

Application Instructions

Due April 20

Students—Please read all of the information provided on this page before completing any part of your application.

Eligibility

The W&M Pre-College Summer Program in Early American History is open to high school students who will have completed at least their sophomore year of high school by the time the summer program begins.

Students who have only completed their freshman year of high school are not eligible to apply.

How to Apply

Students apply directly to the National Institute of American History & Democracy (NIAHD). Mail your full application packet to:

*National Institute of American History & Democracy
College of William & Mary
P.O. Box 8795
Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795*

There is no application fee.

Applying for Financial Aid

Any student requesting financial aid from NIAHD **MUST** send their Financial Aid Application and **ALL** supporting documentation with their application packet.

Application Packet

Students should mail their entire application packet to NIAHD in one envelope. Application packets consist of:

Required Materials:

- > Application Form
- > Official High School Transcript to include first semester/first trimester grades for the current academic year. Transcripts should be on official school letterhead and submitted in a sealed envelope signed by a school official.
- > One (1) letter of recommendation and/or Teacher Evaluation Form from a History or English teacher submitted in a sealed envelope and signed by your recommender.
- > 300-word essay reflecting on one (1) of the topics below:
 - > Identify an event from history and explain its importance in American history.
 - > Identify a person from history and explain their importance in American history.
 - > Reflect on a personal connection you have with an aspect of or person related to American history.

Supplemental Materials:

- > All Virginia residents must complete the Application to Determine Physical Residency.
- > All Homeschool students must submit copies of PSAT, SAT, and/or ACT scores.

How to Complete the Application Form

At the top of the application form, students are asked to rank the available choices for COURSE and SESSION. Choices should be ranked from 1 to 4 with 1 being the student's first choice for course AND session, 2 being the student's second choice, and so on.

Choosing a COURSE

Students have two options of courses:

- > History 217: Founding of Jamestown thru the Revolution
- > History 218: The American Revolution thru the Civil War

Students should choose the course that most appeals to them. We will make every effort to place students in their first choice of course as long as there is space available.

Students will NOT be able to switch courses once the program begins.

Choosing a SESSION

All participants are expected to attend each and every day of the program. Arriving late or departing early for any reason may have an adverse affect on the student's final grade and make acclimating to a new environment that much more difficult.

Students should only rank choices within sessions for which their personal schedules allow them to attend. Check with your parents/guardians to ensure you do not have any conflicting events before you apply.

The Importance of Email

It is vital that students provide an active email address on their applications. It must be an email address that you have easy access to and use regularly.

NIAHD will communicate all admissions decisions via email. We will also use email to stay connected with you throughout the application and registration processes.

If you are accepted into the program, this email address will be used by our IT Department to activate your W&M User ID and password.

It is NOT recommended that students use their parents' email address.

NIAHD will copy parents/guardians on all emails pertaining to their student's application, admission, and registration.

**Direct any application questions to
precol@wm.edu or
call 757-221-7652 to speak with
the Program Coordinator**

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Rank your preferred COURSE and SESSION:

Rank selections on right from 1 to 4 with 1 being your first choice, 2 being your second, and so on. If you are unable to attend a particular session, leave the choice blank.

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| _____ History 217 | Session 1: June 23-July 13 |
| _____ History 218 | Session 1: June 23-July 13 |
| _____ History 217 | Session 2: July 14-August 3 |
| _____ History 218 | Session 2: July 14-August 3 |

Surname/Family Name	Given Name	Middle
Students PRIMARY Email Address *REQUIRED*		() Primary Phone
Home Street Address		
City	State/Province	Zip Code Country
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	/ /	Social Security No.:
Citizenship:	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Dual U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Permanent Resident Visa (Alien Registration #)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Citizenship (Visa Type:) List any non-U.S. countries of citizenship:	

Name of High School Currently Attending

School Street Address	City	State/Country	Zip Code
() School Telephone	Expected H.S. Graduation Date: Month/Year		

Mother/Guardian Name (Last, First)	Father/Guardian Name (Last, First)
Email Address	Email Address
Address (if different from your own)	Address (if different from your own)
City State Zip	City State Zip
() Preferred Phone	() Preferred Phone
() Home Phone	() Home Phone

The following information allows the College to comply with reporting requirements of the Commonwealth of Virginia:

Please select one:
 Hispanic or Latinx
 Not Hispanic or Latinx
 Prefer not to answer

Please select ALL that apply:
 American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Asian
 Black or African-American
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
 White
 Prefer not to answer

How did you discover this program?
 Brochure
 Teacher
 School Counselor
 Internet
 Print Ad
 Family/Friend, Name and relation
 Other, Explain