

THRESHOLD PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCEDURES

PLEASE NOTE: In order to be sure we are the best match for our applicants, we require the following information for each admissions file. The particular educational and psychological tests mentioned below are necessary for the Threshold Program admissions procedure. Although additional testing is welcome, please note that where test names are specified, we ask that you do not substitute other tests for those requested.

In order to avoid confusion, we suggest that a copy of this form be given to all test administrators.

Our admissions deadline is April 1st for the following September. New students are admitted only in September.

Test administrators please see paragraph one, above.

Requirements for a complete admission file are:

1. **A completed application** (to be filled out by a parent/guardian), and a \$50 application fee.
2. **An official high school transcript, or certificate of completion.**
3. An **educational evaluation** conducted within the past year, including grade level equivalents obtained on:
 - a) Peabody Individual Achievement Test (PIAT); or
 - b) Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement (KTEA); or
 - c) Woodcock Johnson, achievement section; or
 - d) Other comparable adult achievement test.
4. Psychological tests administered within the past year, including:
 - a) Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale (WAIS). A full protocol (all sub-test scores and verbal, performance and full scale scores) is required along with a written report; and
 - b) A personality assessment including a psychosocial history and a combination of projective tests (such as the Rorschach, Sentence Completion, Kinetic Family Drawing, etc.) and questionnaires (such as the MMPI-II if appropriate for the student's cognitive ability). Questionnaires alone are not sufficient. The assessment must be in narrative form and must include recommendations for any treatment (psychotherapy or medication) the psychologist finds necessary for the student to function independently in a campus setting. The goal here is to address emotional, behavioral, and social issues that might influence the fit between the student's needs and the program's ability to meet those needs. The choice of instruments (the tests listed above) depends upon the psychologist's knowing the student's cognitive abilities and using techniques appropriate for that student.
5. **Three recommendations** from people who have known the applicant for six months or longer (**Threshold recommendation forms must be used**). At least one reference writer should be an educator (teacher, principal, guidance counselor, etc.); another, if possible, an employer/work supervisor. Other possible reference writers might be a psychotherapist, or social worker.
6. A **personal interview** is required for qualified applicants. The Threshold Admissions Office will arrange this when all admission material has been received. We will contact you when the file is complete.

You may e-mail our office with any questions at threshold@mail.lesley.edu, or call us at: 617-349-8181 or toll-free at (800) 999-1959 X8181.