Application Instructions

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.

Student’s 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.
Application Form

**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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**Surname/Family Name**

**Given Name**

**Middle**

**Students PRIMARY Email Address *REQUIRED***

**Primary Phone**

**Home Street Address**

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**Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):**

**Social Security No.:**

**Sex:**

**Citizenship:**

- U.S. Citizen
- Dual U.S. Citizen
- U.S. Permanent Resident Visa (Alien Registration #)
- Other Citizenship (Visa Type:)

List any non-U.S. countries of citizenship:

**Name of High School Currently Attending**

**School Street Address**

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**School Telephone**

**Expected H.S. Graduation Date:**

**Month/Year**

**Mother/Guardian Name (Last, First)**

**Father/Guardian Name (Last, First)**

**Email Address**

**Address (if different from your own)**

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**Preferred 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
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Black or African-American
- White
- Prefer not to answer

How did you discover this program?

- Brochure
- Teacher
- School Counselor
- Internet
- Print Ad
- Other, Explain

The Pre-College Summer Program in Early American History is hosted by the National Institute of American History & Democracy at the College of William & Mary.