

How do I apply for Scholars Academy / AIMS?

1. Complete the application form which may be downloaded from the Thomasville City Schools Scholars Academy website at <http://sa.tccityschools.org/>. Application packets are also available at the Scholars Academy front office or at all of the city school system schools.
2. Submit at least three samples of student work. Student work samples may include any special projects which illustrate creativity, special ability or skills, or extraordinary effort. Poems, reports, research papers, drawings, paintings are acceptable examples. Every effort will be made to return student work samples, but valuable or highly sentimental pieces should not be submitted. Photocopies or photographs are preferred. Photographs of larger projects should be submitted. Work samples or photographs of work samples should be submitted loosely in a folder or manila envelope, not in a binder or notebook.
3. All students should submit copies of report cards or test score reports along with their applications. If you do not have a copy of your child's report card or test scores, copies may be obtained upon parental request from the office of the school where the child is currently enrolled. All parents are legally entitled to a copy of their child's school records at any time.
4. Submit a graded writing sample from the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Applications of students who made a "1" on any section of the most recent EOG will not be considered for admission into the Scholars Academy.
6. Submit requests for teacher recommendations to two teachers who have taught the child within the last two years. Recommendation forms may be downloaded from the Scholars Academy website. Copies of the recommendation forms are included in the application packets which may be picked up from the Thomasville City School System office or from any Thomasville City School. While teacher recommendations are strongly preferred, students enrolling from outside the system who have difficulty obtaining teacher recommendations may submit recommendations from non-family member adults who have first-hand knowledge of the student's special skills and talents; examples may include Scout leaders, community coaches, ministers, etc. Teachers within the school system may submit recommendation forms through the school system's inter-office mail. Please provide a self-addressed stamped envelope to individuals who are not part of the Thomasville City School System.
7. Complete and sign the parent/student contract. Because staffing and financing for the program are based upon the number of students enrolling in the program, only those students who seriously plan to enroll in the program should apply. While the contract is nonbinding, its purpose is to ensure a commitment on the part of the child and the parent to enroll in the program if accepted so that resources allocated for the program are not wasted.
8. Admission to the program is by portfolio application rated on the following 100 point scale:

Standardized test scores	25%
Teacher recommendations	15%
Graded writing sample	10%
Student work sample	15%
Classroom grades from the last two years	25%
School/community involvement/awards and leadership	10%