

The College of St. Thomas More



COLLEGIUM CHRISTI REGIS • RENOVELLARI VERITATE

**Application for Admission
to the College of Saint Thomas More
2009-2010**



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INTRODUCTION

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 and to providing an education of the highest academic level for our students.

We are joyfully Catholic, but our student body is diverse. Our program appeals to and suits students of very different abilities and interests, and we are unique among American colleges in being able to know and encourage each student who chooses to study with us, seeking always to help each one to develop his or her own distinctive gifts and vocation. We offer substantial need-based scholarships to students who would not otherwise be able to benefit from a College of St. Thomas More education, and merit-based scholarships to qualified students.

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. The curriculum of the College is based on the greatest authors and organized around the disciplines of philosophy, theology, literature, and classical languages, each of which possesses a proper methodology and distinctive texts. Students drawn to reading, argument, debate, discussion, and reflection, and students with a philosophic or literary bent, will find study at the College especially congenial.

Prospective students should try to gain some knowledge of the character of the College from reading parts of the *Bulletin* or other publications before seeking admission, and should discuss their academic goals with the Provost or Senior Tutor if possible. If a prospective student lives nearby, it is good idea to come and visit before seeking admission.

Finally, all of the Fellows and Tutors of the College share the conviction that education in the liberal arts is a great good for any person, not merely for an intellectual elite, and that to profit from a liberal education one need only be willing and able to read, think, speak, and write seriously about the great texts of Western Civilization.



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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 Fellows 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.

Home-school 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 we receive a detailed description of the curriculum that was used. All home-school students must submit transcripts.

MATURE, OCCASIONAL, OR POST-BACCALAURATE STUDENTS

The College offers its programs for all sincere inquirers, learners, and students of all ages. If you are interested in studying and discovering the great truths and ideas about human experience, God, nature, history, and politics, or simply in reading great books for recreation or edification, we encourage you join our community of scholars, adult learners, and students. It is quite easy to apply as an adult or post-baccalaureate student by simply filling out the short Occasional Student Application, which can be found on the College website or obtained from the College Offices, 817-923-8459.

Please send all application materials to:

**Office of Admissions
The College of St. Thomas More
3020 Lubbock Ave.
Ft. Worth, Texas 76109**



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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 four basic types of financial aid: grants (federal and state), loans, work study, and need- 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.

Loans: Stafford Loans are available to most students, as are other private educational loans. Even students with the most need do not usually borrow more than \$15,000 over the course of four years.

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 2009-2010 school year is \$12,000; the cost of room and partial board, \$4,275. Fees are \$550 per year. The total cost for the entire year is \$16,825, plus whatever a student needs for living expenses (toiletries, transportation, food, etc.). Each student will spend \$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

Filing 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.



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Fort Worth, Texas 76109

www.cstm.edu

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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Please provide the name of the person writing a recommendation for you:

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

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.

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.