



# Buffalo Prep

## 2021-2022 Rising to Distinction Program Application

**Rising to Distinction** provides academic support, college advisement, enrichment opportunities, and socio-emotional counseling throughout high school as students transition into higher education. Rising to Distinction takes place at Buffalo Prep on the University at Buffalo South Campus.

**Application deadline: Rolling admission**

# Application Checklist

**Proof of income** - Please submit the first three pages of the **2020 federal tax return(s)** for each parent/guardian financially responsible for applicant.

*Students who are accepted into the program will be required to submit their 2021 tax return prior to the start of the program.*

Total members of household (includes only earner and dependents)	Household Income Cap
2	\$45,308
3	\$56,348
4	\$67,388
5	\$78,428
6+	\$89,468

## Report Cards

- Please submit:  
-Current report card

## Two teacher recommendations

\*Please see the included form.

## Attend an information session

A parent or guardian must attend an information session for their student to be considered for the program. Contact Alexys Swygert, Director of College Counseling, for more information.

Email, mail or fax your application to:  
aswygert@buffaloprep.org • Fax 716-829-2735 • Phone 716-829-2135  
Buffalo Prep - Attn: Alexys Swygert - 3485 Main Street 105 Allen Hall,  
University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14214

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Please complete this application and provide all other requested information. Applications will not be reviewed until all forms are submitted.

## PART 1: STUDENT INFORMATION

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Student First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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Home Address	Apt #	City	State	Zip
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Student Date of Birth	Age	Social Security Number
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Name of Current School	Grade Level	Gender (Male/Female/Nonbinary)
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Check all that apply to applicant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> East Asian
<input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic	<input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
<input type="checkbox"/> South Asian	<input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian	

If other, please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

What is the applicant's first language? \_\_\_\_\_

What language is spoken most in the applicant's home? \_\_\_\_\_

If the applicant has an interview with Buffalo Prep, will the parent/guardian need an interpreter?

Yes       No

List any clubs, organizations or extracurricular activities in which the applicant participates or has participated:

Does the applicant have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) and/or a 504 plan?  Yes  No

If yes, please explain:

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Has the applicant or a member of your household participated in Buffalo Prep before?  Yes  No

If yes, please list their name(s) and which program(s) they participated in:

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## PART 2: PARENT/GUARDIAN/HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

**Please submit a copy of the first three pages of your 2020 federal tax return(s) for each parent/guardian financially responsible for the applicant.**

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Name of Parent/Guardian Completing Application	Relationship to Applicant
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Who is financially responsible for the applicant? (Please check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Legal Guardian
<input type="checkbox"/> Step-Father	<input type="checkbox"/> Step-Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify: _____)

How many dependents, including the applicant, are receiving financial support from those who are financially responsible for the applicant in: 2020 \_\_\_\_\_ 2021 \_\_\_\_\_

Does the family receive Social Security benefits?  Yes  No

If yes, how much per month? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the family receive food stamps or other public assistance?  Yes  No

If yes, how much per month? \_\_\_\_\_

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## HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

List every person who lives in the same household as the applicant. Include siblings, relatives and non-relatives, and indicate their relationship to the applicant.

Name	Age	Relationship to Applicant

### Parent/Guardian 1 Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

First Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this number accept text messages? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent/Guardian 2 Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

First Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this number accept text messages? \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_





**Parent/Guardian: Please sign this form and submit it to the applicant's current school.**



**REPORT CARD REQUEST**

The student below is an applicant for admission to Buffalo Prep. Copies of grades and scores on standardized tests are needed for evaluation. Please send **the final 2020-2021 report card** and **the 20201-2022 second quarter or first trimester report card** to:

Mail: Buffalo Prep  
Attn: Alexys Swygert  
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Buffalo, NY 14214  
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**I AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF MY STUDENT'S REPORT CARD TO BUFFALO PREP.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**Parent/Guardian: Please submit this form to one of the applicant's teachers.**

**Note that two recommendations are required.**



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### Teacher Recommendation Form

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Grade Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that all recommendations are confidential. They will be reviewed by the program director and admissions team. They will not be shared with the student or his/her parents or guardians.

*You can also find this recommendation form online at [www.buffaloprep.com/admissions](http://www.buffaloprep.com/admissions)*

#### Academic and Personal Characteristics

Please use an X or check mark to note your evaluation of the candidate based on the following characteristics:

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgment
Academic potential					
Acceptance of constructive criticism					
Attitude					
Concern for others					
Conduct					
Confidence					
Cooperation					
Creativity					
Curiosity					
Effort					
Focus					
Independence					
Integrity					
Leadership					
Maturity					
Motivation					
Organization					
Participation					
Perseverance					
Responsibility					
Willingness to seek help					

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***Recommenders may answer the questions below in the space provided or in a letter of recommendation. We ask that all questions are answered thoroughly; please provide any relevant details or examples.***

How long and in what capacity have you known the candidate?

What are the first three words that come to mind to describe the candidate?

Please describe the quality of the candidate’s academic work with regard to preparation (on a day-to-day basis), timeliness, effort, and commitment.

Please share any additional information you think we should know about the candidate’s academic performance, intellectual ability/potential, and personal qualities. You may also use this space to elaborate on any strengths and/or weaknesses demonstrated by the candidate.

*Thank you for your assessment of the candidate. We greatly appreciate your time and attention. Your participation is an essential part of our review and selection process.*

May we contact you for additional information?                      Yes                      No

**Name of Recommender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Creativity					
Curiosity					
Effort					
Focus					
Independence					
Integrity					
Leadership					
Maturity					
Motivation					
Organization					
Participation					
Perseverance					
Responsibility					
Willingness to seek help					

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**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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