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About Deerfield Academy

- Deerfield, MA
- Founded in 1797
- Set in a historic village bounded by river, hills, and farms, Deerfield inspires reflection, study and play, abiding friendships, and a defining school spirit
- Rigorous liberal arts curriculum, extensive co-curricular program, and supportive residential environment
- Committed to high standards of scholarship, citizenship, and personal responsibility
- Encourages each student to develop an inquisitive and creative mind, sound body, and strong moral character

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School’s Mission

Deerfield Academy prepares students for leadership in a rapidly changing world.

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Deerfield Academy At a Glance

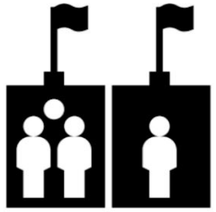
At a Glance

650 students

42% students of color

47 countries represented

Western Massachusetts



5:1
Student:Faculty Ratio

37% receive aid
$12 million in Financial Aid

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Deerfield Academy Application Requirements

- Part 1
  - Candidate profile and testing information
- Part 2
  - Short answer questions and essay
  - Graded writing sample
- Part 3
  - Grades
  - Recommendations
  - Optional: personal recommendation

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Short Answer Prompt

Please choose **one** of the following questions for your short answer paragraph. Our goal is to better understand what makes you, you! So please, speak from your heart and accept our permission to be as creative, thoughtful, or as fun as you'd like to be. Your short answer should be approximately a paragraph long and not exceed 1600 characters including spaces.

- Option 1:

If you could bring one fictional character to life as a future classmate at Deerfield, who would it be and why

- Option 2:

Tell us about the most interesting thing you have learned.

- Option 3:

What's something you appreciate that others might not appreciate as much?

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Personal Essay

Please choose **one** of the following questions for your personal essay. We again encourage you to enjoy this part of your application and share an experience or moment that will help us get to know you. Your personal essay should be approximately one single spaced page and not exceed 6000 characters including spaces.

- Option 1:

Describe a facet of your personal story or identity that is essential to who you are and will strengthen the Deerfield community.

- Option 2:

What is something about which you changed your mind? How did your perspective change?

- Option 3:

Tell us about a community to which you belong and how it has influenced you.

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Admission Timeline

- **July 1 – September**
  - Submit your Application Part I: Candidate Profile
- **October 1 – November**
  - Submit your Application Part II: Essays
  - Testing should be scheduled
  - Schedule your interview and tour
  - Send out Recommendations and Previous Grade requests
- **December – January**
  - Testing requirements should be fulfilled
  - Complete outstanding application requirements
  - Send out Current Academic Year Grades request
- **January 15**
  - Priority Application Deadline: Submit your completed application by this date
- **March 10**
  - Admission and financial aid decisions become available to applicant