Grades 1 & 2
Application Packet

Admission Timeline for Fall 2020

October 2019: School tours begin
November 22: Application forms are available for 2020-21
December: We begin accepting applications for 2020-21
Sat., January 11, 2020: Family Open House, 10am-noon
January 31: “Priority” application deadline for 2020-21; Applications received after this date are reviewed on a space-available basis
February: Applicant visits and parent interviews take place (grades 1-8)
Fri., February 14: Financial aid applications due (via FACTS online)
Fri., March 6: Admission decisions day
March 25: Enrollment contracts due from newly accepted families

Applying to Friends School of Portland

- Fill out an inquiry form online at friendsschoolportland.org
- Attend an informational tour (parents only) or Family Open House
- Submit the application forms (see below)
- After the application is reviewed by our Admissions Team, you will be contacted to schedule a student visit and parent interview

Application Checklist

- Application form
- $40 application fee (cash or check only)
- Current teacher reference
- Transcript release sent to current school; for applicants entering grades 1-8

Questions?
Call (207) 781-6321 or email admissions@friendsschoolportland.org.
Application for Admission

Applicant Information

Today's Date _______________________

Student Name (Legal) ____________________________________________ Preferred Name ______________________

First Middle Last

Applying for admission to: 

Preschool Kindergarten Grade: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Beginning (month, year): ______________________

Preschool applicants--please indicate desired schedule:  ____ Mon - Fri Full Day  ____ Mon - Fri Mornings (8:15am-Noon)

 ____ Mon, Wed, & Fri Full Day  ____ Mon, Wed, & Fri Mornings  ____ Tues & Thu Full Day  ____ Tues & Thu Mornings

Date of Birth ________________________ Age_________ Current School/Grade______________________________

Are you affiliated with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in any way? Please explain.

Admission decisions are made independently of financial aid considerations. Would you like to receive information on financial aid?

____ Yes  ____ No (not available for preschool students)

Parent/Guardian Information

Name__________________________________________________________  Name__________________________________________________________

Relation to Applicant__________________________________________  Relation to Applicant__________________________________________

Address______________________________________________________  Address (if different)__________________________________________

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Home Phone________________________  Home Phone (if different)________________________

Cell Phone________________________  Cell Phone________________________

Work Phone________________________  Work Phone________________________

Occupation & Employer________________________  Occupation & Employer________________________

Email________________________________________________________  Email________________________________________________________

Family Information

Who is/are the applicant’s legal guardian(s)? __________________________

Sibling’s Name: __________________________ Date of Birth: __________________________

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What interests you about Friends School of Portland? Why do you believe FSP would be a good match for your child?

Please describe the environment in which you believe your child would thrive. What are the challenges in your child’s current school situation that might be causing you to seek a change?

What are your goals for your child’s education?

Please briefly describe your child’s temperament, style of peer interaction, and any other aspects of their intellectual and social development that would help us learn more about your child.

Please describe any strengths, challenges, or special circumstances we should be aware of when considering your child’s application to our program. Please provide any additional information or comments that would be important for us to know.

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I (We) understand that the information contained in this application and all accompanying forms is confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone, including the applicant’s family.

I (We) declare that the information reported on this form, to the best of our knowledge and belief, is true, correct and complete.

_____________________________                         Date: _____________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

Send to: Friends School of Portland, 11 U.S. Route One, Cumberland Foreside, ME 04110 // Or admissions@friendsschoolportland.org
Teacher Reference

Student’s Name __________________________________________________________ Applying to Grade ______________

Confidentiality Statement: I understand that all information furnished on this reference will be held in confidence by Friends School of Portland and will not be made available to the applicant’s family.

Parent Signature __________________________________________________________________________ Date __________
________________________________________________________________________________________

Dear Teacher: Your thoughtful comments will help us determine whether Friends School of Portland is an appropriate learning environment for this child. Your complete candor will be appreciated. We ask that you respond as soon as possible, as the student’s application cannot be processed until we have this document.

In what capacity have you worked with the applicant? How long have you known this child?

What academic and intellectual strengths and weaknesses does the applicant display? Is this child a competent and independent reader? How does s/he express herself/himself verbally and in writing? Please be as specific as possible with regard to math and other subjects as well.

How does the applicant get along with other children? Is the child a leader? A follower? A participant? An observer? A loner? Sensitive to others? How would you describe the applicant’s friendships? How does the child get along with adults?

Describe the applicant’s learning style. Does s/he follow directions well? Does s/he tend to work and play independently or in groups? Participate in class discussions? Follow through on academic tasks? Exhibit curiosity and motivation? Please be as specific as possible.

*OVER*
What are the personal strengths and needs of the applicant? Please comment on maturity, responsibility, leadership, sense of humor, consideration of others and integrity. Please include any special interests or abilities.

Please comment on this child’s ability to meet the expectations of your school. Have you adjusted your program to accommodate the needs or abilities of this child?

What advice would you offer to someone working with this child?

To your knowledge, is the parents’ perception of the child compatible with your understanding of the child? How do the parents/guardians participate in the school community?

Your Name (please print) ___________________________ Date ___________________
Title ___________________________ School Name/City ___________________________
School Phone ___________________________ Your Email ___________________________
Signature ____________________________________________________________________
Transcript Release

Student Name___________________________________________ Current Grade________

Dear Parent: Please give this signed form to the school in which your child is presently enrolled. This information will be held in strict confidence and will not be made available to the applicant’s family.

I authorize the release of all educational records, including progress reports and student testing, of the above-named student to Friends School of Portland at the address below. This form also gives your child’s current teacher permission to speak directly to Friends School faculty if contacted about this application. All information will be held in strict confidence and will not be made available to the applicant’s family.

Dear School: The above-named student is applying for admission at Friends School of Portland. Please send us copies of the following information:

- The applicant’s most recent progress report from the current school year.
- Final report card from the previous school year.
- Standardized test results.
- Any additional information that would be helpful in evaluating this student.

Parent Signature ___________________________________________ Date ____________

Please mail the requested information as soon as possible to:

Friends School of Portland
Admissions Office
11 U.S. Route One
Cumberland Foreside, ME 04110

Or scan and email to:
admissions@friendsschoolportland.org