**This is the application for students currently in 8th, 9th or 10th grade who wish to be considered for admission into the Scholars Academy at Miami Beach Senior High School.**

Students and parents are encouraged to review this application together before submission. It is suggested that you retain a copy for your records.

The application can be legibly filled out and mailed, along with any necessary transcripts, to the Scholars Office:

Miami Beach Senior High School Scholars Office

Attn: Sylvia Carro

2231 Prairie Avenue

Miami Beach, FL 33139

sacarro@dadeschools.net

Parents may assist their children in completing all parts of the application EXCEPT the essay questions on the final page.

Please read all parts of the application carefully. There are important instructions for curricular alignment and gifted classification inside.

The deadline for priority admissions is January 15 2020. Priority applicants are considered without concern for space constraints. Applications are accepted after February 1st, but the admissions committee will have to consider available space and accept students on a first-come, first-serve basis until all spots are filled. The committee may create a wait list and will notify you if additional spots open up.

**Student Applicant Information**

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

**Primary Parent/Guardian Information**

Name:

Company:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

 **School Information**

**What Grade are you currently in?**

8th

9th

10th

**Have you EVER attended a public school in Miami-Dade County?**

Yes

No

**Private School Students**

The admissions committee will need a sealed copy of your official school transcripts for every school you have attended in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. Mail transcripts to the Scholars Office at the address given previously. Your application is not complete until your transcripts are received.

**Please list ALL schools you have attended in the sixth, seventh, eighth or ninth grades.**

1.

2.

3.

**We may need to contact your current school for clarification of coursework or grades. Please list the contact information of your school’s registrar, your counselor, or the Assistant Principal for Curriculum (APC).**

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

**If you attended more than one school in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, please list the contact information of your previous school’s registrar or Assistant Principal for Curriculum (APC).**

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

 **Gifted Classification**

The state of Florida provides additional funding for schools to seat self-contained sections of gifted classes. Students who are classified as gifted will be placed in at least one self-contained gifted section.

Students who have never attended public school are typically not designated as gifted by the state of Florida. The Scholars Academy accepts both “gifted” and “non-gifted” students, and gifted designation is not considered in admissions decisions; however, while “gifted” students may take “non-gifted” Scholars Academy courses, students who have not been designated as gifted may not sit in self-contained gifted sections. Gifted sections are typically scheduled for 9th and 10th grades only. There are no gifted sections of AP or IB classes.

If you would like to inquire about your current gifted classification, please contact Ms. Maggie Guenin, Gifted Coordinator, at mguenin1@dadeschools.net. It is incumbent upon students and parents to verify their current gifted designation. We will ultimately seat students according to their gifted designation at the time of their enrolment at Miami Beach Senior High. Both gifted and non-gifted classes are available in the Scholars Academy.

 **Academic Information**

 What school do you CURRENTLY attend?

If you are a MDCPS student, what is your ID#?

The traditional curriculum sequence for late middle school and early high school is as follows for Miami-Dade County Public Schools:

Mathematics: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II

Science: Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry

The majority of scholars Academy students come from Nautilus Middle School. The vast majority of these students take either Algebra or Geometry, and either Physical Science or Biology in the eighth grade. As a result, almost all incoming Scholars Academy freshmen take either Geometry or Algebra II, and either Biology or Chemistry. We do consider prior coursework in admissions decisions; therefore, Scholars Academy students who do not enter the ninth grade with at least Physical Science and Algebra I would find themselves outside of their peer group at Miami Beach Senior High.

For this reason, if you are considering entering the Scholars Academy from a private school or other setting that does not follow the MDCPS curriculum sequence, we require taking Physical Science and Algebra I in anticipation of matriculation to the Scholars Academy. It is often possible to complete these courses online through Florida Virtual School at [www.flvs.net](http://www.flvs.net) or through dual enrollment at Miami-Dade College in the summer before the freshman year. Please contact Charmaine Williams, Scholars Academy Counselor, at cwilliams3@dadeschools.net for more information.

 **Please check ALL mathematics courses you have passed in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, INCLUDING the course in which you are currently enrolled.**

**Failure to answer correctly may result in improper placement.**

Pre-Algebra

Algebra I

Geometry

Algebra II

Other (please specify)

**Please check ALL science courses you have passed in the sixth seventh and eighth grades, INCLUDING the course in which you are currently enrolled.**

**Failure to answer correctly may result in improper placement.**

Physical Science

Biology

Other (Please specify)

**Please check ALL Foreign Language courses you have passed in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, INCLUDING the course in which you are currently enrolled.**

**Please do NOT check courses that you passed in elementary school.**

**Failure to answer correctly may result in improper placement.**

None French I

Spanish I French II

Spanish II French III

Spanish III French IV

Spanish IV AP French Language

AP Spanish Language

Other (Please specify)

 **Please check any languages OTHER than English that you commonly speak at home.**

None

 Spanish

 Haitian Creole

 French

 Italian

 Portuguese

 Other (please specify)

 **Teacher References**

We may decide to contact your teachers with questions about your academic performance. Please list the contact information of a teacher you have had in sixth, seventh or eighth grades in each of the academic disciplines. If you are in the ninth grade, we would need references from your most current teachers; eighth or ninth grade ONLY!

Greater weight is given to more recent references. Please do not include non-academic references.

**Language Arts**

**Teacher**

**Grade (6,7,8,9)**

**Email address:**

**Phone Number**

**Mathematics**

**Teacher**

**Grade (6,7,8,9)**

**Email address:**

**Phone Number**

**Science**

**Teacher**

**Grade (6,7,8,9)**

**Email address:**

**Phone Number**

**Social Studies**

**Teacher**

**Grade (6,7,8,9)**

**Email address:**

**Phone Number**

 **Essay Questions**

The following questions are to be answered in complete paragraphs. If sending the paper application, responses may be done on a word processor and attached. These questions are to be completed INDEPENDENTLY by the student applying to the Scholars Academy. Parents should not assist students in writing their responses. Please answer completely.

**What two subjects do you find most interesting?**

1.

 2.

**Why do you find these subjects interesting?**

**List three extracurricular activities that have had an impact on your life.**

1.

 2.

 3.

**Explain how these activities have affected you.**

**What do you expect to do after high school graduation?**

**How do you spend your free time?**

**What are your strongest study habits?**

**What are your weakest study habits?**

**What do you want us to know about you?**

**Why do you want to join the Scholars Academy?**