

LEDYARD REGIONAL AGRI-SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Ledyard High School
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The Agri-Science & Technology Department at Ledyard High School welcomes all interested students to apply to this highly popular program. The Agri-Science & Technology Department has been in operation for over forty years and is an integral part of Ledyard High School. Agri-Science & Technology is an elective course offered in conjunction with required high school classes. The majority of the program's graduates attend college. The Department offers career training in a variety of areas such as Animal Science, Aquaculture, Natural Resources, Agricultural Mechanics/Technology, Plant Science, etc. Students in Southeastern Connecticut are eligible to apply for admission. Transportation and tuition are provided by the sending town.

Any student interested in the program must have a completed application submitted to the Agri-Science & Technology Department by **DECEMBER 31**. A completed application must include the following four (4) parts:

PART I	Student Information
PART II	Student Essay
PART III	Student Recommendation Forms
PART IV	Student Records

All applications are evaluated by an admissions committee with particular attention paid to the student's interest in agriculture and agriculturally related areas. Expressing career goals, past and present work experience, extra curricular, and community involvement are desirable. A personal interview is required.

Additional information concerning the program may be obtained from the Agri-Science & Technology Department at Ledyard High School, our web site www.ledyard.net/lhs or the Guidance Department at your local school.

Shelly Roy, Department Chair
Agri-Science & Technology Department

Louis J. Gabordi, Principal
Ledyard High School

Ledyard High School Agricultural Science and Technology: Application Review Process

In our efforts to ensure the best educational experience possible for all students of Ledyard High School, we have developed a protocol for processing the many applications for admission to our school. In this protocol, all applications for entry into the Ledyard High School Agricultural Science and Technology program are reviewed very carefully by several people. Before the final decision is made on any student's admission, the following occurs:

1. Using a rubric which considers most of a candidate's application packet and his or her interview, faculty members of our Agricultural Science and Technology department decide which applicants they wish to recommend for admission.
2. Applications are reviewed by Ledyard High's two assistant principals and, when appropriate, the Coordinator of Student Services. These parties consider everything in the application packets before offering information and advice to the principal on each applicant.
3. The principal personally reviews each application and considers the opinions of those who did so before him in determining whether or not to admit each student. During this review the principal examines interview results; evaluation sheets on a student's interest, character and participation; the student essay; and all required student records. Specifically, these records include discipline history, attendance patterns, report cards, teacher comments, Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) and other standardized testing scores, and Individualized Educational Programs (IEP's) or 504 plans, when appropriate. Regarding IEP's and 504 plans, Ledyard High School takes very seriously its responsibility to meet each student's needs. If we determine that we may be unable to meet certain needs or requirements and to do so well (due to staffing, program availability, or the number of incoming students who require a particular kind of assistance), we believe accepting those students would be irresponsible and in no one's best interest.
4. Once the process of review is concluded, and before letters are sent to applicants, there is an opportunity for all reviewers of the applications to advocate for a change in a decision.
5. Letters are sent home after that. These letters include information regarding the process by which applicants and their parents may appeal the school's decision.

It is important for all parties to keep in mind that an out-of-district Agricultural Science and Technology application is really a request to join the entire Ledyard High School academic program. Therefore, considerations must be broader than the anticipated performance of the student in one program alone. We want every student we admit to be confident that they are entering a school in which learning is paramount and meeting the needs of all of our students is foremost in the minds of our faculty, administration, and all other members of the LHS staff.

(March 2009)

APPLICATION

This application consists of four parts. **NO STUDENT WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ADMISSION INTO THE PROGRAM UNTIL ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, INCLUDING STUDENT RECORDS.** It is the responsibility of the individual applicant to make sure the completed application is signed and submitted.

PART I **STUDENT INFORMATION** is to be filled out by the student and his/her parent(s)/guardian(s). The signature of the parent(s)/guardian(s) is required in two places – **Parent approval to apply for enrollment** and **Release of Information**.

PART II **STUDENT ESSAY:** The student should write a brief essay explaining why he/she would like to be accepted into the Agri-Science & Technology Program (include interests, hobbies, and related experiences).

PART III **STUDENT RECOMMENDATION FORMS** are to be completed by a guidance counselor or administrator from the sending school and two other adults not related to the applicant (teachers, friends, clergy, coaches, etc.).

PART IV **STUDENT RECORDS:** All student records must be provided or student application cannot be processed.

When the application has been completed, a personal interview with the student will be required. In most cases this is done when the student visits the Agri-Science & Technology Department with his/her parents. An appointment may be made by by contacting the Agri-Science & Technology office directly at Ledyard High School, (860)464-9600, Ext. 127 between 8:00 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. Monday through Friday.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2011.

Please call the Ledyard High School Agri-Science Department a few weeks after the application has been submitted to confirm it has been received.

LEDYARD HIGH SCHOOL DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE IN ANY OF ITS PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGIOUS CREED, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY.

PART I

STUDENT INFORMATION

NAME _____ AGE _____ SEX _____ HOME PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ TOWN _____ ZIP _____

MAILING ADDRESS(If different from above) _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ GRADE _____ SCHOOL NOW ATTENDING _____

MOTHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____ WORK # _____

FATHER'S/GUARDIAN'S NAME _____ WORK # _____

PARENT EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Listed below are areas of study in Agri-Science & Technology. Please circle those that interest you.

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|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| ANIMAL SCIENCE | PLANT SCIENCE | ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE | NATURAL SCIENCE | FISHING/LOBSTERING |
| AQUACULTURE | VETERINARY TECH. | BOAT CONSTRUCTION | MARINE SCIENCE | FORESTRY |
| CONSTRUCTION | HORTICULTURE | AG MECHANICS | EQUINE SCIENCE | LANDSCAPING |
| ENGINE REPAIR | FLORAL DESIGN | LANDSCAPE DESIGN | RESOURCE MANAGEMENT | |

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN APPROVAL FOR ENROLLMENT

I WISH TO HAVE MY SON/DAUGHTER CONSIDERED FOR ENROLLMENT IN THE AGRI-SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT LEDYARD HIGH SCHOOL. I AM AWARE THAT ACCEPTANCE INTO THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY AN ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE.

SIGNATURE PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE: _____

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE INDICATES PERMISSION TO RELEASE ALL SCHOOL RECORDS, INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS, TO LEDYARD HIGH SCHOOL.

SIGNATURE PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE: _____

PART II

STUDENT ESSAY

Please write a short essay explaining why you would like to be accepted into the Agri-Science & Technology Program. The application review committee will be looking for your level of interest in Agri-Science, any related experiences you have had, extra curricular activities, committee involvement and career goals.

STUDENT RECORDS

ATTENTION GUIDANCE COUNSELOR/ADMINISTRATOR: ALL RECORDS MUST BE PROVIDED OR STUDENT APPLICATION CANNOT BE PROCESSED.

Transcripts of grades and **standardized test results** for applicant must be forwarded to the Agri-Science & Technology Department **with this form.**

_____ Transcript

_____ Attendance and Disciplinary Records

_____ Most Recent Report Card

_____ Any Recent Standardized Testing Scores (must include Connecticut Mastery Test Scores Please send 6th or 7th grade scores if 8th grade scores are not yet available.)

_____ Is this student receiving any special services? (psychological, social work, learning disability, etc.) YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please include Special Service records for the last **two years**:

_____ I.E.P.s

_____ P.P.T. Minutes

_____ Psychological and Educational Evaluations

_____ Student Exceptionality as determined by P.P.T.

_____ Behavior Plan

_____ Is this student under a 504 Accommodation Plan? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please include supporting documentation including:

_____ Diagnostic Information

_____ Evaluations

_____ Behavior Plan

NOTE: PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION IS ON THE STUDENT APPLICATION.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM _____

TITLE _____

Please send all application materials to:

**Ms. Shelly Roy
Agri-Science & Technology Department
Ledyard High School
24 Gallup Hill Road
Ledyard, CT 06339
FAX 860-464-1990**

PART III A
(To be completed by an adult, non-family member)

Instructions to applicant: Present this form to two adult non-family members (e.g. teacher, coach, advisor, employer, clergy, 4-H leader, scout leader, etc.) who know of your interest in an Agri-Science education for a character reference.

STUDENT'S NAME _____

1. In what capacity have you known the applicant?

Please circle the number that most closely corresponds to the score that, in your opinion, best describes the applicant.

Interest

- 3 Demonstrates sincere interest in Agriculture; has experience with plants and animals or outdoor activities
- 2 Exhibits some interest in Agriculture; has some experience with plants and animals or outdoor activities
- 1 Exhibits little or no interest in Agriculture/ has little or no experience with plants and animals or outdoor activities
- N/A Unable to provide feedback in this area

Character

- 3 Demonstrates excellent character including maturity, a positive attitude, and respect for others
- 2 Exhibits some inappropriate behavior or attitudes that may be attributable to immaturity
- 1 Engages in significant inappropriate behavior and/or lacks sensitivity toward others
- N/A Unable to provide feedback in this area

Participation

- 3 Readily participates in service and/or school activities
- 2 Participates in occasional, one-time service activities
- 1 Does no service
- N/A Unable to provide feedback in this area

Other – Feel free to comment

NAME OF PERSON COMPLETING FORM _____

TITLE _____

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PART III B
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OPEN HOUSE



Student Demonstrations, Tours, Refreshments

Wednesday
November 2, 2011
6:30-8:00 PM