

**Education Program for Gifted Youth
Online High School
Stanford University**



Application Packet for 2010-11

The application packet contains the following forms:

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A complete application consists of the following:

To be submitted by the student or parents:

- Application (pp. 1-9)
- Application fee of \$50 paid by check or money order made payable to: **Stanford University**
- Parent Questionnaire (p. 10)
- Approved Examination Results as described on page 11
- Samples of student work with cover sheets as described on pages 12-13

To be submitted by teachers or schools:

- Teacher Recommendation Forms sent directly to EPGY OHS by at least two teachers who are qualified to comment on the applicant's academic work as described on pages 14-17
- Transcripts or academic records from all schools attended in the last three years as described on pages 18-19

Application materials may be submitted as follows:

By mail to:

Director of Admissions
The EPGY Online High School at Stanford
University
220 Panama Street
Stanford, CA 94305-4101

By e-mail to:

ohsadmissions@epgy.stanford.edu

By fax to:

(650) 618-1929
Attn: Director of Admissions

During the application review process, students may be asked to submit additional information.

If you have a change of telephone number, email address, or mailing address, please contact the admissions office at **ohsadmissions@epgy.stanford.edu**.

All application materials to the EPGY OHS will remain property of EPGY OHS and will be treated as confidential documents. We cannot return any materials; please use discretion in sending original documents.

Please keep a copy of your application and all supporting materials.

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Application Fee and Signatures Page

Application Fee

Enclose application fee of \$50 paid by check or money order made payable to: **Stanford University**.

Financial Aid

Check this box if you intend to apply for financial aid.

Check this box if you do not intend to apply for financial aid.

EPGY OHS has “need-blind” admission, meaning that your interest in financial aid does not affect your chances of admission into our program. We will send financial aid information to admitted families who indicate that they are interested in applying for financial aid. Families who complete their applications in the early or regular admission cycles will be given priority by the Financial Aid Committee in the determination of financial aid awards.

To be read and signed by the applicant:

I, _____, have truthfully represented myself on this application. Answers to the questions and the work I am submitting are mine alone. I understand that if I am accepted to the EPGY Online High School at Stanford University, any misrepresentation in my application materials is grounds for expulsion.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

To be read and signed by the applicant’s parent or legal guardian:

I, _____, have carefully reviewed my child’s application, including all work samples, transcripts, score reports, and other attachments. To the best of my knowledge, all information included here is correct, and the work that my child is submitting is his or her own. I understand that any misrepresentation in this application is grounds for expulsion from the EPGY Online High School at Stanford University.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Applicant Name _____ EPGY OHS Application Number: _____

Family Contact Information

Student Information

Name: _____ Sex: _____
(first name) (middle name) (last or family name)

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name: _____ Relation to student: _____
(first name) (middle name) (last or family name)

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Colleges Attended: _____

Name: _____ Relation to student: _____
(first name) (middle name) (last or family name)

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Colleges Attended: _____

Sibling Information *(please attach additional sheet if necessary)*

Sibling's name _____ Date of birth: _____

School attending _____

Sibling's name _____ Date of birth: _____

School attending _____

Sibling's name _____ Date of birth: _____

School attending _____

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School Information

Applicant's Current School Information

Name of school: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Name of principal or headmaster: _____

School address: _____

School telephone number: _____ Years of attendance: _____

Academic Planning for EPGY OHS

Does this student intend to graduate from EPGY Online High School? Yes No Unsure

If yes, what is his/her expected year of high school graduation? _____

If not, please indicate the school from which he/she plans to graduate: _____

This student will enroll: Full-time (4 or more courses) Part-time (up to 3 courses) Single course

Please indicate which courses this student intends to take during the upcoming school year (see the EPGY OHS Academic Program or Course Catalog available on our website for course selection):

EPGY OHS Courses	Other School Courses

Please list all other schools, if any, this student plans to attend during the upcoming school year:

If this student has skipped a year, been out of school for a semester or more, or if there is anything else about his/her school enrollment we should know, please describe it here or on a separate sheet:

Please include any additional comments regarding academic planning for this student:

Short Essays

1. Please discuss your current intellectual interests. Explain and describe any experiences that may have shaped these interests. How do you hope to further these interests through the EPGY Online High School? You may attach additional pages if needed.

2. Describe yourself as a student. What subjects do you enjoy studying and why? What are some of the ways that you like to learn? What do you like or dislike about school? What are your strengths and weaknesses as a student? How do you approach an academic or intellectual challenge? Please use examples from your personal experience to help with your descriptions. You may attach additional pages if needed.

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3. What are your thoughts on the value of class discussions? Describe your typical role in such exercises. If you were designated as the leader for a group of students, how would you lead the discussion? What goals or outcomes would you set for your group and why? You may attach additional pages if needed.

4. Why would you like to attend the EPGY Online High School? What are your expectations? How might you change as a result? You may attach additional pages if needed.

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5. How will you adapt to working independently and to working online rather than in a traditional classroom? How will you manage your time within a less structured schedule? What strategies would you employ if you hit a roadblock on an assignment? Please use examples from your personal experience to illustrate your answer. You may attach additional pages if needed.

6. Describe any online courses you have taken. For each course, include the name of the institution offering the course, what your results in the course were, and any other remarks about the course you would like to share. If you received a formal evaluation at the end of the course, please include a copy. You may attach additional pages if needed.

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7. If you have attended any academic summer programs (either residential or day) and/or programs for gifted students please list those programs and indicate the subjects that you studied/researched, how you were selected for participation, and your assessment of the program(s). Include copies of any evaluations you received from these programs. You may attach additional pages if needed.

8. List all academic contests and competitions, including science fairs, in which you have participated, giving your scores or rankings if possible, as well as any comments you would like to share. You may attach additional pages if needed.

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9. List, in descending order of importance to you, the extracurricular or community service activities in which you have participated during the last three years; for example, music groups, math or science clubs, sports teams, literary magazines, work experience, and so on. For the one or two activities that are most important to you, please tell us why. You may attach additional pages if needed.

10. How do you balance and prioritize these activities with your academic commitments? What sacrifices, if any, have you made and why? You may attach additional pages if needed.

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Extended Essay

What is the one thing about the world that you do not understand that you would like to know? Please expand on your answer in a well developed and thoughtful essay of at least 500 words. You may attach additional pages if needed.

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Parent Questionnaire

Name of parent(s) completing this form: _____

Relation to student: _____ Date: _____

Parents: *To help us get to know your child, please answer the questions below. Feel free to attach additional pages or a typed letter if you need more space.*

How would you describe your child's personality?

How do you view your role as a parent in contributing to your child's success?

It is important that parents and schools have a good working relationship. What kind of feedback do you typically give your child's school? Please give examples.

What type of school is your child currently enrolled in (public, private, homeschool, etc.)? Why did you make this decision?

Please explain why you think EPGY OHS would be a good fit for your child.

What are your expectations for your child during his or her time at the EPGY OHS?

How much time does your child currently spend on his/her academic subjects outside of the classroom?

How does your child respond to challenges?

Describe any areas in which your child may need support.

How did you hear about EPGY OHS?

Any additional comments?

Approved Examination Results

Examination results from one of our approved examinations are required for admission to the EPGY OHS. We will not review applications without examination results from our approved list.

Please include examination results along with your EPGY OHS application. Photocopies, printouts, faxed copies, etc. of the results are generally acceptable. If necessary, the admissions committee will request an official copy of the documentation from you.

Approved standardized tests often taken by high school students:

ACT – American College Testing Examination

<http://www.actstudent.org/>

PSAT – College Board Exam formerly Known as the Preliminary SAT.

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html>

SAT – College Board Exam formerly known as the Scholastic Aptitude Test

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/about.html>

Approved standardized tests often taken by middle school or junior high school students:

ISEE – Independent School Entrance Examination

<http://www.erbtest.org/parents/admissions/isee>

SCAT – School and College Ability Test

<http://cty.jhu.edu/gifted/dcc/SCAT.html>

SSAT – Secondary School Admission Test

<http://www.ssat.org/ssat/info/home.html>

Approved intelligence tests:

Stanford-Binet

WISC – Weschler Intelligence Scale for Children

Licensed psychologists administer both of these intelligence tests. Contact your current school's guidance counselor or local psychologists for more information on taking one of these examinations.

Student Work Samples

We require three (3) student work samples to be included with all applications to the EPGY OHS. We will not review applications without these student work samples. You may submit as many samples as you feel are necessary to demonstrate the student's abilities.

The work samples must contain the following:

1. An analytical essay in either English or History, 3-5 pages in length (longer is acceptable). *(Please note that additional writing samples may be required for course placement upon enrollment.)*
2. Two of the following (families should select writing samples appropriate for the course(s) the student is interested in taking from the EPGY OHS):

Humanities or Social Sciences: Samples could be something that you have written, such as persuasive essays, descriptive essays, research papers, literary analysis essays, factual reports, or analyses of quantitative data.

Natural Sciences, including Mathematics and Computer Science: Samples of your work could include an assignment from a course, a math contest, a math project, other math work you have done on your own, a science project, a science lab report, a science fair entry, or a computer program.

Music: Samples could include recordings of music being played by you or that were composed by you.

All samples should be from work completed in the past two to three years, with at least one sample from the current academic year.

Each sample must be accompanied by a copy of the "Work Sample Cover Sheet" (see following page). On the cover sheet, please indicate the date the student produced the sample together with any other relevant details. For example, if it comes from a school assignment, please indicate what course it was for and what the assignment was.

If the student maintains an online portfolio of his/her work, the URLs may be sent in place of physical copies of your work. However, a cover sheet should be completed for each group of URLs.

We understand that students applying for the 7th and 8th grades may not have all of the work samples described above, specifically the analytical essay. We request that families in this situation submit work samples they feel meet our requirements as best they can.

Teacher Recommendations

We require a minimum of two (2) teacher recommendations to be included with all applications to the EPGY OHS. We will not review applications without these recommendations. You may submit more teacher recommendations if you feel that would help with demonstrating the student's abilities.

Please provide a printed copy of the "Teacher Recommendation Form" (see pages below) to each teacher you are requesting a recommendation from. There is a section at the top of the form that is to be completed by the applicant's family before giving the form to the teachers.

Please note that we will not accept any recommendation form without a signed waiver statement (this is part of the form that is completed by the applicant's family). The EPGY OHS strongly believes that confidential recommendations are essential to obtaining accurate information from teachers.

Teachers can submit their recommendations by mail, e-mail, or fax as indicated on the form. If they will be mailing the form to us, please provide them with an addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

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Teacher Recommendation Form

To the applicant/parents: Print applicant name and EPGY OHS application number at the top of all pages of the recommendation form, complete the contact information portion below, sign the waiver statement, then give the form to a teacher who can comment on your general academic ability and on your ability to succeed in an intensive, independent academic program such as the EPGY Online High School at Stanford University.

Student Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

Waiver Statement: We, the student applying to the EPGY and parents of this student, waive our right to view this recommendation.

(student signature)

(parent signature)

(parent signature)

To the teacher: We appreciate any information that will help us decide whether this applicant is suited for the Education Program for Gifted Youth Online High School at Stanford University (EPGY OHS). Because the academic program at EPGY OHS is demanding and fast-paced, students need to be emotionally and socially mature, intellectually very able, and independent in their learning style to succeed. We are interested in admitting students who can contribute to and lead classroom discussions, work independently and collaboratively on projects, excite others with their ideas, and enjoy their education. Thus, we are interested in your impressions of the student's personal maturity as well as his or her academic ability.

Teacher's name:	Course Name(s):
Name of school/program:	
School/program address:	
Teacher's email address:	Preferred Phone Number:
How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?	

What words first come to mind when describing the applicant? _____

What impresses you most about the applicant? _____

Applicant Name _____ EPGY OHS Application Number: _____

Please rate the applicant on the following characteristics based on your observations:

	TRULY EXCEPTIONAL FOR AGE/GRADE	ADVANCED FOR AGE/GRADE	APPROPRIATE FOR AGE/GRADE	NEEDS DEVELOPMENT	NO BASIS FOR JUDGEMENT
Integrity					
Conduct					
Consideration for others					
Relations with peers					
Relations with adults					
Leadership ability					
Emotional maturity					
Management of frustration					
Self-confidence					
Sense of humor					
Personal independence					
Responsibility					
Study habits					
Self-motivation					
Organization					
Attention span					
Intellectual curiosity					
Intellectual honesty					
Intellectual independence					
Analytical ability					
Creativity					
Initiative					
Resourcefulness					
Written expression					
Verbal expression					
Reading comprehension					
Ability to follow directions					
Ability to work in a group					
Ability to work independently					
Perseverance					
Academic promise					
Academic achievement					
Attendance					
Parent cooperation					

Please indicate the level at which you would recommend the applicant for admission to the EPGY Online High School at Stanford University:

Very highly recommended Highly recommended Recommended Not recommended

We truly appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in commenting on this applicant. Thank you!

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date _____

Be sure to include any additional comments on a separate piece of paper.

*Please return this form to us directly by: Fax to (650) 618-1929, E-mail to ohsadmissions@epgy.stanford.edu
Mail to: Admissions, EPGY Online High School at Stanford University, 220 Panama St., Stanford CA 94305-4101.*

The form should not be returned to the applicant's family. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed form for approximately one month in case the envelope does not reach the Admissions Office.

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Academic Records

We require transcripts or other academic records of the student's academic performance for the most recent three years of schooling. We will not review applications without academic records. Photocopies, printouts, faxed copies, etc. of transcripts and records are generally acceptable. If necessary, the admissions committee will request an official copy of the documentation from you.

Please provide a printed copy of the "Request for Academic Records" (see following page) to each institution the student has attended in the past three years. There is a section at the top of the form that is to be completed by the applicant's family before giving the form to the institution. Please provide the institution with an addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

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Request for Academic Records

To the applicant/parents: Print applicant name and EPGY OHS application number at the top of this request form, complete the contact information portion below, then give the form to the institution along with an addressed envelope with sufficient postage.

Student Name: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postal Code: _____ Country: _____

Preferred Phone Number: _____ Secondary Phone Number: _____

I hereby give permission for the release of my child's school records as requested by the EPGY Online High School at Stanford University.

Name of student: _____ Date of birth: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

To the school: The above named student has applied for admission to the EPGY Online High School at Stanford University. Please submit an official copy of his or her transcript or record of grades together with any standardized test scores that are available. Please send this information by mail to:

**Director of Admissions
EPGY Online High School at Stanford University
220 Panama Street
Stanford, CA 94305-4101**

Information for Families of Homeschooled Students

Student Work Samples

Students who have been homeschooled within the last three years are encouraged to submit work samples beyond the requirements listed in the application. Specifically, a second analytical essay and two additional work samples are recommended. This allows the admissions committee to better gauge the student's academic achievements. Non-homeschooled students wishing to submit these additional application materials are also encouraged to do so, as they help to provide a fuller picture of the applicant.

Teacher Recommendations

If homeschooled students have difficulty finding professional academic teachers to write recommendations, families are encouraged to request recommendations from any individuals who have had an instructional role in the student's life (for example: academic tutors, music instructors, etc.) and any individuals who have had a mentorship role in the student's life (for example: athletic coaches, religious leaders, community service organizers, etc.).

Academic Records

Families of homeschooled children are encouraged to submit a "Plan of Study" document in lieu of transcripts. The "Plan of Study" should outline the academic subjects covered in each year of homeschooling for the last three years, including the titles and publishers of any textbooks used, the names of any novels or other books read, descriptions of major projects and assessments, etc. The "Plan of Study" should be up to two pages in length for each year of homeschooling.