



# APPLICATION AND RECOMMENDATION FORMS



THE  
GUNNERY

MR. GUNN'S SCHOOL ESTABLISHED 1850





## APPLYING TO THE GUNNERY

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This section contains forms for your application for admission, transcript release for your current school, four recommendations, writing sample, and parent statement. The forms are numbered 1 through 7. Please note that, although the Common Application is accepted, The Gunnery also requires its own Form #1 (Application for Admission) and Form #6 (Parent Statement).

For your convenience, we are listing our application requirements below so that you may check them off as you proceed with your application. If you wish to receive an Admissions decision on March 10, all application requirements must be met by January 31.

- Application Form
- Application fee (\$50 US and Canada — \$100 all other countries)
- Current official school transcript, including last year's grades
- Current guidance counselor or faculty advisor recommendation
- Current English teacher recommendation
- Current mathematics teacher recommendation
- Writing sample
- Parent's statement
- SSAT, PSAT, SAT or ACT scores (International Students – TOEFL or SLEP scores)
- Campus visit and interview (by appointment, 8:15 – 2:15 M,T,TH,F; 8:15 – 10:45 W,S)

# The Gunnery



Washington, Connecticut 06793  
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WEBSITE: www.gunnery.org

Please attach  
photo here.

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Applicant's name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Nickname

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State  
Country Zip/Country code

Home phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight (optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
(mo/day/year)

Country of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ Country of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Native language \_\_\_\_\_

Boarding \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ (check one) Female \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ (check one)

Current grade (please circle) 8 9 10 11 12

Applying for grade (please circle) 9 10 11 12 PG

Have you ever repeated a grade? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, which grade? \_\_\_\_\_

Current school, address, and phone \_\_\_\_\_

Schools (and addresses) attended in past three years \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY INFORMATION

**PARENT 1** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gunnery Alum Yes/No (please circle)  
 Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  other

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary school/College \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT 2** Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gunnery Alum Yes/No (please circle)  
 Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Dr.  other

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Secondary school/College \_\_\_\_\_

**SIBLINGS** Brothers' names \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade & ages \_\_\_\_\_

Sisters' names \_\_\_\_\_ Current grade & ages \_\_\_\_\_

**GRANDPARENTS** (Maternal) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Paternal) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

# APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Please attach check or money order here.

Are parents married? \_\_\_\_\_ divorced? \_\_\_\_\_ separated? \_\_\_\_\_

With whom does applicant live? Both parents \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of parent not living with applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you prefer duplicate mailings? \_\_\_\_\_ Which parent should be billed? \_\_\_\_\_

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please indicate past or current participation in the following areas. Note number of years of involvement in each activity.

I. Art, Music, Drama - Indicate productions or exhibits in which you have been involved, as well as any awards. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

II. Athletics - Indicate sports, positions, level of play (e.g., varsity or JV), and any awards.  
Sport Position Awards  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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III. Other Activities \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about The Gunnery? \_\_\_\_\_

Has anyone in your family attended The Gunnery? \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to you \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

To which other schools are you applying? \_\_\_\_\_

When did you, or will you, take the SSAT, PSAT, SAT, or ACT? (One of these tests is required.) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need an SSAT registration booklet? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be a candidate for financial aid? \_\_\_\_\_ If you would like an application for financial aid, please contact the admissions office at 860-868-7334 or admissions@gunnery.org

### SIGNATURES (required)

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## TRANSCRIPT RELEASE

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To: \_\_\_\_\_  
(current school)

I hereby request that my child's, \_\_\_\_\_, official school transcript, including both the  
(child's name)  
current year's and last year's grades, as well as any aptitude or achievement test scores, be mailed to:

The Gunnery  
Admissions Office  
99 Green Hill Road  
Washington, CT 06793

I hereby give my permission to teachers, counselors, and administrators of my child's school to share information about my child with The Gunnery, to which my child is applying for admission.

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Current school: Please keep this signed form for your future reference.



## GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/ FACULTY ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION

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\_\_\_\_\_ is a candidate for admission to The Gunnery. Your confidential remarks about this student would be most appreciated. Please use the mailing envelope the student has provided you.

- 1) Are classes in your school sectioned according to ability? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please indicate any special accommodations made for this student.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Has this student ever been suspended from your school? \_\_\_\_\_ Expelled? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please explain.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) What are the unusual strengths of this student, as a scholar and as a person?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) What are the weaknesses of this student, as a scholar and as a person?

**GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/  
FACULTY ADVISOR RECOMMENDATION**

5) How do you rate this applicant academically?

Outstanding     Very good     Average     Fair     Weak

6) How do you rate this applicant socially, i.e., as a citizen?

Outstanding     Very good     Average     Fair     Weak

7) How strongly would you recommend this student to The Gunnery?

Enthusiastically     Confidently     With reservation

If you indicated "With reservation," please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8) Please share with us any additional information you feel may be helpful. \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## ENGLISH RECOMMENDATION

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### COURSE INFORMATION

- 1) In which English course do you teach this student? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) What texts are used? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What topics are covered in the course? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) How much outside preparation is required for each class session? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) How many students are in the applicant's class? \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFORMATION

1) Please rate the candidate in the following areas by checking the appropriate spaces. Feel free to leave blank any items about which you have no basis for judgment.

	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Comments
1. Class participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Homework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Study habits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Reading ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Writing ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Vocabulary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Effort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
9. Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
10. Reaction to criticism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

(continued on reverse)

# ENGLISH RECOMMENDATION

2) Does the success of this student in your class match his/her ability? \_\_\_\_\_

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3) How do you rate this applicant as a scholar?

Outstanding       Very good       Average       Fair       Weak

4) How do you rate this applicant as a citizen?

Outstanding       Very good       Average       Fair       Weak

5) How strongly would you recommend this student to The Gunnery?

Enthusiastically       Confidently       With reservation

If you indicated "With reservation," please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional comments:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## MATHEMATICS RECOMMENDATION

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### COURSE INFORMATION

- 1) In which mathematics course do you teach this student? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) What texts are used? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What topics are covered in the course? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) How much outside preparation is required for each class session? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) How many students are in the applicant's class? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) What math placement do you recommend for this student next year? \_\_\_\_\_

### STUDENT INFORMATION

1) Please rate the candidate in the following areas by checking the appropriate spaces. Feel free to leave blank any items about which you have no basis for judgment.

	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Comments
1. Class participation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2. Homework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
3. Study habits	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
4. Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
5. Attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
6. Effort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
7. Reaction to criticism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
8. Self-control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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# MATHEMATICS RECOMMENDATION

2) Does the success of this student in your class match his/her ability? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3) How do you rate this applicant as a scholar?

Outstanding     Very good     Average     Fair     Weak

4) How do you rate this applicant as a citizen?

Outstanding     Very good     Average     Fair     Weak

5) How strongly would you recommend this student to The Gunnery?

Enthusiastically     Confidently     With reservation

If you indicated "With reservation," please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of school \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## STUDENT WRITING SAMPLE

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

WRITING SAMPLE - I. Please help us get to know you by writing a brief response in each blank. Write in ink directly on this form. There are no correct or incorrect answers. We want to learn about your unique personality.

1) What do you read for pleasure? Why do you enjoy reading this?

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2) How do you spend your free time?

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3) Where would you go if you could visit any place in the world and why?

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4) What do you view as your strengths?

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5) What do you view as your weaknesses or shortcomings?

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6) Why do you think The Gunnery is a “good fit” for you?

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## PARENT STATEMENT

The Gunnery offers a rigorous college preparatory curriculum, and is committed to accepting only those students whom we can serve well. We believe that the information solicited below will not only help us make a sound Admissions decision, but will also help you enroll your child, if accepted, with absolute confidence. We will treat this private information with discretion. Thank you for sharing your thoughts about your child with us.

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

1) Please describe what you feel are your son's or daughter's strengths and weaknesses.

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2) What do you hope your son or daughter will gain during his or her time at The Gunnery?

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3) From your observation, in what kind of environment is your child most able to concentrate, study, and learn?

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4) Has your child faced any unusual academic, personal, or social difficulties in the past? \_\_\_\_\_  
What counseling or tutoring has been made available?

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## EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATION

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1) Describe the activity in which you direct or coach this applicant. \_\_\_\_\_

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2) Describe how this applicant responds to your guidance. \_\_\_\_\_

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3) How do you rate this applicant's skills in your activity?

Outstanding     Very good     Average     Fair     Weak

# EXTRACURRICULAR RECOMMENDATION

4) How do you rate this applicant as a citizen?

Outstanding     Very good     Average     Fair     Weak

Please comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5) How strongly would you recommend this student to The Gunnery?

Enthusiastically     Confidently     With reservation

If you indicated "With reservation," please explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

Address of school or organization with which you are affiliated \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send me more information about The Gunnery.



*The Gunnery, Inc., admits students of any race, religion, culture, or national origin; it does not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, or handicap. Activities and programs offered by The Gunnery, Inc., are open to all of its students on a nondiscriminatory basis.*



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