



Application for Admission

Interested in being part of Free Minds? You are eligible if you:

- Are at least 18 years old
- Have a high school diploma or GED
- Do not yet have a college degree
- Have not been enrolled in a degree-seeking program within the past two years
- Have demonstrated financial need (income not exceeding \$38,100 for a single adult or \$55,000 for a family of four)
- Are able to read challenging books in English
- Make a commitment to attend class regularly and complete all assignments

You may return your application by mail, by email, or in person. You can also apply online at:

www.freemindsaustin.org

Mail or deliver to:
Free Minds Director
5900 Airport Blvd.
Austin, TX 78752

Email to:
freeminds@foundcom.org

To be considered for the 2017-18 class, please complete and submit your application no later than **Friday, July 7, 2017**. Applications will be reviewed to determine if your needs match the program's goals. Applicants under consideration will be contacted in July.

For more detailed information, visit www.freemindsaustin.org/apply.

Questions? Call our office: 512-610-7962





Section 1 – Personal Contact Information

1. Name

first *middle* *last*

2. Address

street address *city, state* *zip*

3. Primary Phone _____

4. Other Phone _____

5. Email Address _____

Section 2 – Questions

Please keep your answers brief. (2-5 sentences per question.) Feel free to answer on a separate sheet of paper. Responses may be typed or hand written.

6. What do you like to read? Discuss something you've read and appreciated in the past. How did this impact you?



7. What do you hope to learn or achieve in Free Minds? Write at least three sentences that begin with the words, “In this course, I want to...”

8. What will you need to do to accomplish the goals you’ve listed above? Discuss the challenges you expect to face.



Section 3 – Additional Demographic Information

9. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

10. Gender

Optional: Identify your gender here.

- Female
- Male
- Other/Don't wish to answer

11. Race/Ethnicity

Optional: Fill out your race or ethnicity here, as you define it.

Check all that apply

- African American
- Native American
- Asian
- Latino or Hispanic
- Multiracial
- White
- Other: _____

12. Which of the following describes your education?

Mark only one box.

- I graduated from high school.
- I earned a GED.

13. What year did you earn your high school diploma or GED? _____

14. Have you attended college before?

- Yes
- No

15. If yes, what college(s) did you attend? _____



16. When did you attend? _____

17. Why did you stop?

18. How many college credit hours have you earned? (It is okay to estimate here if you are not sure of the exact number.)

19. Are you employed...

Mark only one box.

- Full-time
- Part-time
- Not employed

20. If employed, what is the name of your organization/employer?

21. What is your annual household income before taxes (including you, your spouse/partner, and your children)? Note: To be eligible for Free Minds, you must demonstrate financial need (income of no more than \$38,100 for a single adult or \$55,000 for a family of four).

22. Do you have children living with you?

- Yes
- No

23. If yes, what age(s)? _____





24. How many people reside in your household? (Please include spouses or partners, children, and other family members.)

25. Do you receive any entitlements, such as SSI, WIC, TANF, etc.?

- Yes
- No

26. If yes, which do you receive?

27. Are you a resident of a Foundation Communities Property?

(i.e. Arbor Terrace, Bluebonnet Studios, Buckingham Duplexes, Capital Studios, Cherry Creek Duplexes, Crossroads, Daffodil, Garden Terrace, Homestead Oaks, Lakeline Station, Live Oak Trails, M Station, Sierra Ridge, Sierra Vista, Skyline Terrace, Southwest Trails, Spring Terrace, Trails at the Park, Trails at Vintage Creek)

- Yes
- No

28. How did you hear about Free Minds? (Please be as specific as possible. List the name of the referring organization, the place where you saw the information, or the person who told you about the program.)

Personal Statement

Please write a one page (300-500 word) statement describing yourself, your interests and goals, and why you would like to be part of the Free Minds class. Discuss how you would contribute to the class and what you want to do or be able to do after completing it.

Your application will not be considered without a written statement. Your statement may be handwritten or typed.

