

# STUDENT APPLICATION



Thank you for taking the time to apply to Gann Academy. We know that you have a busy schedule but your thoughtful and genuine responses help us better understand you and the contributions you can make to our community.

**To apply online, please go to: <http://www.ssat.org/webapply/code=5311>**

Please attach a recent photo here.

Grade in fall 2010:  9  10  11 Sex  M  F

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_ Hebrew Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Schools: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Camp: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Synagogue: \_\_\_\_\_

Family's Jewish Movement Affiliation:  Reform  Conservative  Orthodox  Reconstructionist  Other

Country of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ US Citizen  Yes  No Non-US country of citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose a check for the application fee of \$100, made payable to Gann Academy

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This section is to be completed by the applicant without outside support.  
Please submit your answers on a separate piece of paper.

## Short Answer Questions (1 paragraph)

1. Why do you want to attend Gann?
2. What subject or topic has awakened your intellectual curiosity and why?
3. What do you do best?
4. What role does Judaism play in your life?
5. Please list all your extracurricular activities.

## Essay Questions (3-5 paragraphs)

Choose one of these three that speaks to you and explain which quote you chose and why.

1. The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.  
Elie Wiesel
2. Let justice well up like water, Righteousness like an unfailing stream...  
Amos 5:24
3. A person should carry a slip of paper in each side pocket.  
On one should be written, "The world was created just for me."  
On the other, "I am only from dust and ashes."  
The Kotzker Rebbe

# PARENT INFORMATION



Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 1** Relationship:  Mother  Father  Step-parent  Grandparent  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if address is same as applicant's address

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addresses (please check address you'd prefer we use for school correspondence):

Personal: \_\_\_\_\_  Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian 2** Relationship:  Mother  Father  Step-parent  Grandparent  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

To whom should correspondence be sent?  Parent/Guardian 1  Parent/Guardian 2  Both

## Family Information

Applicant Lives with:  Parent/Guardian 1  Parent/Guardian 2  Both  Other

Parents are:  Single  Married  Separated  Divorced  Widowed

Mother is:  Deceased  Remarried Stepfather's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father is:  Deceased  Remarried Stepmother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Sibling \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

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# PARENT INFORMATION



Other Family	Names	Phone
Maternal Grandparents	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
Paternal Grandparents	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____
Other Relations:	_____	_____
Address	_____	_____

**Applicants will not be discriminated against in the admissions process for applying for financial aid.**

Who is responsible for financial obligations? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be applying for Financial Aid?     Yes     No (Apply by Feb. 1, 2010)

**Gann Academy understands that many teenagers require educational and emotional support. The following are designed to help us understand the specific needs of each applicant.**

Is the applicant currently engaged in any educational support services or enrichment programs? If yes, please specify and include a copy of any educational test results.

Has the applicant ever received any educational or neuropsychological testing? If yes, please specify, briefly describe the results, and include a copy of the test results.

Has the applicant ever been suspended or expelled from school, or required other significant disciplinary action? If yes, please explain.

Does the applicant take any regular medications? If yes, please specify.

**Parent Questionnaire—Please respond on a separate piece of paper.**

1. Why are you interested in having your child attend Gann Academy? Do you have specific aspirations for your child's high school experience?
2. Describe the role Judaism plays in your personal and family life.
3. Tell us about your child as a learner.
4. If there is additional information you would like to share with us, please do so.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# HUMANITIES RECOMMENDATION



To be completed by the student's current English, History or Social Studies teacher.

**Application Deadline: February 1, 2010**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? Please list the subject(s) taught, including level of difficulty.

2. Please check the box that best applies for each category:

	Exceptional	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average	No Opportunity to Observe
<b>Academic strength</b>						
<b>Achievement v. potential</b>						
<b>Disciplined work habits</b>						
<b>Intellectual curiosity</b>						
<b>Imagination &amp; creativity</b>						
<b>Motivation</b>						
<b>Participation in class</b>						
<b>Self-confidence</b>						
<b>Strength of character</b>						
<b>Relationship with adults</b>						
<b>Relationship with peers</b>						

3. Compared to other students, how much of your time and attention does the applicant require to succeed?  
 Significantly More     More     Average     Less     Significantly Less

4. Please describe the applicant's reading and writing ability, with particular reference to mechanics, creativity and comprehension.

# HUMANITIES RECOMMENDATION



To be completed by the student's current English, History or Social Studies teacher.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of this applicant?

5. How is this applicant as a student? Consider their learning style, knowledge of self as a learner, organizational skills, classroom performance, leadership, and ability to succeed.

6. Please assess this applicant in relation to peers.

7. How would you describe this applicant's character.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed form to Gann Academy, Office of Admissions, 333 Forest Street, Waltham, MA 02452. Your comments will be held in the strictest confidence. Thank you very much for your time and effort.

# MATH/SCIENCE RECOMMENDATION



To be completed by the student's current Math or Science teacher.

**Application Deadline: February 1, 2010**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what capacity? Please list the subject(s) taught, including level of difficulty and textbooks used.

2. Please check the box that best applies for each category:

	Exceptional	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average	No Opportunity to Observe
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4. Please describe the applicant's mechanical skills in this subject area, describing computational ability, general problem solving capacity and level of competence in this subject area.

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# LEADERSHIP RECOMMENDATION



To be completed by the student's current Head of School, Guidance Counselor or Rabbi.

**Application Deadline: February 1, 2010**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you known the applicant and in what context?

2. Please check the box that best applies for each category:

	Exceptional	Very Good	Good	Average	Below Average	No Opportunity to Observe
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<b>Achievement v. potential</b>						
<b>Disciplined work habits</b>						
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<b>Strength of character</b>						
<b>Relationship with adults</b>						
<b>Relationship with peers</b>						

3. What are the first words that come to mind in describing this applicant?



# TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM



**For Parents:** Please sign and submit to applicant's current school.

I request the record of \_\_\_\_\_ to be forwarded to Gann Academy.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Registrar:

Please send the following information:

1. Transcript of Academic Record, including courses taken and grades received.
2. Results of standardized achievement and aptitude tests
3. Attendance records
4. Copies of special educational evaluations or psychological reports, IEP's 504's, or Accommodation Plans, if applicable.

All materials can be mailed to:

Office of Admissions  
Gann Academy  
333 Forest Street  
Waltham, MA 02452

Please note that the deadline for Admissions and Financial Aid Applications is February 1, 2010.

Thank you,

Orna Siegel

Director of Admissions  
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Fax: 781 642 6805  
osiegel@gannacademy.org

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST



## APPLICANT INFORMATION

- Student Information
- Non-refundable fee of \$100
- Photograph of applicant

## PARENT INFORMATION

## SCHOOL VISIT AND INTERVIEW

Upon submission of the application, please call the admissions office to schedule an interview and visit. Only the "Applicant Information" portion of the application is due prior to scheduling the visit

## TRANSCRIPT RELEASE FORM

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Humanities
- Math/Science
- Leadership

## ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT

## REQUIRED TESTING

All students are required to take the Secondary School Admissions Test (SSAT).  
Gann Academy offers the SSAT on Sunday, November 15, 2009.  
To register, call SSAT at 609 683 4440 or register online at [ssat.org](http://ssat.org) by mid-October 2009  
Gann Academy's school code is 5311.

Deadline for Admissions and Financial Aid applications:	February 1, 2010
Apply for Financial Aid	November 15, 2009–February 2, 2010
Admissions and Financial Aid decisions sent out:	March 10, 2010
Deadline for enrollment decisions:	April 12, 2010

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