Enrollment FAQs

Who is eligible to attend Utopian Academy for the Arts (Elementary, Middle, and High)?

Any student currently zoned to attend a Clayton County Public School is eligible for enrollment.

Which grade levels are offered at Utopian Academy for the Arts?

Utopian Academy for the Arts serves students from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

What is the age requirement for applying to Kindergarten?

Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2024, to be eligible for Kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year.

Does UAFA admit students who receive special education services?

Yes, our Student Services department provides support for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs), English Language Learners, and those requiring 504 Plan accommodations.

Does UAFA accept English Language Learners?

Yes, Utopian Academy for the Arts offers English as a Second Language (ESL) support, but we do not provide bilingual instruction.

Do current Utopian Academy students need to reapply each year?

No, students currently enrolled at any UAFA academy do not need to fill out any forms at this time. Each spring, we will ask families to confirm re-enrollment for the following school year.

Is there an application or form for enrollment?

Yes, parents should submit an online enrollment application by the specified dates to be considered for enrollment. By submitting the application, you express interest in a seat for a specific grade; however, enrollment is not guaranteed. Once all available seats are filled for each grade level, additional applicants will be placed on a waitlist.

- Early Application: 11/1/2024 03/14/2025 Applications received prior to March 14 will be notified via email no later than April 1.
- General Application: 03/15/2025- 05/15/2025 Applications received prior to May31 will be notified of status via email no later than May 31
- Late Applications: 06/01/2025 Applicants will be notified of the status per the order the application is received.

Will I need to submit any documentation to enroll?

Yes, to complete the application process, you must submit the required documents listed on the enrollment page. Applications will not be accepted without complete documentation, so please ensure all necessary materials are provided to avoid delays in processing your application.

Are there any preferences in the enrollment process?

Yes, certain categories of students receive priority enrollment, depending on seat availability for each grade level:

- 1. Siblings of students currently attending any UAFA Academy.
- 2. Students whose parent or guardian is a member of the Board of Directors or a full-time employee at Utopian Academy.

How does Utopian Academy define a "sibling" for enrollment purposes?

A "sibling" is defined as a child who shares at least one biological or legal parent, including:

- Biological siblings
- Half-siblings
- Step-siblings
- Children through adoption or guardianship
- Foster children awaiting permanent placement Siblings must reside within the Clayton County Schools district.

If I am applying for full-time employment at Utopian Academy, will my child receive preference in the lottery?

No, children of prospective full-time employees should complete an enrollment application without employee preference. Seat availability and student placement will be discussed upon employment.

How and when will I be notified if my student has been granted a seat?

Applicants will be notified via email about their student's enrollment status. Notifications will be sent after the application review process is complete. Specific timelines for notifications will also be communicated via email, based on the date the application is submitted. Communications will come from both email@enrollease.easysuite.software and email@utopianacademy.com. Please be sure to add any emails ending in these addresses to your accepted emails list to avoid spam delivery and ensure you receive timely updates.

What steps must I take once notified that my child has been granted a seat?

Once notified that your child has been granted a seat, you must confirm acceptance and complete any additional requirements provided by the school's registrar. This is essential to ensure full and complete enrollment. Please follow all instructions carefully and submit any necessary documentation by the specified deadlines.

Will wait lists for the current school year carry over into the next enrollment period? No, wait lists are terminated each year and do not carry over into the next school year.

How will applications for twins, triplets, or multiples be handled?

Parents of twins, triplets, or multiples applying for the same grade must complete an application for each child. Seat space may be offered consecutively.

Is there an Open House or Information Session for parents?

Yes, prospective parents, students, and community members are invited to join UAFA administration and enrollment staff for an overview of our academic philosophy, fine arts program, curriculum, school life, sports, activities, and the enrollment process. Dates and details will be posted on our website.

Please reach out to the Enrollment & Registration Team at <u>enrollment@utopianacademy.com</u> for any questions not addressed on the