



## Eligibility Requirements

Summer 2019 • All Programs

Bright, motivated students entering pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in fall 2018 in any educational setting—public, private, parochial, or home school—may apply. They must be 4 years old by June 1, 2019.

An ideal candidate, one who will enjoy and do well in our programs, typically evidences many of the following talents and characteristics in pre-primary, primary, and/or elementary years:

- Expresses curiosity and creativity
- Enjoys challenges
- Asks thoughtful questions
- Has unique problem-solving abilities
- Is keenly observant
- Has a well-developed imagination
- Demonstrates talent in art, music, writing, or drama
- Acts independently and with initiative
- Has an extensive vocabulary
- Uses complex language skills
- Discusses and elaborates on ideas
- Uses learned information in new contexts
- Shows ability to place objects in logical sequence
- Enjoys reading
- Creates and/or tells stories
- Exhibits wit and humor
- Has a sustained attention span
- Has a good memory

**New students**, who never have attended a Center for Gifted program: Submission of the following three items is required.

1. A teacher recommendation form
2. A copy of the student's most recent report card
3. The eligibility checklist for parents

The recommendation form and parent checklist can be downloaded from our website. These may be submitted via fax, mail, or email, before, with, or after application. A place in our program is tentatively reserved for each applicant upon our receipt of application. If we do not receive the three required eligibility items by one week before the respective program begins, tentative enrollment may be cancelled. Students must first have applied to our summer 2019 programs in order for their eligibility materials to be acknowledged and reviewed.

**Returning students**, who have attended previous programs of The Center for Gifted, are eligible upon our receipt of their applications. Eligibility materials are not required.

Applicants need not have qualified for advanced programming at their schools; test scores are not our only criteria. Although our students generally rank at or above the 95th percentiles in some areas, we recognize and discern the great variety of talents and abilities that children express. The list below may be used as a general reference. If uncertain about their child's eligibility, parents may request a conversation with the Director of The Center for Gifted, Joan Franklin Smutny.