



COASTAL STUDIES FOR GIRLS  
A SCIENCE & LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

## APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

*Welcome!*

*The staff at Coastal Studies for Girls would like to invite you to apply for an academic semester of study at our coastal Maine campus. CSG seeks girls who have a love for learning and discovery, an adventurous spirit, a desire for excellence, and a will to challenge themselves beyond the traditional school experience.*

*CSG recognizes that school is a prime place for personal development and intellectual growth. Occupying nearly half of students' waking hours during their teenage years, school has tremendous potential to impact their personal identities and future lives. With this in mind, we are committed to providing a rich educational experience that will lay the foundation for a lifetime of learning and achievement; the values, habits and skills that students acquire in science & technology, leadership, critical thinking, confidence, and self-determination, will benefit them for years to come. At CSG, we strive to fulfill our educational mission: to provide an opportunity for girls to excel in science and technology in a community defined by academic, experiential and inspirational leaning.*

*Thank you for your interest in Coastal Studies for Girls. We look forward to receiving your application!*

*Sincerely,*

*The faculty and staff at Coastal Studies for Girls*

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# ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

## Who

Coastal Studies for Girls is a residential academic program for 10<sup>th</sup> grade girls, who apply during their freshmen year of high school. CSG accepts applications from girls in the U.S. and other nations, including those currently attending home, public and independent schools.

***Non Discrimination Policy:** Coastal Studies for Girls, a single gender school, does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sexual orientation or national/ethnic origin in its admissions, hiring, educational and financial policies.*

## Application Process & Dates

Applicants apply in the spring of their freshman year to attend CSG for the Fall or Spring semester of their sophomore year. Download and print our [Application for Admission](#) from our website, or call or [email](#) us to request a hard copy. To ensure consideration for admission, all application materials must be received in our office by our [priority application deadline, March 15](#). After this date, we will continue to accept applications and admit students on a rolling basis if space is available. An Enrollment Agreements and non-refundable deposit are required in order to secure a space. *\*\*Dates and deadlines subject to change; please see website for most current information.*

Completed application includes:

Application for Admission form (2 pgs)

- Application Essay form and essay responses (1 pg. form and ≤ 3 pg essay)
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation form (2 pgs)
- Academic and Character Recommendation forms (2 sealed envelopes)
- Copy of academic transcript from your most recent semester
- \$20 non-refundable application fee (check should be written to Coastal Studies for Girls)

## Tuition & Expenses

Tuition covers all academic instruction and materials, room & board, guest lectures, and enrichment activities such as field trips and leadership adventures. Tuition for Fall Term 2010 and Spring Term 2011 is \$17,500, approximately half the rate of a full-year boarding school. A non-refundable deposit will be due within two weeks of the student's acceptance in order to secure her space in the school. The remaining balance of tuition (full tuition minus deposit) will be due by the beginning of the semester, unless alternate payment arrangements have been made.

Students should expect to have an additional \$200-250 available to spend on personal items and travel. Travel expenses to and from CSG (or the closest transportation hub such as the Portland airport or bus station) are the responsibility of the family.

## Financial Assistance

It is our goal to make a semester at CSG accessible to any girl who has the qualifications and desire to attend. Our Scholarship Fund is designed to assist families in need by partially offsetting tuition expenses; please see our website for application instructions and deadlines. We also offer a tuition payment plan to defray tuition payments over a period of several months. For further financing strategies and fundraising support, we encourage families to call to request a copy of our fundraising guide, "Support Your Semester at CSG."

## Transfer of Credit

All academic credit will be awarded by the student's home school or sending institution. Students will receive comprehensive evaluations for the courses and work they complete at CSG, which will be used by the sending school's academic office to determine grades and/or credit earned.

## Academic Calendar

Fall Semester runs approximately from Labor Day through the second week of December, with a one-week break for Thanksgiving; Spring Semester runs approximately from the second week of February through the first week of June, with a one-week break for Easter/Spring Vacation. Check the website or Student/Parent Handbook for the updated calendar.



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## Personal Information

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Parent/Guardian's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Parent/Guardian's Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (work) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone (cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the primary address for the purpose of school mailings, billing and general correspondence?**

First Parent     Second Parent

**Applying for:**

Fall Semester     Spring Semester     No Preference  
 Check here if you are willing to attend the other semester if your preferred semester is full or unavailable

**Current School** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guidance Counselor \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you wish to be identified as a member of a particular ethnic or minority group?** (See Non Discrimination Policy in Admissions Information)

No  
 Yes (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a US citizen?**

Yes  
 No (please specify country of citizenship) \_\_\_\_\_

**Where did you hear about Coastal Studies for Girls?**

Friend/word of mouth     Website  
 Presentation in school     Poster/Advertisement  
 School official (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

(Office Use Only)

**Date application received:** \_\_\_\_\_

# Academics

Freshman courses, and level (if appropriate):

Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_

Sophomore courses (if known), and level:

Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_  
Course \_\_\_\_\_

## CSG Electives

Freshman Please choose one math and one foreign language class. Language tutoring is negotiable – call to discuss details):

MATH:

Algebra II \_\_\_\_\_

Geometry \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Calculus \_\_\_\_\_

FOREIGN LANGUAGE:

French \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred level: \_\_\_\_\_

Spanish \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred level: \_\_\_\_\_

## CSG Core Curriculum

All students are automatically enrolled in:

- COASTAL MARINE ECOSYSTEMS
- LEADERSHIP ADVENTURE
- WORLD HISTORY
- ENGLISH

## Financial Assistance

Are you currently receiving financial aid at your present school?      ( ) Yes      ( ) No

Are you planning to apply for scholarship at CSG?      ( ) Yes      ( ) No

## Application Submission Instructions

Please visit our website for current application deadlines. If you intend to apply for a scholarship, please visit the Scholarships page of our website for deadlines and details. Please make sure your application is complete (see checklist in Admissions Information) and that all forms are signed and dated.

Mail completed application to:

Pam Erickson, Executive Director

Tara Treichel, Director of Education

COASTAL STUDIES FOR GIRLS

P.O. Box 266

Freeport, Maine 04032

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# Application Essay

Please answer the following questions on separate paper; total length not to exceed four pages.

- I. What do you hope to gain by attending Coastal Studies for Girls?
- II. While at CSG, we will study, work, eat and live together in a tight knit residential community. What traits do you think are important for success in this environment? What strengths do you have that can you contribute to the CSG community?
- III. Give an example of a significant challenge you have faced and how you responded to it.
- IV. We are sincerely interested in you as a person. Please share a little about how you spend your non-academic time. What are your personal interests, hobbies, inspirations and dreams? (This is an open-ended question that could include participation in clubs, organizations, sports, music, art, jobs, camps, volunteer positions, etc.)
- V. What element of CSG do you feel will be the most difficult for you?
- VI. Do you have post high school plans and/or a particular career interest?
- VII. Please add anything else you would like us to know about you.
- VIII. Please indicate your level of experience with the following activities and situations:

	No experience (I have never tried this)	Some experience (I have done this a few times)	Experienced (I have done this for an extended time or on a regular basis)
ACTIVITY/SITUATION			
Group living (such as camps, dorms, and large families)			
Marine science/research			
Kayaking/Ocean sailing (circle one or both)			
Living in a rural area (away from an urban center)			
All-girls groups/clubs/classes			
Living away from home			

## References

Please enclose three completed Recommendation Forms with your application. One person must be an academic reference that has worked with you in the past year, the second a significant adult who can provide a character reference for you, and the third, a parent or guardian. Recommendation Forms should be completed and returned to the applicant in sealed envelopes in order to ensure privacy.

- a. Academic Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Character Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Parent/Guardian Reference \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_





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# Parent/Guardian Recommendation

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Without a doubt, the process of applying for CSG has created some discussion in your household. This sixteen week experience promises to be intense, and will offer opportunities and perspectives that will prepare, challenge, intrigue, question, reward and motivate. We have intentionally chosen to work with young women during their sophomore year of high school. This is significant time in their lives, a time when they are beginning to form their adult identities. The experiences they have and the values they learn will lay the foundation for the rest of their lives. At CSG, we wish to be a positive force in this process by encouraging girls to develop a love for learning, a will to set their goals high, and a deep-rooted confidence in self.

We believe that girls are best able to achieve their goals when fully supported by family and friends. Parent/guardian support is especially important to the success of the student at CSG. It is our intent to involve you in the educational process by seeking your input about your daughter and your goals for the program, and through ongoing communication and occasional school visits. We would appreciate your comments on the following questions:

- We are interested in your perspective of why CSG has piqued the interest of your daughter.
- Why has it interested you as a parent/guardian?
- What elements of this program do you feel will come easily to your daughter and which ones will be especially challenging?
- What do you hope for her to gain by being involved?
- Do you have any concerns about your daughter’s participation in this program?

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this recommendation,  
your comments are very important to us!*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose this form and your responses in the student’s application packet.

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# Character Recommendation

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

To the recipient of this form:

The above named student is applying to Coastal Studies for Girls (CSG), a semester-long science and leadership school on the coast of Maine. CSG is a residential school community designed to encourage young women to reach their potential. We will live, work, eat, play and study in this community for 16 weeks, immersed in a challenging and rewarding learning experience in a beautiful coastal landscape. In addition to core classes in English, history, math and foreign language, CSG features a rigorous marine-science based curriculum that uses the coastal environment as a natural laboratory. Students will also participate in leadership adventures such as kayaking, teambuilding or rock climbing. Students will work collaboratively as well as independently, and must be highly motivated, mature and community-minded. We are looking for young women who are interested in challenging themselves in every aspect, who are curious and open to new experiences, and who have a desire to make a difference for themselves and for their schools and communities.

I. Please tell us about the applicant and your connection to her, while considering the following:

a. How long, and in what capacity have you known her?

b. How well do you feel she would fit into the CSG residential and academic environment?

c. What strengths does she possess that will contribute to the CSG community?

(please turn page over)

d. What elements do you envision will be particularly challenging for her?

II. Please evaluate the applicant in comparison with other students her age; feel free to add details or further explanations on a separate page. If you have not observed the student in a particular area, please indicate this.

	Below average	Average	Top 25%	Top 10%
Maturity				
Ability to get along with others				
Adaptability (ability to thrive away from home environment)				
Communication skills (speaking, listening, receiving f)				
Determination and persistence (follow through)				
Self-motivation and initiative				
Integrity				
Responsibility				
Intellectual curiosity				
Attitude				

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Please complete this form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope so that she may include it in her application packet.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you for more information? ( )Yes ( )No Phone/email: \_\_\_\_\_



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# Academic Recommendation

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of person completing this form: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Describe her experience at your school, commenting on her initiative and academic ability.

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Responsibility				
Intellectual curiosity				
Attitude				
Writing skills/ability				
Science and math skills/ability				
Physical conditioning				

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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