

# MEREDITH COLLEGE

Raleigh, North Carolina

## Freshman Undergraduate Application for Admission

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# Applying to Meredith...

## What you need to know

### Important Dates:

#### Freshman Early Decision

Deadline: October 30

#### Freshman Regular Decision

Recommended Deadline: February 15

*Applications received after this date will be considered for admission.*

**Please follow the instructions carefully and submit the application and fee in the envelope provided. If you do not hear from us within two weeks of submitting your application or if you need further assistance, please call our office at (919) 760-8581 or 1-800-MEREDITH.**

### Requirements

#### Freshman Applicants: Units of Credit

A minimum of 16 units earned in grades 9-12. Your program must include the following academic subjects:

English.....	4 units
Foreign Language .....	2 units
Mathematics.....	3 units
<i>(Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry or a higher level course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite)</i>	
Science .....	3 units
History/Social Studies .....	3 units
Electives .....	1 unit

**Class rank** - when available.

**Grades** - In calculating your grade point average for admission purposes, we only use grades in those academic subjects listed. Attention also is given to the academic rigor of your high school program.

#### Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) required

Critical reading and quantitative scores are reviewed in relation to your high school record. Essay portions of the SAT or ACT will be accepted. If English is your second language, you may be asked to submit scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) in addition to SAT or ACT scores.

#### Recommendations from school officials

Using the enclosed forms, please provide recommendations from school officials. One recommendation should be from a teacher who has taught you in an academic subject in 11th or 12th grade. The other, the High School Official Recommendation,

is preferably completed by a guidance counselor.

### Interviews/Campus Visits

A campus visit is highly recommended, but not required. For some applicants, the Office of Admissions may request an interview, writing sample and/or additional recommendations to provide more support for your application. Our admissions staff is happy to assist you if you would like an admissions conference or a meeting with an individual department.

### Admissions Procedures

**A complete application for freshman admission includes:**

- completed and signed application, including essay
- \$40 non-refundable application fee or acceptable fee waiver (checks and credit cards accepted)
- high school official transcript including class rank
- high school official recommendation
- teacher recommendation
- SAT/ACT scores

Your application will be reviewed once these documents have been received in our office.

#### Home-schooled Students

In addition to those items listed above please submit:

- official transcript from each traditional high school attended (if any)
- GED certificate, unless high school graduation will be recognized by the state in which the home-school diploma will be issued
- one recommendation from a reference who is not related to the applicant
- interview with an admissions officer
- SAT Subject Tests may be required

### Early Decision Plan

(see page 11)

If Meredith is definitely your first choice for freshman admission, you may wish to apply under the Early Decision Plan. The Early Decision agreement is a binding contract that you will:

- **if accepted, enroll at Meredith;**
- **withdraw applications from all other colleges; and**
- **submit a non-refundable \$100 deposit by December 15.**

To be considered, you must check the **Freshman Early Decision** box on the front of your application for admission

and submit your completed and signed application with supporting credentials by **October 30** of your senior year. You must also complete and submit the Early Decision Plan form on page 11. You will receive an admissions decision by **November 15**. If you also wish to receive an early decision financial aid estimate, the Meredith College Early Decision Aid Application must be received by **November 10** and you will receive a tentative award by **December 1**. Your final award will be confirmed after your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) has been received (See below).

### Financial Aid

Meredith requires the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for all applicants who wish to receive some form of federal financial assistance. The priority deadline is **February 15**. Applications received after this date will be considered for assistance, with preference provided to those received by the priority deadline. **FAFSA applications are available beginning January 1 at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov).**

### Competitive Scholarships

As recognition for outstanding ability and talent, Meredith College sponsors highly competitive scholarship programs. Your admissions application is automatically used for scholarship consideration. However, separate applications are required for art, music, interior design, Thomas Meredith Baptist Heritage and Paschal (computer/mathematics/engineering/biology/chemistry) scholarships. Additionally, see Honors section below for information on the Alumnae Legacy (full tuition, room and board) and Presidential (full tuition) scholarships. For additional information, contact the Office of Admissions.

### Honors Program

For those gifted and motivated students seeking an enriched academic program, Meredith College offers an Honors Program. Honors Program applications are due by January 15 and are available through the Office of Admissions. Honors Program applicants receive consideration for the College's most prestigious academic scholarships, such as the Alumnae Legacy and Presidential Awards.

## Application for Freshman Undergraduate Admission

### Application Status (please respond to each statement or question)

I am applying as a:  
 Freshman Early Decision\*  
 Freshman Regular Decision  
*\*complete and sign the agreement on page 11*

I am applying for admission beginning in the term:  
 August of \_\_\_\_\_ (year)  
 January of \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

I plan to reside:  
 On-campus  
 At home (local students only)\*  
*\*complete and sign the agreement on page 12*

Will you be applying for financial aid?  
 Yes  No  
 Will you apply for NC Teaching Fellows Program? (NC residents only)  
 Yes  No

### Personal Information (All information provided is kept strictly confidential and only used by Meredith College)

Legal name \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle or maiden last preferred or nickname

U.S. Social Security number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year

Permanent address \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
street, route county  
 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
province country

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
city state ZIP/postal code

Mailing address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
street, route county  
 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
province country

\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
city state ZIP/postal code

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a veteran?  No  Yes

Are you a North Carolina resident?  No  Yes If yes, how long? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, or less than a year, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Country of citizenship  USA  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If OTHER, please specify country & complete applicable questions in shaded box below.

**If any of the above information changes, please contact the Admissions Office.**

### If Not a US Citizen

- Are you a resident alien (also called permanent resident)?  YES  NO  
 If YES, please indicate alien registration number and skip to question 5: \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you currently in the U.S.?  YES  NO If YES, please specify visa type or special circumstances: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Additional information will be requested if you are accepted for admission)*

- Will you require a student (F-1) visa?  YES  NO If YES, indicate your country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you a dual citizen (a citizen of more than one country)?  YES  NO  
 If YES, which country's passport will you use when entering the U.S.? \_\_\_\_\_
- Is English your native language?  YES  NO  
 Was English the primary language of instruction in your most recent schooling?  YES  NO

**A photocopy of passport, permanent resident card, Visa and/or I-94 card will be required if accepted for admission. Further information will also be required for F-1 Visa holders.**

**Optional Information** (used for statistical studies and reports)

**How did you first become interested in Meredith College?** (check one)

- Alumna    Current Student    Family/Friend    College Fair    Meredith Publications  
 Internet    Guidance Counselor    Athletics    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Race and Ethnic Origin**

Are you Hispanic or Latina?    Yes    No

Please select one or more of the following groups of which you consider yourself a member:

- American Indian or Alaskan Native    Asian    Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander    White

**Religious Preference:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information**

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_ Is he/she living?  YES  NO  
*first middle last*

This is my primary parent/guardian  YES  NO   Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
*street, route or PO Box*

\_\_\_\_\_ *city state ZIP/postal code province country*

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Year \_\_\_\_\_  
*if applicable*

Graduate school \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Year \_\_\_\_\_  
*if applicable*

Occupation/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_ Is he/she living?  YES  NO  
*first middle last*

This is my primary parent/guardian  YES  NO   Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
*street, route or PO Box*

\_\_\_\_\_ *city state ZIP/postal code province country*

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Year \_\_\_\_\_  
*if applicable*

Graduate school \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Year \_\_\_\_\_  
*if applicable*

Occupation/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list any Meredith College graduates/current students to whom you are related:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
*first last maiden name*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
*first last maiden name*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
*first last maiden name*

Please list any additional Meredith College graduates/faculty/staff/current students who influenced your decision to apply:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
*first last maiden name*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
*first last maiden name*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
*first last maiden name*

### Academic & Career Interest

Indicate any field of interest, intended major, or career or professional goals you are considering (List in order of preference.)

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To what other colleges have you applied? (Optional)

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

Beginning with 9th grade, list ALL high schools, colleges and universities, including summer schools, you have attended for academic credit, including the institution you are currently attending.

Name	City/State/Country	Dates Attended From To	Type of degree or diploma (earned or expected)

When do/did you graduate from high school? (month/year) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

High School is  public  private  home school

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List all courses in which you are currently enrolled. If not currently enrolled, check here  and answer the questions below this shaded box.

Course Title (also list course number if college level)	Unit of Credit

List any other courses you expect to take before entering Meredith College.

Course Title (also list course number if college level)	When/Where	Unit of Credit

If you are not currently enrolled in an educational program, please provide information about how you have spent your time since leaving school.

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Have you or will you take any of the following: please list all dates (month/year), including future testing:

- SAT     YES     NO    When \_\_\_\_\_
- ACT     YES     NO    When \_\_\_\_\_
- TOEFL     YES     NO    When \_\_\_\_\_
- IELTS     YES     NO    When \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Honors

Briefly describe any scholastic distinctions or honors you have been awarded beginning with the ninth grade. Attach additional sheet(s) if needed. Include your name on any attachments.

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Have you participated in your state's Governor's School Program?     YES     NO

## Co-curricular Activities

Attach additional sheet(s) if needed or a complete resume is acceptable. Include your name on any attachments.

Activity	Position held, honors earned, etc.	Years (9-12)

## Essay

We request an essay of at least 250 words on any topic of your choice. A few possible topics include sharing why you are interested in attending an all women's college, a formative experience in your life or an area of your academic background that requires additional explanation.

## The Honor System

The Honor System is a long-cherished tradition and a basis for all life at Meredith College. Based upon the principles of integrity, fulfillment of community obligations and responsibility to others, the purpose of the Honor System is to maintain an atmosphere of trust and honor throughout the Meredith community. The willingness of each student to accept full responsibility for her actions and to abide by the standards set by her peers is imperative to a community of mutual trust. Every student who attends Meredith must commit herself to abide by and uphold Meredith's Honor Code and system of self-government through signing the Honor Pledge during orientation.

When you sign your application to Meredith College, you indicate that you are aware of the importance of the Honor System and, if enrolled, will be responsible for ensuring that the Honor System is at all times the standard for individual and community behavior.

## Character Statement (Attach additional sheet(s) if needed.)

1. Have you ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at your school from 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in your probation, suspension, removal, dismissal or expulsion from your institution?  YES  NO
2. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other crime?  YES  NO

If you answered yes to either or both questions, please attach a separate sheet of paper or use your written recommendation to give the approximate date of each incident and explain the circumstances.

## Condition of Admission

This application is made with the understanding and agreement that the applicant, upon admission, will be subject to the rules and regulations of Meredith College governing admission and retention of students, as outlined in the catalogue statement titled "Conditions of Admission."

## Student Statement

I certify that all information given in this application is complete and accurate. By signing and submitting this application, I indicate my willingness to accept both the responsibilities and privileges of the Honor System of Meredith College and all other conditions of admission.

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

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(parent/guardian signature required if you are under 18 years of age at the time you apply for admission)*

**Enclose a \$40 non-refundable application fee or acceptable fee waiver and return in the envelope provided along with Application. (Credit card payment available by calling the Office of Admissions at 1-800-MEREDITH)**

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## High School Official Recommendation

### To the Freshman Applicant:

Complete the shaded box below and give this form to your guidance counselor, principal or other school official. Please request that this form be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
first middle last

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street, route or PO Box

\_\_\_\_\_ city state ZIP/postal code province country

Applying for:  August  January \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

I recognize the confidential nature of this document and  I do  I do not waive my right to access.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### To the School Official:

- Complete** any information requested below that is not already part of the official school transcript.
- Attach** a copy of the applicant's school record, which should include courses taken and grades obtained in grades 9 through the semester most currently completed, a listing of courses in progress and a complete standardized test record, if available.
- Return this form and transcript** directly to the Office of Admissions.

Name of school \_\_\_\_\_ CEEB/ACT Code \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Guidance fax (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Accreditation by \_\_\_\_\_  Public School  Private School

Percent graduates entering 4-year college \_\_\_\_\_ 2-year college \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Passing mark \_\_\_\_\_

Are honors courses indicated on transcript?  YES  NO

Is it your policy to record courses failed?  YES  NO

Is your school on block scheduling?  YES  NO

Class rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ students as of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month/year

Is the rank weighted?  YES  NO

School does not rank \_\_\_\_\_

In comparison with other college preparatory students at your school, the applicant's course selection is:

Most Demanding  Very Demanding  Demanding  Average  Below Average

FOR HOME SCHOOLED STUDENTS ONLY: Will the student's home school graduation be recognized by her state of residence?  YES  NO

Give grading scale, highest to lowest:  
 A =  
 B =  
 C =  
 D =  
 F =

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1. Has the applicant ever been found responsible for a disciplinary violation at your school from 9th grade (or the international equivalent) forward, whether related to academic misconduct or behavioral misconduct, that resulted in the applicant's probation, suspension, removal, dismissal, or expulsion from your institution?  
 YES    NO

2. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, felony or other crime?  
 YES    NO

Is the student recommended for admission to Meredith College? **(Required Information)**  
 YES    NO    Prefer not to respond

**Comments** *(attach additional page as needed)*

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

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Teacher Recommendation

### To the Applicant:

Please complete the shaded box below, give to the person indicated and request this form be mailed directly to the Office of Admissions.

This form is to be completed by a teacher who has taught you in an academic subject in grade 11 or 12.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*first middle last*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*street, route or PO Box*

\_\_\_\_\_ *city state ZIP/postal code province country*

Applying for:  August  January \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

### To the Teacher:

Meredith College finds teacher evaluations helpful in selecting qualified candidates. We appreciate your providing an assessment of the applicant's academic abilities and personal qualities. This information will be held in confidence.

1. How long have you known this student?

Less than two years  Two to four years  More than four years

2. What subject(s) have you taught her and in what academic years?

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3. Please rate the applicant on the qualities listed below:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No basis for judgement
Academic Ability					
Determination					
Cooperation					
Dependability					
Leadership					
Social Adaptability					
Integrity					
Motivation					
Creativity					

over

4. Would you expect this student to respond positively to a community that expects personal integrity in both academic and social matters?

YES

NO

If "NO," please explain:

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5. Please use the space below to make any further comments regarding the individual abilities and/or needs of the student.

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6. Do you recommend this student to Meredith College?

YES

NO

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

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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## Early Decision Plan

The Meredith College Early Decision admission plan is recommended for first-time freshmen whose **first choice** is Meredith. **An Early Decision application is a binding commitment that means you will enroll at Meredith if accepted.** You will receive notification of the admissions decision by **November 15**.

### To be considered under the Early Decision plan you must:

- Check the **Freshman Early Decision box** on page one of your application for admission;
- Complete this Early Decision Agreement;
- File no Early Decision requests with other colleges or universities;
- Submit your completed admission application and your signed agreement by **October 30** of your senior year to receive a decision by November 15;
- If applying for an early decision on financial assistance, submit the Meredith College Early Decision Aid Application by **November 10** in order to receive a tentative award by December 1. The Meredith College Early Decision Financial Aid Application will be mailed to you upon submission of your Early Decision undergraduate admission application.\*

### If you are accepted to Meredith under the Early Decision Plan, you agree:

- To withdraw any other applications you may have filed with other colleges or universities;
- To submit a non-refundable \$100 deposit to Meredith by December 15 to reserve your place in the class;
- To enroll in the incoming freshman class at Meredith College.

\*If the student's demonstrated financial need determined by the Meredith College Early Decision Aid Application is not met, the accepted early decision candidate is released from the enrollment requirement.

## Meredith College Early Decision Agreement

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
*first middle last*

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*street, route or PO Box*

*city state ZIP/postal code province country*

**If accepted at Meredith College, I agree to enroll. I will submit a non-refundable \$100 deposit by December 15 to reserve my place in the class and withdraw applications from all other colleges and universities at that time.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(parent/guardian signature required if you are under 18 years of age at the time you apply for admission)*

## Off-Campus Housing Request (Commuter)

Meredith College takes pride in its academic community life and feels strongly that the residence life experience is an integral part of that community. However, Meredith allows students in the following categories to reside off-campus if that is their preference:

### Please check all conditions that apply:

- Student will reside with parent(s) or spouse.
- Student will be 21 years of age or older at the time of enrollment. NOTE: Campus housing is usually available only to full-time undergraduate degree-seeking students under the age of 23 (see catalogue). International students, 23 or older, enrolled full-time in an undergraduate degree program may request special consideration for on-campus housing.

### Please check below if you have a special request for commuter status:

- Student requests special permission from the Dean of Students to reside with someone other than a parent or spouse. **If you check this option, complete shaded box below.**

### Please read and sign below:

**I understand that I am responsible for finding suitable housing if accepted for admission as a commuting student. If I do not qualify for off-campus residency as defined by Meredith College, I understand I will be contacted and given the opportunity to change my application status to on-campus residency.**

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you are requesting special permission to live off-campus, please provide us with the following information concerning the person with whom you plan to reside should you attend Meredith College:

Name of person with whom you plan to live \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*street, route or PO Box*

\_\_\_\_\_ *city* \_\_\_\_\_ *state* \_\_\_\_\_ *ZIP*

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status:  Single  Married E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

#### For Office Use Only:

Student qualifies for commuter status  YES  NO

Confirmed by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Completed application (including essay)
- Non-refundable U.S. \$40 fee
- SAT or ACT scores
- Official high school transcript
- High School Official Recommendation Form
- Teacher Recommendation Form
- Early Decision Form (if appropriate)
- Off-campus Housing Request (if appropriate)

## FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

- Official TOEFL or IELTS score
- Certified English translation of academic transcript(s)
- A photocopy of passport, permanent resident card, Visa and/or I-94 card
- Certificate of Financial Responsibility

**Your admissions application is automatically used for scholarship consideration. However, if you would like to be considered for the following specialized scholarships, please request the appropriate applications forms from the Office of Admissions. (Deadline: January 15)**

- Alumnae Legacy and/or Presidential Scholarships (file Honors Program application for consideration)
- Art
- Music
- Interior Design
- Thomas Meredith Baptist Heritage Scholarship (North Carolina Residents Only)
- Paschal (computer/mathematics/engineering/biology/chemistry)

If you would like to be considered for the Honors Program, request an application from the Office of Admissions for submission by January 15.

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**For further scholarship information, please visit: [www.meredith.edu/finaid](http://www.meredith.edu/finaid)**

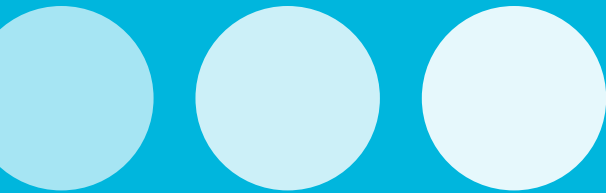
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...that I'm ready to try something new...that I don't know everything. Yet...in friends who make you laugh—and make you think...in teachers who make you  
...that leadership can be taught. And I plan to learn it...that the best colleges are good communities...there's a big world out there. And I'm ready to take my place in it...that a good life starts here. At Meredith...