



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 \$42,000 for a single adult or \$60,000 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, fax, or in person.

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

Questions? Call our office:
512-610-7961

To be considered for the 2019-20 Free Minds class, please complete and submit your application no later than Monday, July 8, 2019. 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.

Please fill out the form by answering each question appropriately. This application will ask questions about your education background and income, and you'll be required to submit a brief, 300 word personal statement at the end.

**indicates required question*





Section 1 – Personal Contact Information

1. Name*

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.)

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

The demographic information you provide is strictly confidential and used internally for reporting purposes. Free Minds does not discriminate in regard to race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, political affiliation, or disability.

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: What is your race or ethnicity as you define it? Check all that apply:

- American Indian, Central or South American Indian, Alaska Native or Native American
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Black or African American
- Latina/o or Hispanic
- Multiracial
- Unknown
- White
- Other: _____
- Don't wish to answer

12. Which of the following describes your education?*

- HS Diploma
- 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? _____



15a. If you've attended, how long have you been out of college?

- I have been out of college for 2 years or more
- I have been out of college for 5 years or more
- I have been in college within the last 2 years

16. If you've attended college, what year did you last attend? _____

17. If you've attended college, why did you stop? _____

18. How many college credit hours have you earned? It's okay to estimate:

- Unsure
- 0 credits
- 1-29 credits
- 30-59 credits
- 60-89 credits
- 90+ credits

19. What is your employment status?*

- Full time employed
- Part time employed
- Not employed
- Other
- Don't wish to answer

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

21. What is your annual 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 \$42,150 for a single adult or \$60,200 for a family of four).*





22. How many children (under 18) are living in the household?*

- No children
- One child
- Two children
- Three children
- Four children
- Five children
- Six children
- Seven children
- Eight+
- Don't wish to answer

23. What are their ages?

- 0-1
- 2-5
- 6-11
- 12-14
- 15-17
- 18+

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

25. Do you or anyone in your household receive any public benefits?*

- Yes
- No

26. If yes, which public benefits do you receive? Mark all that apply.

- CHIP
- HACA Public Housing
- MAP
- Medicaid
- Medicare
- None
- Other
- Section 8
- SNAP
- WIC

If other public benefit: _____



27. Do you live in a Foundation Communities property?*

- Yes
- No

Apartment Complex:

- Arbor Terrace
- Bluebonnet Studios
- Buckingham Duplexes
- Capital Studios
- Cardinal Point
- Cherry Creek Duplexes
- Crossroads
- Daffodil
- Garden Terrace
- Homestead Oaks
- Lakeline Station
- Live Oak Trails
- M Station
- Peters Colony
- Shadow Brook
- Sierra Ridge
- Sierra Vista
- Sleepy Hollow
- Skyline Terrace
- Southwest Trails
- Spring Terrace
- Trails at the Park
- Trails at Vintage Creek
- Moved off FC property
- Not FC resident

28. How did you hear out 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. Please remember to include your essay when submitting your application. It may be handwritten or typed.