The Academy for Fine Arts and Academics is seeking applicants that demonstrate motivation, responsibility, and a strong dedication to academic achievement. Students may apply to one of four available tracks within the Academy. Visit www.bhsafa2.com for more detailed information. Application deadline is December 18th, 2015.

**Scholars Track***

Scholars Track students must be accepted into the honors program in English, History, Math and Science.

**STEM Track**

STEM Track students must be accepted into the honors program in both Math and Science.

**Humanities Track**

Humanities Track students must be accepted into the honors program in both English and History.

*Students accepted into the Scholars Track (all honors) may designate a STEM or Humanities focus within their learning plan.

**Fine & Performing Arts Track***

Applicants must audition for one of the following majors within the Fine & Performing Arts Track:

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*Audition required*

Acceptance into the Academy for Fine Arts and Academics will be based upon the following criteria (as applicable):

1. Submission of a complete application online at www.bhsafa2.com by December 18th, 2015.
2. Personal Essay (included in online submission – see page 3)
3. Teacher Recommendations (see page 4)
4. Student Grades
5. NJASK and other Standardized Test Scores
6. Honors Acceptance (Scholars, STEM and Humanities tracks)
7. Student Audition/Portfolio Review (Arts Track Only)
8. Academic Writing Sample (Scholars and Humanities tracks only – see page 4)

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of educators and administrators. Please carefully complete all components of this application. Review application instructions carefully. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Utilize the application checklist to ensure all application components are submitted by the deadline. Keep all parts of the application together and submit the application in its entirety by the deadline of December 18th, 2015.
Academy for Fine Arts and Academics
Application for the 2016-2017 School Year
Application for Current BHS Students

Parent Agreement

Please print clearly in blue or black ink. Fill out all fields.

Student Name: _____________________________ Current Grade: ________ Student ID: ________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________
Parent/Guardian Name: ________________________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________
Email: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Which TRACK within the Academy for Fine Arts and Academics are you applying to?
Applicants may apply to both an honors track and the Arts track.

☐ SCHOLARS TRACK – Honors level English, History, Science and Math
☐ STEM TRACK – Honors level Science and Mathematics only
☐ HUMANITIES TRACK – Honors level English and History only
☐ FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
  ☐ Instrumental Music (Instrument: ___________________________)
  ☐ Vocal Music
  ☐ Drama
  ☐ Musical Theater
  ☐ Dance
  ☐ Visual Art
  ☐ Creative Writing

Parent Permission (mandatory for all applicants)

I, ____________________________________________, give __________________________
  Parent/Guardian Name (Print)          Student Applicant Name (Print)

permission to apply for the Academy for Fine Art and Academics and certify the above
information is accurate. I understand that should my child be admitted into AFA, his/her
homeroom, guidance counselor, schedule and locker assignment are subject to change.

_________________________________________   __________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature                  Date
Online Application Instructions
(mandatory for all applicants)

1. Visit [www.bhsafa2.com](http://www.bhsafa2.com) to review the description of each AfA² Track, Arts Track Major descriptions, admissions criteria and audition requirements. Please contact Mrs. Craig with any questions regarding tracks or the application process.

2. Prior to beginning the online application - compose your personal essay response in Microsoft Word or Google Docs. Proofread and edit your essay, and then copy and paste it into the application. You will respond to one of the following prompts in 500-750 words:

   Personal Essay Prompts (choose one):
   - What do you hope to be doing the year after you graduate from college, and how do you plan to get there?
   - What movie, poem, musical composition, work of art, or novel has most influenced your life and the way that you view the world? Why?
   - Choose the invention that you think has had the most positive impact on our world and explain why you chose that invention.
   - If you were given the capacity to travel back in time to any period in history, where would you head to and why?
   - What do you wish your teachers knew about you?

3. Go to

   [http://bhsafa2.edublogs.org/apply-to-afa2/application-for-current-bhs-students](http://bhsafa2.edublogs.org/apply-to-afa2/application-for-current-bhs-students)

   and complete the simple online application form (be sure to select the HIGH SCHOOL application link) and SUBMIT by December 18th, 2015. Please note: you must log in to your BBOED Google Apps account to access the application.

Note: If you are applying to Humanities or Scholars, you will have an additional writing component. Please see page 4 for instructions.
Academic Essay (For HUMANITIES or SCHOLARS Track Applicants ONLY)

Academic Writing Sample (additional writing submission - mandatory for acceptance into the Humanities or Scholars Track)

Writing Prompt:
How can literature contribute to an understanding of history? Choose a book you've read (fiction or nonfiction) that has helped you to understand a historical time period better.

Your response must be written in the form of an organized, academic, 5 paragraph essay. Your essay must be typed in 12 pt. font and double-spaced, and labeled clearly with your name. Attach the completed essay to the parent agreement form & submit by December 18th.

Teacher Recommendation Instructions (For All Applicants)

You are required to request a recommendation from the following teachers based upon your track of choice:

SCHOLARS Applicants – request a recommendation from your English, History, Math AND Science teachers (4 total).

STEM Applicants – request a recommendation from your Math and Science teachers (2 total).

Humanities Applicants – request a recommendation from your English and History teachers (2 total).

Arts Track Applicants – request a recommendation from an appropriate Fine & Performing Arts teacher for the major you are applying to (for example, your music, drama, dance or art teacher)*, and from ONE of the following – English, History, Math or Science (2 recommendations total).
(If you are not currently taking Fine & Performing Arts class relevant to the major for which you are applying, please request a recommendation from a teacher who can speak to your talent in your field (music, dance, drama, etc).

Please note – if you choose to apply to an honors track and to the arts track, you must obtain ALL required recommendations).

You must use the provided forms to request teacher recommendations. (See next page). You are not required to collect the forms back.
Teacher Recommendation Procedure

1) Applicant submits this form to recommending teachers. Be sure to complete the top portion for teacher reference.
2) Teacher: Please go to: http://bhsafa2.com
3) Follow the link on the home page to the “Teacher Recommendation for Current BHS Students”
4) Complete the simple online recommendation. You may keep this form for your records – it does not need to be returned to the student.
5) Please complete the recommendation by December 21st, 2015.

Teacher Recommendation #1

To be completed by student applicant:
Applicant Name: __________________________________________________
Desired Track:

- [ ] SCHOLARS TRACK (Honors in all 4 core subjects)
- [ ] STEM TRACK (Honors Science and Math)
- [ ] HUMANITIES TRACK (Honors English and History)
- [ ] FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
  - [ ] Instrumental Music (Instrument: ____________________)
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Teacher Recommendation #2

To be completed by student applicant:
Applicant Name: ____________________________________________________________
Desired Track:

☐ SCHOLARS TRACK (Honors in all 4 core subjects)
☐ STEM TRACK (Honors Science and Math)
☐ HUMANITIES TRACK (Honors English and History)
☐ FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
  ☐ Instrumental Music (Instrument: ____________________)
  ☐ Vocal Music
  ☐ Drama
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5) Please complete the recommendation by December 21st, 2015.

Teacher Recommendation #3 (if required)

To be completed by student applicant:
Applicant Name: ______________________________________________________________
Desired Track:
☐ SCHOLARS TRACK (Honors in all 4 core subjects)
☐ STEM TRACK (Honors Science and Math)
☐ HUMANITIES TRACK (Honors English and History)
☐ FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
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Teacher Recommendation #4 (if required)

To be completed by student applicant:

Applicant Name: __________________________________________

Desired Track:

☐ SCHOLARS TRACK (Honors in all 4 core subjects)
☐ STEM TRACK (Honors Science and Math)
☐ HUMANITIES TRACK (Honors English and History)
☐ FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS TRACK: Select Major (no more than two)
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  ☐ Drama
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Application Checklist

Utilize this checklist to ensure all components of your application are complete.

___ Parent Agreement (page 3)
___ Online application (see page

http://bhsafa2.edublogs.org/apply-to-afa2/application-for-current-bhs-students

___ Teacher Recommendations (see page 4 for instructions)

For Scholars and/or Humanities Track Applicants Only:
___ Academic Writing Sample (see page 4 for instructions)

For Arts Track Applicants Only:
___ Audition Registration
   (go to http://bhsafa2.com/apply-to-afa2/arts-track-audition-registration/ to register to audition for your major. You will be contacted to arrange an audition date and time.)

Please submit your Parent Agreement form to your guidance counselor by December 18th, 2015. If you are applying to Scholars or Humanities, you must include your Academic Writing Sample along with the agreement form.

Agreement forms and all other supplemental materials are due to your Guidance Counselor by December 18th, 2015

Remember – you MUST submit the online component of the application and request your teacher recommendations by December 18th, 2015.

Please contact Laura Craig, Program Coordinator with questions at lcraig@bboed.org or in the academy office located between 6248 & 6249.