

The College of St. Thomas More



COLLEGIUM CHRISTI REGIS • RENOVELLARI VERITATE

**Application for Admission
to the College of Saint Thomas More
2011-2012**



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ADMISSION TO STUDIES

The College of St. Thomas More is a four-year classical liberal arts college in the Roman Catholic tradition, faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, dedicated to building a community of love of learning and love of God, committed to the continued moral and spiritual formation of its students, and to providing an education of the highest academic level.

We are joyfully Catholic, and the College attracts many different kinds of students. There is no single standard by which the College decides whether to admit a student. In evaluating applications, the College looks mainly for evidence of academic potential and a desire to learn and places less importance than most schools on grades and standardized test scores. This is because, in our experience, the good student is not necessarily one who has learned the techniques of success in the school system, but one who possesses qualities that are often not measurable by grades—qualities such as thoughtfulness, docility, and love of truth.

We invite anyone interested in studying, discovering, and exploring the great Western tradition of philosophic, poetic, and theological reflection contained in the works of the greatest authors and minds, to apply for admission to studies.

APPLICATION INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate Students

There is no deadline for applications. The College has a rolling admissions policy, which means applications will be considered in the order in which they are received. Application can be made for either the fall or spring semester.

The principal criterion for admission to studies is the judgment of the Admissions Committee that the student applying is capable of pursuing the curriculum successfully and becoming a contributing member of the scholarly community.

Applicants must submit official transcripts from each high school or college previously attended, one letter of recommendation, and a completed application (personal information and essay). Report of scores made on standardized tests (SAT, ACT, or GRE) is also required. The College may request additional letters of recommendation if it believes that more information is needed.

The College of Saint Thomas More welcomes home-schooled students. The application process for home-schooled students is essentially the same as the application process for



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other students. However, home-schooled students must submit, in addition to the materials listed above, the name of the curriculum used in high school. If the applicant has not used a recognized official curriculum, he or she must ensure that the College receives a detailed description of the curriculum that was used. All home-schooled students must, like all other prospective students, submit transcripts.

Status – Matriculated, Occasional, Regular Online, Occasional Online

The College of Saint Thomas More designates students at Matriculated, Occasional, Regular Online, or Occasional Online.

Students who wish to take courses at the Fort Worth campus and declare themselves as seeking a CSTM degree are designated “Matriculated” by the College. Matriculated students will meet with their Advisor to develop a degree plan after initial acceptance, and will periodically review their degree plan with their Advisor.

Students who wish to study in the College but are not declared as working toward a degree are designated “Occasional” by the College. Occasional student status will normally be granted to persons who qualify under one of the following categories:

1. those who are above the age of 18 years-old and do not wish to take a degree in the College, whether or not they hold a degree from another College or university, but who wish to occasionally take courses from at the College;
2. those who are otherwise qualified but currently matriculated in another college or university, who wish to take one or more courses at the College but do not wish to seek the CSTM degree; and,
3. those who are appropriately qualified high school students and who may be admitted to studies as special students. (See “Concurrent Registration.”)

Students who wish to take course from CSTM Online and declare themselves as seeking a CSTM degree are designated “Regular Online” by the College. Regular Online students will communicate with a CSTM Online Advisor to develop a degree plan after initial acceptance, and will periodically review their degree plan with the Online Advisor.

Students who wish to take CSTM courses online but not declare themselves as working toward a degree are designated “Occasional Online” by the College. Occasional Online student status will normally be granted to persons who qualify under one of the following categories:



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1. those who are above the age of 18 years-old and do not wish to take a degree in the College, whether or not they hold a degree from another College or university, but who wish to occasionally take online courses from at the College;
2. those who are otherwise qualified but currently matriculated in another college or university, who wish to take one or more online courses at the College but do not wish to seek the CSTM degree; and,
3. those who are appropriately qualified high school students and who may be admitted to studies as special students. (See “Concurrent Registration.”)

Concurrent Registration

Appropriately qualified high school juniors and seniors (with approval from their school counselors and parents) and appropriately qualified home-school students (with approval from their parents) are allowed to take one class per semester for college credit. Students interested should contact the CSTM Office of Enrollment Management.

Placement in Classical Studies

Entering students who have previously studied a classical language may receive placement beyond the initial course by providing transcripts showing previous classical language course studies and by conferring with the Fellow in Classical Studies. Students who offer for consideration courses in which their grade was lower than B will be asked to take the placement examination.

Please send all application materials to:

Office of Admissions
The College of St. Thomas More
3020 Lubbock Ave.
Ft. Worth, Texas 76109
jheitenrater@cstm.edu



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FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The College is committed to the principle that cost of college should not be a barrier to prospective students and we are almost always successful in enabling every admitted student to attend the College through tuition scholarships and other forms of financial aid. We do, however, expect families to make a serious effort, and we try to devise a financial package adjusted to the needs of each individual student.

FINANCIAL AID

The College offers three basic types of financial aid: grants (federal and state), work study, and both needs-based and merit-based scholarships.

Federal and State Grants (PELL and TEG): These grants are available based on need and can significantly reduce the cost of attendance.

Work Study: The College permits students to defray part of the cost of tuition through work-study as needed.

Scholarships: Scholarships, often substantial, are available based on academic promise as well as need.

COST OF ATTENDANCE

The cost of tuition for the 2011-2012 school year is \$12,000. Fees are \$800 per year. The total cost of attendance is \$12,800, plus whatever a student needs for living expenses (rent, food, transportation, entertainment, etc.). Each student will spend approximately \$400-500 on books yearly. As said above, these costs should not deter one from applying as they are often significantly reduced by financial aid.

FILING THE FAFSA

Filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), which can be done easily online, is the single most important step in determining financial need, and thus determining how much money is available to you through grants and loans. **Please do this as soon as possible.** You should know that the State of Texas offers generous grants on the basis of need to Texas residents and National Merit Scholars attending private schools in Texas.

Application for Admission

The College of St. Thomas More
Fort Worth, Texas 76109
www.cstm.edu



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SECTION A: GENERAL INFORMATION

Personal Information

Date of Application _____ Applying for admission to class entering Fall 20____
Spring 20____

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____
First Middle or Maiden Last

Home Address _____ (____) _____
Number and Street Telephone

City State County Zip e-mail

SS# _____ Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Citizenship: U. S. Citizen U.S. Permanent Resident Other _____
Country

Name of Closest Relative _____ Relation to Applicant _____

Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip

Business Telephone (____) _____ Home Telephone (____) _____

Academic Information

List any high schools and colleges you have attended. Please ask each one to send us a transcript.

School	City, State	Dates Attended	Degree/Diploma/Certificate
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please provide the names of the persons writing recommendations for you:

- 1) Mr./ Mrs./ Miss /Dr. _____
2. Mr./ Mrs./ Miss /Dr. _____



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Short Responses

1. How did you first hear about the College?
2. What first attracted you to the College?
3. What are your aspirations and goals for the future?

Supplementary Information

1. Marital Status married ___ single ___ divorced ___
2. Religion, if any _____
3. Are you a veteran of the armed forces? _____ Branch of Service _____ Year Discharged _____
4. Ethnic Background: Caucasian African-American Hispanic Other
5. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or felony? If so, please explain on a separate sheet.
6. Do you have any health problems?

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Please return this form and your essays to the College. When all of your application materials (transcripts from secondary schools and colleges attended, two letters of recommendation, and SAT or ACT scores) have been received, your application will be submitted to the Admissions Committee, which will make a decision as soon as possible. The information given on this application may be used for statistical purposes or to obtain background information.



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SECTION B: ESSAY

Please submit an essay on one of the following topics (questions) with your application.

1. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. Agree or disagree. Make sure to give reasons for your conclusion.
2. The fundamental ethical question is, How should I live? You are doubtless aware of some of the popular answers to the question: I should live for pleasure, for money, for fame. What would you consider the true answer to this question? Do the popular answers have any truth in them? And would you say that having Christian faith affects one's answer to this question?
3. Aristotle thought that the aim of governments should be the good of their citizens. What would you consider to be the good that governments ought to secure for their citizens? What might this good include?
4. Why get a liberal education?

Manuscript Presentation: The essay should be 2-5 pages in length and should be either typed or written legibly in ink. Number each page and use only one side of the paper.