



*American Youth Academy*



**APPLICATION FOR IB DP ADMISSION**

**AMERICAN YOUTH ACADEMY**

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**AYA PRE-IB 10<sup>th</sup> GRADE & IB 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> GRADES****CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION FOR ADMISSIONS**

- *All new incoming students must first complete the AYA admissions process and receive confirmation of acceptance prior to submitting the AYA Pre-IB/IB application.*
- Final grades of A or B for English, Math, Science, and Social Studies from applicants' previous school year must reflect on their official transcripts.
- Applicants may be required to take additional entrance exams for various subject areas and/or submit an additional writing sample at the screening committee's discretion.
- The screening committee is comprised of the School Principal, Secondary Director, IB Coordinator, Guidance Counselor, and 2 IB Faculty.
- Applicants entering 10<sup>th</sup> grade are AYA Pre-IB acceptance only. **APPLICANTS SHOULD GIVE THEMSELVES ENOUGH TIME:** *It is suggested that ninth grade students begin this application process early in their second semester.*
- AYA Pre-IB students are conditionally accepted into the IB program upon successfully completing the AYA Pre-IB requirements.
- Applicants entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade, who were not AYA's Pre-IB student, will be determined as IB applicants. Only students entering 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be considered for the IB diploma program.
- *All documents for a completed application must be received on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current school year in order to be considered for the following academic school year IB program.*
- Only 11<sup>th</sup> grade **transfer applicants** from another IB program will be considered by the screening committee beyond the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the school year.

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- **For all new AYA students, all admissions processes must be completed before submitting the AYA Pre-IB/IB application forms.**
- If you are new to AYA, submit the **Guidance Form** to the person responsible for record keeping at your former school, usually the **Guidance Counselor**. The completed form should be mailed to **American Youth Academy, 5905 E. 130th Ave, Tampa, FL 33617, Attention: Jose Gonzalez, IB Coordinator**. A scanned PDF attachment may also be emailed to [jgonzalez@ayatampa.com](mailto:jgonzalez@ayatampa.com) with the subject line bearing the full name of the applicant.
- If you have been enrolled at AYA since or before the prior year, submit the **Guidance Form** to Sr. Sarita Betts, Guidance Counselor, who will submit the form directly to the IB Counselor on your behalf.
- All applicants must submit one reference from an English teacher (prior or current), one math teacher (prior or current), and one reference from any educator who has taught, mentored, or tutored the applicant. The references should be mailed to **American Youth Academy, 5905 E. 130th Ave, Tampa, FL 33617, Attention: Jose Gonzalez, IB Coordinator**. A scanned PDF attachment may also be emailed to [jgonzalez@ayatampa.com](mailto:jgonzalez@ayatampa.com) with the subject line bearing the full name of the applicant.
- Parent/Guardian/Student... **Complete and return the Student Information, Student Sample Essay, Student/Parent Evaluation, Parent/Guardian Intent, and mail to American Youth Academy, 5905 E. 130th Ave, Tampa, FL 33617, Attention: Jose Gonzalez, IB Coordinator**. Receipt of these forms and essay at AYA opens your file, declares your intent and enables us to contact you if we need additional information. *A scanned PDF image or fax of these forms will not be accepted.*
- Enrollment is limited. Applications are reviewed only once all required information has been received. Timely return of the requested documentation is very important.
- Once all completed applications are reviewed, then the applicant will be contacted for a formal interview with either all or a member of the screening committee.
- *No admissions to the program will be allowed once the school year has begun with the exception of students transferring from another International Baccalaureate school.*
- The IB Coordinator will update directly the parent/guardian and applicant via the primary email address (indicated on Parent/Guardian Statement of Intent) within one week of receipt.
- The parent/guardian and applicant will be informed of the committee's final decision via the U.S. Post Office. *This information will not be given over the phone or emailed.*

**AYA PRE-IB/IB APPLICATION: STUDENT INFORMATION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY ZIP

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE MOTHER'S WORK #

FATHER'S WORK #

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: MALE FEMALE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CURRENT SCHOOL CURRENT GRADE LEVEL

**SHORT RESPONSE**

The screening committee would like to know a little bit about you! Please list any academic or non-academic curricular activities (such as, science projects, summer programs, sports, clubs, etc.) in which you have participated since 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please explain if you had any leadership roles, or note your accomplishments in any of your activities.

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<b>AYA PRE-IB/IB APPLICATION: STUDENT SAMPLE ESSAY</b>
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In a minimum of 1000 to maximum 1200 word essay, please answer the following question: **If you were a leader of any city or country (past or present), what would you do to ensure that the citizens are able to live a happy and healthy life? Would you make different decisions compared to either the current or past leader?** *Use real life examples from either historical or current events to support your leadership decisions.* **Please type your response and attach this form as your cover page.**

TITLE OF ESSAY

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DATE

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**Parent Evaluation**

In the space below, please comment on your son or daughter’s strengths and/or weaknesses in the following areas:

**Commitment to academic goals:**

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**Time-management skills:**

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**Ability to handle stress:**

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**AYA PRE-IB/IB APPLICATION: GUIDANCE FORM**

This page is to be completed by the Guidance Counselor only, and returned by the counselor to **American Youth Academy, 5905 E. 130th Ave, Tampa, FL 33617, Attention: Jose Gonzalez, IB Coordinator**. A scanned PDF attachment may also be emailed to [jgonzalez@ayatampa.com](mailto:jgonzalez@ayatampa.com) with the subject line bearing the full name of the applicant.

**STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

**SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE APPLYING FOR:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*Preliminary International Baccalaureate Program at grade 10, or the International Baccalaureate Program beginning at grade 11 at American Youth Academy.*

**Counselor Endorsement**

Using the scale provided, please rate your level of agreement with the statements below.

**1= Disagree    2=Somewhat Disagree    3=Somewhat Agree    4=Strongly Agree    U=Unable to Assess**

<b>The student...</b>	<b>Please circle your rating according to the scale.</b>				
Demonstrates leadership qualities.	1	2	3	4	U
Participates well in extra-curricular activities.	1	2	3	4	U
Takes seriously class attendance.	1	2	3	4	U
Expressed a high interest in pursuing a higher education.	1	2	3	4	U

**Please Check One**

\_\_\_\_\_ To the best of my knowledge there is no compelling reason whether personal, academic or behavioral that would preclude this student from being successful in the IB Diploma Program.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to discuss this student’s potential further with AYA’s IB Coordinator.

**Please sign and date that you have completed this portion of the AYA Pre-IB/IB Application.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Guidance Counselor’s Printed Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Guidance Counselor’s Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Information**

**AYA PRE-IB/IB APPLICATION: REFERENCE FORM**

**STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Last**
**First**
**Middle**

**TEACHER/EDUCATOR’S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEACHER/EDUCATOR’S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT/POSITION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **TODAY’S DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*To the teacher/educator:* The student named above is applying to the AYA Pre-IB/IB Diploma Program at American Youth Academy. This program is designed to equip future leaders with the following attributes or who strive to be: 1) *inquirers*, 2) *knowledgeable*, 3) *thinkers*, 4) *communicators*, 5) *principled*, 6) *open-minded*, 7) *caring*, 8) *risk-takers*, 9) *balanced*, and 10) *reflective*. We intentionally select students at various points in their leadership development, but who have a strong academic background and a healthy desire for continued excellence.

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<b>The student...</b>	<b>Please circle your rating according to the scale.</b>				
Possesses 5 or more of the 10 attributes listed above.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>U</b>
Follows through with commitments.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>U</b>
Holds high standards of personal integrity.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>U</b>
Works collaboratively in-group assignments.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>U</b>
Handles disagreements well.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>U</b>
Is creative and innovative.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>U</b>
Is or has the potential to be an excellent role model.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>U</b>
Seeks to excel in academic assignments.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>U</b>
Please explain briefly why you are recommending this applicant to the Pre-IB/IB Diploma Program.					

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**AYA Pre-IB/IB Application: Check List**

**REMEMBER:** Applicants must submit their application by April 15<sup>th</sup> of their junior year. Applications from sophomores will be accepted after April 15<sup>th</sup> and will be considered for the IB program in their Junior year.

**AS YOUR PERSONAL REMINDER:**

- 🍏 Guidance form is submitted to the Guidance Counselor
- 🍏 Reference forms are submitted to: one English teacher (prior or current), one math teacher (prior or current), and one reference from any educator who was my teacher, mentor, or tutor
- 🍏 Student information form is complete
- 🍏 Student/Parent evaluation form is complete
- 🍏 Parent/Guardian Statement of Intent is complete
- 🍏 Sample essay of 1000 to 1200 words is fully edited for grammar and spelling
- 🍏 I have followed up with my references and the Guidance Counselor to ensure that all forms were submitted
- 🍏 I have double checked that that my documents have been submitted on time to the correct address  
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*The screening committee looks forward to reviewing your application!*