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Silver Program: The Lawrenceville School

About The Lawrenceville School

- Lawrence, NJ
- Founded in 1810
- Most distinguishing features are its House system with faculty serving as administrators and its conference-table classroom
- Extensive educational and extracurricular opportunities
- Students are stretched and challenged by their talented peers and teachers in an environment that is both supportive and encouraging
- Offers an education that not only prepares students for college but also teaches them to be active, thoughtful members of society

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The Lawrenceville School At a Glance

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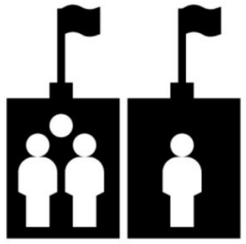
832 Students

53% Students of Color

38 Countries Represented

55 Miles South of NYC



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Student:Faculty Ratio

31% Receive Financial Aid

School’s Mission

Through House and Harkness, Lawrenceville challenges a diverse community of promising young people to lead lives of learning, integrity, and high purpose. Our mission is to inspire the best in each to seek the best for all.

2025 Standard Application Forms

- Student Essays
- Parent Statement
- Math Recommendation
- English Recommendation
- Principal/Guidance Recommendation
- Official School Reports/Transcript

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2025 Standard Application Student Essay Prompts

- Respond to the three required prompts using 200-250 words:

1. Aside from books or articles assigned for school, what book(s), article(s), podcast(s), and or documentary(s) have you most enjoyed in the past year and why?
2. Describe EITHER an academic/extracurricular achievement OR a challenge that had a meaningful impact on you. What did it take to accomplish the achievement or overcome the challenge and what did you learn from that experience?
3. Each person has unique characteristics that define who they are. Choose three words that best describe you as a person, and explain how they represent you.

- Choose one of these essay prompts and respond in 250-500 words:

A. Explain an event or activity that has impacted your life and or your way of thinking.
B. Explain a time when you made a decision you regretted. Explain why you made that decision. How would you approach the same situation differently if you could now?
C. What is the best piece of advice you have ever received? From whom did you receive the advice and how did you apply it?
D. Describe a moment when you felt left out or that you did not fit in well with others. What did you learn about yourself and others? How did you overcome that situation?
E. What is your favorite quote from a movie, book or a line from a song or poem? Please name the movie, poem or song, and tell us what it means for you.

The Lawrenceville School Application Requirements

- Part 1
  - Candidate profile and testing information
- Part 2
  - Short answer questions and essay
  - Parent statement
- Part 3
  - Grades
  - Recommendations

The Lawrenceville School Short Answer Questions

- Short Answer Questions (900 characters)

1. Whether as a day student or boarder, your house will be an important part of who you become at Lawrenceville. Describe the environment in which you were raised—your family, neighborhood, or community—and how it influenced the person you are today.
2. People are often more complex than a list of their accomplishments suggests. What is one important characteristic you have that is not immediately obvious to others? In what areas of school life do you see yourself having the greatest impact and why?
3. Your Lawrenceville house provides a family-like environment in which everyone shares spaces and experiences. For all applicants, day and boarding: imagine you have a roommate. Describe the traits of your ideal roommate and explain why those traits are important to you.

- Short Answer Question for 11th, 12th, and PG Applicants Only (900 characters)

4. Entering a new school in the eleventh or twelfth grade is not a common choice; explain why you are applying to Lawrenceville at this specific juncture. If you are applying for a postgraduate year, please explain how you anticipate an extra year at Lawrenceville would benefit you.
5. Have you applied to The Lawrenceville School before? If yes: Since your previous application to Lawrenceville, what have you learned about yourself that has contributed to your growth as a student, a friend, and a community member? How did you come to that realization?

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The Lawrenceville School Essay Questions

Select ONE of the following essay prompts and respond in a few paragraphs. (2400 characters)

- Tell us about something you once witnessed or encountered and how it affected the way you see the world.

- All of us face challenges at some time, large or small. Describe a time when you faced adversity or disappointment. How did you respond and what did you learn from the experience?

- Achievement usually requires the support and assistance of others. Describe how someone has helped you along the way to accomplish what you have, and the ways in which their help was important.

Admission Deadline

- The Lawrenceville application deadline is January 15th, 2025.