

Application for Admission to Aspirando Alto for 7th-10th graders

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Aspirando Alto is designed to introduce 7th through 10th graders to the college experience. It is open to all students and especially seeks to advance the pre-college needs and interests of Hispanic youth and communities.

Interested 7th through 10th graders are required to provide the following by October 2, 2009:

1. Completed and signed Application Form, including typed essay.
2. Recommendation Form
3. Parent/Guardian Partner Agreement

NOTE: There is no application fee. The cost of Aspirando Alto –room and board and activities—is covered by a full grant for students who are accepted into the program. Students must provide their own transportation if admitted to the program.

1. Personal Information

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Birth Date: ____/____/____
Month Day Year

Gender: (Check One.) Male Female

School: _____
Name

Current Grade: 7 8 9 10

Home Address: _____
Number and Street Apartment Number

City State Zip/Postal Code Country

Home Phone: (____) _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____

E-mail Address: (____) _____

Church (If applicable) _____

Optional Information (This information is important for our records, but will not be used in a discriminatory manner.)

1. Are you Hispanic/Latino or of Spanish origin? Yes No

(a person of Cuban, Dominican, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race)

2. From the following five racial groups, please select one or more races to describe your origins:

American Indian or Alaska Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains a tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Black or African American: A person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

White: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

2. ESSAY:

On a separate piece of paper, please explain why you are interested in attending Aspirando Alto. Why would Aspirando Alto provide a good experience for you?

(required length: 100–200 words typed)

3. Aspirando Alto Parent/Partner Agreement

Aspirando Alto is a unique experience, providing middle and high school students the opportunity to experience college life while living on a college campus. In order to make Aspirando Alto the best experience possible for students we have created some very necessary guidelines which, ultimately, are for the benefit of both the student and parents. These include:

1. **No visitors**—Families and friends of potential applicants need to understand that students may not receive outside visitors during the program (except for the Parent Workshops on Saturday).
2. **No activities outside of Aspirando Alto**—Families and friends of potential applicants must be clear on this point: no outside activities, including piano lessons, sports activities, family gatherings, etc., can be attended if a student chooses to attend Aspirando Alto.

By signing this agreement, I agree to adhere to the expectations listed above.

Print parent/guardian name

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Student applications received without a signed Parent/Guardian Partner Agreement will not be considered for program admission.

4. Final Steps

1. Give the Recommendation Form to your school counselor, church pastor, or youth leader.

2. Send completed forms to:

Pre-College Programs

Calvin College

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Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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