

Eligibility Requirements

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

New students, who never have attended a CFG program, must be recommended by teachers. Please use the form below. It may be submitted before, with, or after application via mail, fax, or email. (Please note: Receipt of recommendations will not be acknowledged until the student has a summer 2018 program application on file.)

Returning students do not require teacher recommendations. They are eligible upon our timely receipt of their applications.

Applicants need not have qualified for advanced programming at their schools; test scores are not our sole criterion. Although our students generally rank above the 94th percentiles in some areas, we recognize and discern the great variety of talents and abilities children express. (The list at right may be used as a general reference.) If uncertain about their child’s eligibility, parents are welcome to request a conversation or meeting with the Director, Joan Franklin Smutny, at any time.

An ideal candidate, one who will enjoy and do well in Center for Gifted programs, typically evidences many of the following talents and characteristics in pre-primary, primary, and 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

Teacher Recommendation Form • The Center for Gifted and Midwest Torrance Center for Creativity

Summer 2018

Student’s full name _____

Gender: ___male ___female Circle grade entering in fall 2018: PK K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Name of current (2017/18) school _____ Location (city) of school _____

Is student in your school’s advanced programming? ___Yes ___No ___Not offered at this school or grade level

Would you recommend this student for enrollment in our program(s)? ___Yes ___No ___See comments below

Please rank: (circle)	exceptional	above average	average	below average
General work	4	3	2	1
Commitment	4	3	2	1
Creativity	4	3	2	1
Motivation	4	3	2	1

Standardized Achievement Testing:

Name of test _____

Date administered _____

Scores:

Reading _____ Language _____

Math _____ Science _____

Total battery _____ Other _____

(Scores are *not* required of students who have not been tested.)

Comments (teacher observations: special talents, achievements, challenges, needs, etc.):

Teacher signature _____

Date _____

Teacher contact info (phone and/or email): _____