



**Hillsdale College announces the Henry Salvatori Prize for Excellence in Teaching to honor schools with an outstanding K-12 educational program.** Endowed by the late Henry Salvatori, this competition is open to all public and private schools whose teaching reflects the best traditions of Western education. The school must be a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The \$25,000 award will be presented to the winning school at a special ceremony.

Please provide the responses to the Prize criteria on separate sheets of paper. Supporting documents describing the school's curriculum, instructional approach, deployment, and results are also welcome. The strongest applications will demonstrate consistent and widespread deployment of a sound approach to education accompanied by excellent results, keeping in mind Hillsdale College's Best Practices for K-12 Education, available by request to [k12@hillsdale.edu](mailto:k12@hillsdale.edu). The application must be submitted between December 1, 2023 and January 15, 2024. A panel of judges will review all submissions and select two finalists by March 1, 2024. Site visits to finalists will be made between March 1 and May 1. The winning school will be notified by June 15.

## Evaluation Criteria

**I. Academic Program.** Describe how the teaching promotes the student's education in the liberal arts and sciences. Within your response, include answers to the following questions:

- What is the architecture of the school's curriculum, its components, and its purposes?
- What are the principles that inform the teachers' approach to instruction?
- How does the school ensure excellence in teaching to support the curriculum?
- What are the academic results the school seeks to achieve, and is the school achieving those results? Support your answer.

**II. Virtue.** Describe how the teaching inculcates virtue in the student. Within your response, include answers to the following questions:

- What is the model of virtue for the student and the basis for it?
- What elements of instruction and school culture lead the student to conform to the model of virtue?
- How does the school ensure excellence in teaching to support the formation of the virtuous student?
- What are the character results the school seeks to achieve, and is the school achieving those results? Support your answer.

**III. Citizenship.** Describe how the teaching promotes the student's understanding of man's political life and prepares the student to assume his place as a responsible citizen in the political order. Within your response, include answers to the following questions:

- What elements of the Western and American tradition underpin the school's efforts to develop the student as a good citizen?
- How does the school ensure excellence in teaching to support the formation of the student as a good citizen?
- What are the civic results the school seeks to achieve in the life of the student, and is the school achieving those results? Support your answer.

**IV. Leadership and Governance.** Describe how the school is led and governed. In your response, include answers to the following questions:

- Who is the school's leader (headmaster or principal) and who are the members of this person's leadership team? What responsibilities fall to the school's leadership, and how does this team work together?
- How does the school's leadership ensure that high-quality faculty members are hired and retained?
- Describe the relationship between the school's on-campus leadership and its governing board or management organization.

# APPLICATION

2023-2024

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Established: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Public  Private

City/State/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Point of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Grades Served: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Body Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of School Leader (Headmaster or Principal): \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state your institution's Mission Statement.

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EMAIL THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM AND DOCUMENTS TO:

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