



John Bapst Scholars Program Application Cover Page

Program Description

John Bapst's boarding program serves both domestic and international students. Tuition for the 2015-16 school year is \$40,750. A key component of the program is a small number of student leaders called John Bapst Scholars. These students are native speakers of English who agree to serve as academic and social student leaders in the girls' and boys' dormitories. In exchange for this important service to the school, normal boarding charges are waived; in addition to tuition and fees (\$10,460), only a food charge of \$1,500 per semester (\$3,000 for the year) is charged to families.

The John Bapst Scholars Program is ideal for students who live a long distance from school, but it is open to any John Bapst student who meets the leadership criteria required. Dormitory living itself can be a great way for students to practice independence and self-reliance as a way of preparing for college. For 2015-16, the school anticipates openings for two John Bapst Scholars.

The program offers a shared dormitory room in a John Bapst residence hall, beginning with boarding orientation in August 2015 and ending with exam week in June 2016. Note that dorm rooms are either doubles or triples.

John Bapst Scholars are in residence at a minimum five nights per week while school is in session. They serve as student leaders and student ambassadors in the international boarding program. On a regular basis they provide guidance with issues of cultural adjustment and help on homework, particularly in language-intensive subjects. They and their families are encouraged to invite international students home from time to time.

Application Criteria

Students who wish to apply should meet the following criteria:

- be in good academic standing at John Bapst or their current school, with a "B" average or better;
- be in good standing, with no serious disciplinary issues in the past twelve months and a record of good citizenship;
- show evidence of friendly, constructive interaction with other students;
- have involvement in the school beyond the academic program;
- be willing to give generously of their own time to students whose first language is not English;
- demonstrate curiosity about other cultures through travel, reading, or other ways.

Application Process

Students interested in applying to the program should submit the following five items:

- application cover page
- required essay
- photocopy of John Bapst transcript
- one teacher recommendation
- signed parent support statement

Interview

Once the application is complete, an interview will be scheduled between the student and parent and Head of School Mel MacKay and Director of Residential Life Lynne Harvey. Please note that this interview is independent of an Admission Office interview (if applicable – for students new to John Bapst only).



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Student Information

Name _____ Current Grade _____

Date of Birth _____

Home Address _____

Telephone (home) _____

(cell) _____

(student cell, if applicable) _____

Estimated Academic Average (circle one) A B C

Signature

By signing this application, you are NOT obligating yourself to the program. You are indicating interest. If offered a position in the program, you will have approximately two weeks to make a final commitment.

Student Signature _____

Date _____



John Bapst Scholars Program Student Essay

Application Essay

In a typewritten essay of approximately 500 words, please respond to the following questions. Proofread carefully and present yourself in a friendly, professional way.

- What prompts your interest in living in a dormitory setting?
- How do you envision yourself contributing to the experience of John Bapst's international students?
- What experiences have you had that have helped you to learn about and understand other cultures?

Attach your essay to the program application cover page.



John Bapst Scholars Program Teacher Recommendation

Note: This recommendation is to be completed if the student is a current John Bapst student.

(Student Name) _____ has applied to be a boarding student in the John Bapst residential program. In a letter of no more than one page, please comment on the student's potential for contributing to the program. Below you will find a brief description of the program, together with the questions the student has been asked to respond to in his or her application essay. Please note that this recommendation is not intended to be confidential. You may submit it to the student directly or to the Admission Office.

Program Description and Application Criteria

John Bapst encourages day students who live a long distance from school or who wish to experience dormitory living as a way of preparing for college to join the boarding program. For 2015-16, we anticipate two open slots girls or boys in this program.

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Questions the Student Is Addressing in the Application Essay

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John Bapst Scholars Program Parent Support Statement

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

I support the application of my student to the John Bapst Scholars Program. The program offers a shared dormitory room in a John Bapst residence hall, beginning with boarding orientation in August 2015 and ending with graduation in June 2016.

Financial responsibilities are as follows:

1. Tuition is charged at the day student rate. If the family lives in a sending (school choice) town, the town is billed for tuition. If the family is a private-pay family, the family will be billed for the current private day student tuition, plus athletic, activities, and other fees. The anticipated cost for 2014-15 (private-pay tuition plus fees) is \$10,460.
2. There is no charge for the cost of the room.
3. A deposit of \$100 is held during the course of the year. If there is no damage to the room and the room is returned to the school in the same condition as originally offered, the deposit will be refunded in full.
4. The student's family agrees to pay \$1,500 per semester for food costs (\$3,000 total). This covers the cost of breakfast, lunch, and dinner (on weekends, two meals a day) when the student is in residence. The fee for meals is billed in two installments (at the beginning of each semester). Upon request to the Business Office, it may also be paid monthly from August to May at a rate of \$300 per month. **Note that if the student chooses to purchase food outside the meal program, the meals fee is not refundable. For students who are on campus on Saturday and Sunday, the school sometimes dispenses "meal money." John Bapst Scholars will receive this money *only* for the weekends they are in residence.**

The student and parents agree that the John Bapst Scholar will be in residence at a minimum five nights per week while school is in session.

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I understand the fee structure of the John Bapst Scholars Program and support my student's participation.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

I understand the goals of the John Bapst Scholars Program and will do my best to support it.

Student Signature _____ Date _____