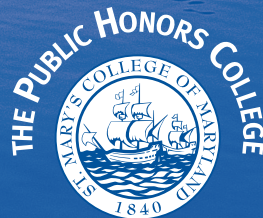


THE PUBLIC HONORS COLLEGE

# 2012 APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION



St. Mary's College of Maryland  
at Historic St. Mary's City

## APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Application Checklist

You must submit all of the following materials in order for your application to be reviewed. **Make sure that your full name is printed on all supplemental materials.**

- **Application**, including certification (all applicants) and early decision signatures (if applicable).
- **Transcript(s)**  
*First-year applicants:* Arrange with your high school and/or other appropriate educational institutions (GED, military academy, home school, colleges) to send official transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Please include all senior-year classes that are in progress.  
*Transfer applicants:* Arrange with each college you have attended to send an official transcript to the Office of Admissions. Transfer students with fewer than 24 college credits at the time of application also must submit an official high school transcript and SAT I or ACT test scores.
- **\$50 non-refundable application fee** (mail a check, or pay online when filing a Web application).
- **SAT-I or ACT Scores** sent directly from ETS or ACT (St. Mary's ETS Code 5601, ACT Code 1736) if not on your official high school transcript. Transfer students with 24 credits are exempt.
- **Two Letters of Recommendation** from individuals who know you in an educational setting. (Optional: Students may submit an additional recommendation from a parent, guardian, or peer.) Transfer students do not need to submit letters. They are optional.
- **Essay** (See full description and questions on this page.)
- **Service and Co-curricular Résumé.** Please provide a résumé of your co-curricular involvements and activities. At the end of the résumé, in a well-written paragraph or two, describe the activities that you consider the most important (250 words typed and double-spaced).

### International Students

There are special requirements for applicants who are not U.S. citizens. Non-native speakers of English may be required to submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) directly from the Educational Testing Service. The standardized test requirement varies with the country in which the student studied in high school. Non-U.S. citizens **MUST** provide a copy of their passport and immigration status (green card, visa) and an international address before your application is considered complete. Please contact the International Admissions Counselor at St. Mary's before filing your application.

### First-Year Student Essay

Select one topic and type double-spaced. **Make sure that your full name is printed on all supplemental materials.**

1. St. Mary's College is casting for the incoming class. Send us your audition tape via the Web or DVD. Please provide us with the site for posting. Selection of this option will stand as your college essay. Consider your audience.
2. We have all heard older generations talk about the "good ol' days." If you could bring back a lost tradition, technology, culture, or a simple characteristic from people of the past, what would it be and why? How do you think this would affect society today? Why do you think that aspect of society was lost in the first place?
3. All St. Mary's students take a seminar in their first semester which is an introduction to the liberal arts and sciences. If you could design your own seminar for a class of 15 students, what would your topic be, and why? To learn more about the first-year experience and seminars currently offered, visit [www.smcm.edu/firstyear/seminars](http://www.smcm.edu/firstyear/seminars). Outstanding topics may be selected for future seminars.
4. The director of admissions is coming to dinner! Whom would you invite, past or present? What topics would you discuss over dinner? What would you serve your guests?

### Transfer-Student Essay

Everyone asks, "Why?" Why do you want to transfer to St. Mary's College of Maryland? What would you bring to St. Mary's that would enhance our community?

### Application Deadlines

Early Decision I: November 1 • Early Decision II: December 1 • Regular Decision: January 1



## CITIZENSHIP

U.S. Citizen?  Yes  No

If no, type of visa: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa #: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All non-U.S. citizens must provide a copy of passport and immigration status (for example, green card, visa, etc.)

## DATA ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

### Family Member #1:

Father  Step-father  Husband  Other (\_\_\_\_\_) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER & STREET APT. CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  U.S.  Permanent Resident  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (country)

Education:  HS  Assoc.  BA/BS  Advanced \_\_\_\_\_ College (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm or Company: \_\_\_\_\_

### Family Member #2:

Mother  Step-mother  Wife  Other (\_\_\_\_\_) Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
NUMBER & STREET APT. CITY STATE ZIP COUNTRY

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  U.S.  Permanent Resident  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (country)

Education:  HS  Assoc.  BA/BS  Advanced \_\_\_\_\_ College (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm or Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if appropriate:

Parents divorced  Parents separated  Father remarried  Mother remarried  Father deceased  Mother deceased

If any of the above are checked, please provide information below about the parent or guardian with whom you legally reside and to whom official College correspondence should be mailed:

Family Member #1:

Family Member #2:

Graduates of St. Mary's? Please list members of your immediate family who have attended St. Mary's.

FULL NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU	DATES AT ST. MARY'S

U.S. Military:

Are you, or one of your parents, or your spouse stationed on active military duty in Maryland?  Yes  No

If yes, do you/they live in Maryland?  Yes  No

If yes, do you/they anticipate leaving Maryland for another duty station?  Yes  No If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Active duty members of the armed forces (and their spouse and dependents) MUST provide most recent orders showing they are stationed in Maryland.

## ACADEMIC AREAS OF INTEREST

At this time, my intended major is \_\_\_\_\_ (*This does not constitute a declaration of a major.*)

Check other areas of interest.

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|---|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African/African Diaspora Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Studies              | <input type="checkbox"/> Neurosciences      | <input type="checkbox"/> Student-Designed Major           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthropology                     | <input type="checkbox"/> History                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy         | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater, Film, and Media Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology                      | <input type="checkbox"/> International Languages & Cultures | <input type="checkbox"/> Physics            | <input type="checkbox"/> Women/Gender/Sexuality Studies   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Art History                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian Studies                    | <input type="checkbox"/> French                             | Pre-Professional                            |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biochemistry                     | <input type="checkbox"/> German                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry          |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biology                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics/Business               | <input type="checkbox"/> Museum Studies                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Optometry          |   |
| Education   | Music   | <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Instrumental (instrument _____)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Science |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Secondary                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Vocal                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology         |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Childhood                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Science                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Policy      |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> English                          |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Studies  |   |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology          |   |

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

*High school students* please provide information on all high schools you have attended, beginning with your current school. *Transfer students* please provide information on the high school from which you graduated.

Current High School: \_\_\_\_\_  
NAME CITY STATE ETS CODE

Guidance Counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ *If not a high school graduate, date of GED:* \_\_\_\_\_

SAT: CR \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ ACT \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Year Academic Courses: *\*Required*

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other High Schools Attended:

_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
<small>NAME</small>	<small>CITY</small>	<small>STATE</small>	<small>ETS CODE</small>	<small>DATES ATTENDED</small>
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<small>NAME</small>	<small>CITY</small>	<small>STATE</small>	<small>ETS CODE</small>	<small>DATES ATTENDED</small>

Are you an International Baccalaureate?  Diploma candidate  Certificate candidate

National Merit Scholar (*Please include documentation.*):  Finalist  Semifinalist

Maryland Distinguished Scholar (*Please include documentation.*):  Finalist  Semifinalist  Honorable Mention

## POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

College(s) Attended (*list most recent first*):

NAME	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED	GPA	NO. OF CREDITS

Are you currently enrolled?  Yes  No *If yes, where?* \_\_\_\_\_

Are you degree-seeking?  Yes  No *If yes, expected degree, major, and date:* \_\_\_\_\_

Have you received, or will you receive, a degree from another institution?  Yes  No

*If yes, name of institution and degree:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Year:* \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever attended St. Mary's College of Maryland?  Yes  No *If yes, when?* \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been suspended, dismissed, or placed on probation by any institution of higher education?  Yes  No  
(*If yes, please explain on a separate sheet and attach to this form.*)

## INFORMATION HELPFUL TO ST. MARY'S

How did you first become aware of SMCM? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you visited SMCM in the past 2 years?  Yes  No

To what other colleges have you applied? (Please give school and state.)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

## CERTIFICATION - TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS

You may, at your discretion, supply any further information or credentials that you feel will help the Committee on Admissions make a fair and complete evaluation. (Please attach separate paper.)

I certify that all the above information given in this application is complete and accurate. If applying as an Early-Decision 1 or 2 applicant, when admitted, I will enroll at St. Mary's College of Maryland and *will immediately withdraw all applications from other colleges and universities.*

Failure to complete all applicable sections of this application is likely to delay or prevent admission decisions.

_____	_____
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED)	DATE
_____	_____
PARENT'S SIGNATURE (REQUIRED IF STUDENT IS UNDER 18)	DATE

*St. Mary's College of Maryland does not discriminate or condone discrimination on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, age, disability, or marital status in any College activities or functions including, but not limited to, its admissions, programs, or employment practices. Inquiries concerning the College's responsibility may be directed to the College's Affirmative Action/EEOC Officer (240-895-4448).*

## FINANCIAL AID AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

St. Mary's College of Maryland awards four types of aid: need-based grants, academic scholarships, employment, and loans. Financial aid is available to students studying abroad in approved St. Mary's programs.

### Merit Scholarships

Merit awards recognize academic achievement and significant co-curricular accomplishments outside of the classroom and are given on a competitive basis without regard to financial need. All applicants are reviewed for scholarship by the Scholarship Review Committee with consideration given to academic record, standardized test scores, strength of curriculum, essay, recommendations, and co-curricular activities. *St. Mary's does not use set formulas for determining merit awards. Each student applicant is considered as an individual by the Scholarship Review Committee.* Approximately 25% of students receive a merit scholarship. Merit scholarships are renewed for up to four consecutive years of full-time study at St. Mary's (two years for transfer students) as long as the student remains in good standing and maintains at least a 3.0 grade point average (GPA) in each semester. Please refer to the web site for more information.

St. Mary's International Baccalaureate Scholarships  
CollegeBound Partnership Scholarships  
Phi Theta Kappa Awards  
First-Year Excellence Awards

St. Mary's Transfer Scholarships  
Paul H. Nitze Scholars Program  
St. Mary's Academic Achievement  
Presidential Merit Awards

### Need-Based Aid

All students who are accepted to the College and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) are automatically considered for federal, state, and College financial assistance programs. To be eligible for need-based aid, students must file the FAFSA prior to March 1. Filing after March removes you from consideration for certain Maryland aid programs and jeopardizes the availability of aid from St. Mary's. (Students applying for admission to the spring term must file by November 15.) Be sure to designate St. Mary's College to receive the FAFSA information, using Title IV code: 002095. Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for more information.

## 2011-2012 ESTIMATED EXPENSES

### Tuition and Fees

Maryland Resident      \$ 14,445 (per year)  
Out-of-State Student      \$ 26,552 (per year)

### Residential Costs

Room      \$6,140 (per year)  
Board      \$4,775 (per year)

Dear Applicant,

Congratulations! You are entering the final stretch of your college search. All of your college visits, open houses, interviews, meetings with counselors, and discussions with friends and family have brought you to this application. Be proud of your accomplishments and share with us why you belong at The Public Honors College of the State of Maryland.

Should you apply Early Decision? Yes, but only if St. Mary's is your dream school and you feel confident that this should be your home for the next four years. It is not easier to get into St. Mary's if you apply Early Decision. If you are offered admission under the Early Decision program, a spot is reserved and you must withdraw your applications to all other schools.

Enjoy writing the essay. Many applicants will have similar classes, grades, SAT or ACT scores, and recommendations, but you are the only author of your essay. The essay is an extremely important part of the application and scholarship review process. We not only expect that your essay will be grammatically correct, but we want to see your creativity and your ability to make this application come to life.

Show us your talents and interests in your Service and Co-curricular Résumé. Much of your learning at St. Mary's will be outside of the classroom, engaging in community service, employment, international study, club activities, intramural sports, and outdoor recreation. Student initiative and involvement outside of the classroom makes this an enjoyable environment to live in. Therefore, when students are involved in high school, it is a good indication to my staff that you will remain active in college.

Before you begin, lean back in your chair, fold your hands over your head, close your eyes, and think back to the moment you walked into your first class in high school. You've come a long way since then. Let's hear about it!

Sincerely,



Richard J. Edgar  
Director of Admissions



## St. Mary's College of Maryland

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### Office of Admissions

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St. Mary's City, MD 20686

**800-492-7181**

**admissions@smcm.edu**

**www.smcm.edu/admissions**

**Submission Instructions:** St. Mary's accepts both paper and online applications. If you apply online, you will be able to attach your essay and résumé and charge the application fee to a credit card. If you complete this paper application, it is best to send your essay, résumé, and application fee in the same envelope and mail it to: Office of Admissions, St. Mary's College of Maryland, 18952 E. Fisher Road, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.

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