what you consider to be your best work. These could be essays, poetry, paintings, musical performances, science projects, handwork or crafts.*



Applicant's Name _____

Applicant for Grade _____

To the Teacher/Counselor:

This student has applied for admission to Tamarack Waldorf High School. Please write a brief descriptive statement regarding this student's academic and personal qualities. We are most concerned about the following:

- Any marked deficiencies in reading or English expression
- Any marked deficiencies in mathematical skills
- The degree of care and form shown in the student's work
- The degree of self-direction
- The amount of consideration for and cooperation with others
- The amount of involvement in and ability to handle school activities

You may of course comment on other qualities of the student.

Please don't feel you must write a full character sketch; rather, what you write will help the admissions committee at Tamarack Waldorf High School in better understanding this student.

Please mail, fax or email your statement directly to us.

Thank you for your time and effort on behalf of this student.

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Authorization for Release of School Records

To the Parent(s) of the Applicant:

In order to make an admissions decision, you are welcome to provide copies or use this form. Complete this form only if you do not have copies of grades, reports and transcripts already at your fingertips. Tamarack Waldorf High School cannot directly request a student's records during the application process: the request must be made through you. We would be happy to copy your originals of the grade reports/transcripts required for admission to Tamarack Waldorf High School. Please complete this form and send it to the appropriate school(s):

AUTHORIZATION:

I hereby authorize _____ School to release copies of the requested records for _____ (student's name) at the earliest date, as there is a deadline for receipt of this material.

REASON FOR REQUEST:

Student is applying to Tamarack Waldorf High School for Grade _____ for the _____ school year.

RECORDS TO BE SENT:

Please send a copy of the following records:

- Transcript of all grades and most recent report card;
- Attendance records from past two years;
- Test results, if any (CAT, PSAT, SAT, ACT et al);
- Record of special awards;
- IEPs or Accommodation Plans, if any

_____ Name of Student	_____ Birthdate	_____ Present Grade
_____ Name of Parent/Guardian		
_____ Parent Signature		_____ Date