



## a fewground rules

**We are currently accepting applications from students who will be freshmen in the 2010-2011 school year.**

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY, A STUDENT MUST:

- Be in the 8th grade - an interview will be conducted during the student's 8th grade year.
- Be committed to graduating from high school.
- Be committed to attending and graduating from college.
- Meet the income guidelines of the 21st Century Scholars Program; be accepted as a 21st Century Scholar, and commit to fulfill the Scholar's Pledge.
- Have parent(s) or guardian(s) sign the "Consent Letter" indicating their approval and support of the student's application to become a Starfish Scholar.

If you want to be accepted into the Starfish Initiative program, please complete all the forms in this application packet.

The packet should be returned to:

Starfish Initiative  
ATTN: Scholar Admissions  
814 N. Delaware Street  
Indianapolis, IN, 46204

If you would like this application mailed to you, please contact us 317.452.8588.

All applications are evaluated by a Board-appointed Admissions Committee that makes all final decisions about who is accepted into our program. This application asks you to examine your educational goals and write about several important matters that tell us about you.



# scholarapplication

**scholar information:** *(you must answer questions marked with \*)*

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

First/Middle/Last Name:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:\* \_\_\_\_\_

City:\* \_\_\_\_\_ State:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Emergency Contact:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Scholar:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholar Birth Date:\* \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Gender:\* Male: \_\_\_\_\_ Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School:\* \_\_\_\_\_

Grade:\* \_\_\_\_\_

What high school do you want to attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholar?\* Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If not, have you applied to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Scholars Program?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you or a relative applied to or participated in a Starfish program before?\*

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been disciplined in school for behavior problems or criminal activity?\*

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Race:\*

\_\_\_\_\_ Asian Pacific Islander

\_\_\_\_\_ Multi-Cultural

\_\_\_\_\_ African American

\_\_\_\_\_ Native American

\_\_\_\_\_ Caucasian

\_\_\_\_\_ Other

\_\_\_\_\_ Hispanic / Latino

Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Secondary Language: \_\_\_\_\_ English \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Primary Religion: \_\_\_\_\_ Buddhist \_\_\_\_\_ Hindu \_\_\_\_\_ None/Atheist

\_\_\_\_\_ Catholic \_\_\_\_\_ Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ Protestant \_\_\_\_\_ Christian

\_\_\_\_\_ Muslim Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies (list): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Asthma

\_\_\_\_\_ Diabetes

\_\_\_\_\_ Rheumatoid Arthritis

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**references:**

Two references are required for acceptance into the Starfish program. Please provide the name of your current English and Math teachers and we will request these letters for you.

English\* \_\_\_\_\_

Math\* \_\_\_\_\_

**interests and preferences:**

1. general

\_\_\_\_\_ Arts/Crafts    \_\_\_\_\_ Dance    \_\_\_\_\_ TV    \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Games  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shopping    \_\_\_\_\_ Music    \_\_\_\_\_ Movies    \_\_\_\_\_ Reading  
\_\_\_\_\_ Cooking    \_\_\_\_\_ Travel    \_\_\_\_\_ Playing an instrument

2. playing sports

\_\_\_\_\_ Baseball    \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball    \_\_\_\_\_ Football    \_\_\_\_\_ Golf  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hockey    \_\_\_\_\_ Lacrosse    \_\_\_\_\_ Soccer    \_\_\_\_\_ Softball  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tennis    \_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

3. watching sports

\_\_\_\_\_ Baseball    \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball    \_\_\_\_\_ Football    \_\_\_\_\_ Golf  
\_\_\_\_\_ Hockey    \_\_\_\_\_ Lacrosse    \_\_\_\_\_ Soccer    \_\_\_\_\_ Softball  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tennis    \_\_\_\_\_ Volleyball    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

4. cultural events

\_\_\_\_\_ Concerts    \_\_\_\_\_ Museums    \_\_\_\_\_ Theater    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

5. outdoor activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Biking    \_\_\_\_\_ Canoeing    \_\_\_\_\_ Hiking    \_\_\_\_\_ Ice-Skating  
\_\_\_\_\_ Rollerblading    \_\_\_\_\_ Walking    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Other things you like to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

# tenquestions

Please circle one response.

1. I respect all values and beliefs of people of different races and cultures though different than my own.

- a. Not like me.
- b. A little like me.
- c. Somewhat like me.
- d. Quite like me.
- e. Very much like me.

2. I earn \_\_\_\_\_ in my schoolwork.

- a. A's and B's
- b. B's and C's
- c. C's and D's
- d. D's and F's
- e. All F's

3. How important is going to a place of worship?

- a. Not important
- b. Somewhat important
- c. I don't attend a place of worship.
- d. Quite important
- e. Extremely important

4. I like to do exciting things even if they seem dangerous.

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Not sure
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree

5. I participate in clubs and organizations (other than sports) outside of school \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week.

- a. 0 hours
- b. 1 hour
- c. 2 hours
- d. 3-5 hours
- e. More than 5 hours

6. My friends would say that I eat correctly and exercise regularly.
- a. Not at all like me
  - b. A little like me
  - c. Somewhat like me
  - d. Quite like me
  - e. Very much like me

7. I have been given leadership tasks in clubs or organizations.
- a. Never
  - b. Once in a while
  - c. Sometimes
  - d. Often
  - e. Always

What is one of your most recent leadership experiences?

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Does your family count on you to help around the house with younger siblings, chores, etc.? If so, tell us about it.

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8. When I have money I immediately purchase a special thing or go to an event rather than saving it.
- a. Not at all like me
  - b. A little like me
  - c. Somewhat like me
  - d. Quite like me
  - e. Very much like me

9. I spend \_\_\_\_ hour(s) in service to others each week.
- a. 0 hours
  - b. 1 hour
  - c. 2 hours
  - d. 3-5 hour
  - e. More than 5 hours

10. I have a good attitude and outlook on life.
- a. Not at all like me
  - b. A little like me
  - c. Somewhat like me
  - d. Quite like me
  - e. Very much like me



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Starfish wants to know your ideas and how you express yourself. This essay is an important part of the application process. Spend some time thinking about the following three questions. Answer all three in **your handwriting** in a total of about 200 words and submit your essay with your application packet.

1. Why do you want to be a Starfish Scholar?
2. Describe some of your personal achievements.
3. Describe what the “ideal” high school would be like for you.



## parent/guardian information

**parent information:** (fields marked by \* are required)

Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Legal Name:\* \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother / Female Guardian Name:\*** \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship:    \_\_\_\_ Mother            \_\_\_\_ Father            \_\_\_\_ Foster Parent  
                         \_\_\_\_ Grandparent    \_\_\_\_ Legal Guardian    \_\_\_\_ Step Parent  
                         \_\_\_\_ Aunt                    \_\_\_\_ Uncle                \_\_\_\_ Other

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Method of Communication:    \_\_\_\_ email    \_\_\_\_ home    \_\_\_\_ cell

Highest level of Education:\*    \_\_\_\_ some high school    \_\_\_\_ high school grad

\_\_\_\_ trade school    \_\_\_\_ associate's degree    \_\_\_\_ bachelor's degree

\_\_\_\_ post-graduate study

**Father / Male Guardian Name:\*** \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother      \_\_\_\_\_ Father      \_\_\_\_\_ Foster Parent  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Grandparent    \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Guardian    \_\_\_\_\_ Step Parent  
                  \_\_\_\_\_ Aunt                    \_\_\_\_\_ Uncle                    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \* \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ trade school    \_\_\_\_\_ associate's degree    \_\_\_\_\_ bachelor's degree  
\_\_\_\_\_ post-graduate study

**parent/guardian preferences:**

Do you have a preference for the Race of the Mentor?    \_\_\_\_\_yes    \_\_\_\_\_no

if yes, indicate preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a preference for the Religion of the Mentor?    \_\_\_\_\_yes    \_\_\_\_\_no

if yes, indicate preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate any other preferences: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**family and financial information:**

The primary caregiver for the child, with or without legal guardianship, may complete this section.

How many people live in your home? \* \_\_\_\_\_





## parent/guardian consent

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Thank you for your commitment to work with the Starfish Initiative and our select volunteers. It is a privilege to work together with you and your child in preparation for a successful high school career.

We want you to know that Starfish does not share your individual financial or other demographic information with any third parties.

We encourage our mentors to establish a relationship of confidentiality and trust with our Scholars; but this, of course, has nothing to do with any "duty to warn" that arises by law. This duty to warn – in other words, share information with a child protection agency, may result from information shared by the student that gives reason to believe the student is being harmed or intends to harm someone else.

Your signature on this document demonstrates you understand the above and you support your student's application.

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As parents(s) or guardian(s), we give consent for our child to apply to the Starfish Initiative. If accepted, we will abide by and encourage our child to comply with the guidelines of the Starfish Initiative and the Starfish Student Handbook.

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Student's Name

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Father/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date

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Mother/Guardian Signature

Printed Name

Date

Respectfully Yours,

Joyce Johnson  
Executive Director



# student record consent form

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please send a copy of my child's academic records to **Starfish Initiative, 814 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Fax: (317) 955-7916**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please include:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Progress Reports
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Attendance Records
- Test Scores for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – ISTEP, and/or other standardized tests

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

