

TFAA Application Letter 2019-2020
IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in Thurman Francis Arts Academy. The attached application and accompanying forms must be completed and submitted to Thurman Francis Arts Academy at 221 Todd Lane, Smyrna, TN 37167.

We will notify parents via email when a child's completed application packet has been received. If you do not receive notification, you should assume your application packet is incomplete. Incomplete applications are NOT processed.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that the completed application packet is in our office by the deadline of 3:00 pm on February 1, 2019. Feel free to contact us to check on the status of your child's application.

Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade applicants:

Children must be 5 years old by August 15, 2019 to enter Kindergarten. All Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade applicants must be screened to be considered for acceptance into the magnet program. Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade applicants will be contacted, via email, to schedule a screening. Applicants must obtain a qualifying score in all three sections of the screening to be considered for admission.

3rd and 4th grade applicants:

Students applying for 3rd or 4th grade qualify based on Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAt) scores. This test is given to all Rutherford County School students in September of their 2nd grade year. All sections of the CogAT will be considered. Applicants must achieve minimum SAS scores of 116. If no CogAt scores are available, scores from other nationally normed tests (for example, Stanford Achievement Test-10) may be considered.

5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade applicants:

Students applying for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade qualify based on TNReady test scores, 2nd grade CogAT scores, or appropriate "Gifted" screening tests. If no such scores are available, scores from other nationally normed tests (for example, Stanford Achievement Test-10) may be considered.

Everyone who turns in a completed application packet by the deadline will receive a letter regarding entrance status before the end of March.

Please check your email periodically during the application period. Email will be our primary form of communication with you.

For more information please see the Frequently Asked Questions on our website, www.tfs.rcschools.net. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call: tfaamagnet@gmail.com or 615.904.6715.

For Office Use Only:
Date complete: _____
Recommendation: _____

Thurman Francis Arts Academy

221 Todd Lane, Smyrna, TN 37167
Phone: 615.904.6715
Fax: 615.459.7710
Email: tfaamagnet@gmail.com
Website: www.tfs.rcschools.net

**2019-2020 Application for Admission
Kindergarten**

Student Name: _____ Sex: M ___ F ___ Date of Birth: _____
(On or before 8/15/14)

Street Address: _____
Address Apt. # City, St, Zip

Mailing Address: _____
(if different) Address Apt. # City, St, Zip

Primary Phone #: _____

PLEASE PRINT EMAIL ADDRESSES CLEARLY; EMAIL IS OUR PRIMARY FORM OF COMMUNICATION:

Email Address _____

2nd Email Address _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Father's Cell: _____ Mother's Cell: _____

Is student a resident of Rutherford County? Yes _____ No _____

Does the applicant have a sibling that will be in the TFAA Magnet program for the 2019-2020 school year? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list name(s) of sibling(s): _____

Does the applicant have a sibling that is also applying for the TFAA magnet program? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please list name(s) of sibling(s): _____

List any special artistic talents the applicant may have: _____

**Completed application packet must be received in the TFAA office by 3:00 pm on FEBRUARY 1, 2019.
A completed application packet consists of the following:**

Kindergarten: Application and recommendation

Thurman Francis Arts Academy

Confidential Recommendation for Kindergarten Applicant 2019-2020

Child's first & last name: _____

Your name: _____
(COMPLETED BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN A RELATIVE)

Name of the facility: _____

How long have you known the child? _____

Thurman Francis Arts Academy strives to provide students with a well-rounded, arts enriched educational experience. Honest, thoughtful evaluations by those whom have worked with the child are very beneficial in determining which students are ready for our fast-paced program. All evaluations will be completely confidential. We appreciate your time and insight.

Social Skills	Seldom	Often	Consistently
Exhibits independence			
Exhibits self control			
Works cooperatively with peers			
Expresses negative feelings appropriately			
Transitions easily			
Can sit for an appropriate amount of time			

Please explain any "seldom" behaviors and any other noteworthy social skills:

Academic Skills	Seldom	Often	Consistently
Stays focused during whole group lessons			
Works independently			
Follows 2-3 step directions the first time			
Takes pride in work			
Works consistently to his/her ability			
Contributes during group learning			
Completes tasks in allotted time			
Completes tasks without extra assistance			
Demonstrates creativity			

Please explain any "seldom" behaviors and any other noteworthy academic skills:

Check all phrases that describe this child:

Assertive	_____	Eager to learn	_____	Nervous	_____	Curious	_____
Well-mannered	_____	Aggressive	_____	Overly active	_____	Demanding	_____
Cooperative	_____	Easily distracted	_____	Enthusiastic	_____	Friendly	_____

What is this child's greatest strength?

What is this child's greatest need?

May we contact you if we have further questions? Yes _____ No _____

Best time and number to reach you: _____

Teacher signature: _____

This recommendation may be attached to the application in a sealed envelope or faxed or mailed as soon as possible to:

**Thurman Francis Arts Academy
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Smyrna, TN 37167
Phone: 615.904.6715 Fax: 615.459.7710**

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