

## **ADMISSIONS PROCESS**

The Mountain Springs Academy admits students on a year-round basis. The admissions process is designed to be as streamlined as possible, but does require the completion or collecting of various documents so that we may best serve the needs of your student. We have provided the following checklist to assist in this matter. Please call us if you have any questions.

- APPLICATION: Complete the application form, sign, and date all places where signatures are required. Return the completed application with a \$350 check made out to the Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy to the admission office listed below. Applications should be submitted as early as possible. Open enrollment is available, as space permits, during both regular academic and summer sessions.
- TRANSCRIPTS: An official copy of the student's transcripts should be sent with the completed application. If an official copy is not available, an unofficial copy should be sent with the expectation that an official copy will be sent before the student officially is enrolled.
- **STUDENT HEALTH FORMS AND RECORDS:** Health forms and immunization records must be sent along with other official records at the time of application. Certain immunizations are required by the Utah Department of Public Health for all students attending both public and private schools. Please include a photocopy of your current insurance card. All students must have health insurance. Also, a physical must be completed (by a Medical Doctor) within 6 months of the student admission's date to Mountain Springs. Please attach a copy of the physical with the application.
- **TESTING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATIONS:** Please forward a copy of any testing or pertinent academic or personal information that will be helpful in making a decision regarding your student's enrollment at our school.
- □ INTERVIEW: An on-campus interview, including a tour of Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy may be required. (Depending on Circumstances)
- **COURT DOCUMENTS REGARDING CUSTODY AGREEMENTS:** These are required in the case of divorce or guardianship situations.
- **ACADEMIC INFORMATION RELEASE:** Please complete and return with the application.
- **THERAPEUTIC INFORMATION RELEASE:** Please complete and return with the application.
- □ APPLICATION FEE: Please include a check or money order for \$350.00 as a non-refundable application fee with your application.

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## Admission Rule Outs and Specific Standards of Acceptance

### Rule Outs

- 1. Active Conduct Disorder
- 2. Active Sexual Addictions
- 3. Current Violence Issues
- 4. Acts of Self Medication
- 5. Severe Depression (Active Suicidal Ideation)
- 6. Active Eating Disorder
- 7. Diabetic
- 8. Active Self-harming Behaviors (e.g. cutting, intentional vomiting, etc...)
- 9. Active Psychosis

### **Standards for Acceptance**

- 1. Agreement to participate in therapy (minimum two sessions monthly)
- 2. Adolescent commitment to participation in the program
- 3. Parents agree to a 4-month minimum stay in the program.
- 4. Parental commitment to participation with their student

### **Application Actions**

- 1. Accept
- 2. **Conditionally Accept** (this is when we evaluate the concerns of MSPA and make specific standards and contracts with the adolescent and parents)
- 3. Reject Application

# Mountain Springs Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, gender, ethnic background or national origin in the admission of students.

**Type of Student Admitted** Admissions into Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy is highly selective. The unique mission of Mountain Springs means that students most likely to benefit from the program generally fall into two categories:

- *Are coming from a treatment setting.* Many students at Mountain Springs will have either graduated from a residential treatment center level of care or wilderness program, or, at the very least, have demonstrated that they are ready to move on to a less structured transitional program prior to returning home. Emotionally they are stronger and making better choices, but are not quite yet ready for the freedoms of home.
- *Coming from home with recommendation from an Educational Consultant.* We will in certain situations take a student coming directly from home who has light behavioral problems or learning issues and who is not in need of the level of care that a residential treatment center provides. This exception is only
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made when the student is recommended by an Educational Consultant who is familiar with our program and is recommending that MSPA is the best fit for the student.

Please note that Mountain Springs is NOT an appropriate educational option for students who are actively suicidal, self-mutilating, or are in any way a threat to others, property, or self. Furthermore, our campus is "drug free"—e.g. illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Prior history of these activities does not preclude admission. However, applicant cannot be actively engaged in these types of self-destructive behaviors at the time of admission.

**Fees and Expenses** Tuition at Mountain Springs is \$5,495 per month. A minimum stay at Mountain Springs is four months (one semester), with stays generally ranging anywhere from four to twenty four months, depending upon the student's situation. There is also an Enrollment Fee of \$2650 (\$750 Student Trust Fee, \$1400 Academic/Activities Fee, \$350 Application Fee, \$150 CERTS Parent Education Program) that is due at the time of admission as well in the form of 2 separate checks (\$750 and \$1900).

Tuition covers all normal educational costs, room and board, most activities, plus costs associated with each student working through their emotional and educational needs connected to their MAPP plan (Master Academic and Personal Progress Plan). Tuition does not cover therapy sessions (which are contracted out), incidental expenses, psychiatric services and medications—if any, or travel costs associated with the five larger optional yearly knowledge treks (i.e. Washington D.C. trip in the fall, International Trip in Spring, Whitewater rafting trip in May, etc.).

<u>When Students Can Enroll</u> Because Mountain Springs operates on a rolling admissions basis, students that are accepted into the program can be admitted anytime a bed becomes available. To find out about space availability or to speak with an Admissions Counselor about whether or not Mountain Springs might be an appropriate next step for your son or daughter, please call (435) 691-0245.

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| Student Name:  | Social Security #  |
|--|--|
| Nicknames:   | Gender: M F  |
| Date of Birth:       /       Birthplace:          Adopted:       Yes or No       Height: | Citizenship:   |
| Adopted: Yes or No Height:   | Weight: Hair Color:  |
| Eye Color:      Current Grade:   | Candidate for Grade:   |
|  | Estimated Length of Stay//   |
| Father/Guardian Name:  | Social Security #  |
| Address:   | Home Phone:  |
| City: State: Zip: _  | Fax Number:  |
| Occupation:  | Work Number:   |
| Title:   | Cell Number:   |
| Employer:  | Email:   |
| Mother/Guardian Name:  | Social Security #  |
| Address:   | Home Phone:  |
| City: State: Zip: _  | Fax Number:  |
| Occupation:  | Work Number:   |
| Title:   | Cell Number:   |
| Employer:  | Email:   |
| Do you have an Educational Consultant: Yes/No<br>Ed. Consultant's Name:                  | If yes, please fill out the following?   |
| Fax Number:  | Cell Number:   |
| Email:   |  |
| Are the parents divorced? Yes or No Age of Stud  | ent at time of divorce?  |
|  | Name of Spouse   |
| Is the Mother remarried? Yes or No How long?   | Name of Spouse   |
| If the family does not live together, please answer the                                  | following: <ul> <li>Parents divorced or separated</li> <li>Father deceased</li> <li>Mother deceased</li> <li>Other</li></ul> |
| If parents are divorced, who holds full decision-makin educational arrangements?         |  |
| Who has logal austady of the Student?  |  |

Who will be financially responsible for the student?



(If not a person listed above, please submit the address and phone number of the person or entity agreeing to be financially responsible)

| Other Children in the Family:<br><u>Names (in birth order)</u> | Age | Gender          |
|--|-----|-----------------|
|  |     | 🗆 Male 🗆 Female |
|  |     |                 |

How did you first hear about The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy?

Please indicate if the Student has experienced any of the following:

| □ ADD/ADHD                     | Counseling                 | Promiscuity                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Learning Difficulties          | Emotional Problems         | 🗆 Runaway                        |
| Serious Medical Problems       | Behavior Problems          | Drug and/or alcohol abuse        |
| □ Suicidal gestures or threats | Anger Problems             | Violent Behavior                 |
|                                | Juvenile Probation         | □ School Suspension or Expulsion |
| □ Fire Setting                 | Self Harm, Self Mutilation | Significant events (deaths,      |
| □ Other:                       |                            | illnesses, moves, divorce, etc.) |

Life Experiences: Please provide an accurate chronology of the events and issues identified in the section above:

Birth to 6 Years of Age:

**Elementary School:** 



#### Middle School:

| High School:                                    |   |
|---|---|
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|   | , or Counseled by any Law Enforcement Agencies?   |
| Currently on Probation?                         | Length of Probation:  |
| Name of Probation Officer:                      | Phone:  |
| the Academy in its care of him/her. I warrant a | is application is extremely important to my Student and t<br>and represent that the above information is true and<br>ion could result in dismissal of the Student if necessary. |

Please attach a psychological and/or discharge summary, if available.

Sponsor (Father/Guardian) Signature

Sponsor (Mother/Guardian) Signature

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Date

Date



## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list two people The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy may contact in an emergency if we are unable to reach you.

|               | Contact 1: | Contact 2: |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Name:         |            |            |
| Phone:        |            |            |
| Relationship: |            |            |



| Student's Name:                        |                                |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|
| Father/Guardian:                       | Mother/Guardian:               |  |
| Please list all schools that the stude | nt has attended since Grade 9: |  |
| School Name:                           | Grades/Dates:                  |  |
| Address:                               |                                |  |
| City, State, Zip:                      |                                |  |
| School Name:                           | Grades/Dates:                  |  |
| Address:                               | Withdrawal Reason:             |  |
| City, State, Zip:                      | Phone Number:                  |  |
| School Name:                           | Grades/Dates:                  |  |
| Address:                               |                                |  |
| City, State, Zip:                      | Phone Number:                  |  |
| School Name:                           | Grades/Dates:                  |  |
| Address:                               | Withdrawal Reason:             |  |
| City, State, Zip:                      |                                |  |
| Consultant Name:                       | Address:                       |  |
|  | City, State, Zip:              |  |
|  |                                |  |

We, the undersigned Parent/Guardian of the Student, hereby authorize the above listed facilities to release transcripts of credit, withdrawal grades (including incomplete classes), test data, health records, counseling information and psychological evaluation of the student to The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy. We also authorize The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy to conduct any communications necessary (written or verbal) in conjunction with the information and records requested.

Additionally, we hereby authorize The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy to release transcripts and appropriate test scores to the colleges or secondary schools to which the student may be applying upon departure from The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy, as well as those educational consultants or other professionals who have been retained to help place the student in school after his or her departure.

A photocopy of this authorization shall be deemed valid as though it were an original document.

| Sponsor (Father/Guardian) Signature | Date |  |
|-------------------------------------|------|--|
| Sponsor (Mother/Guardian) Signature | Date |  |



| Student's Name:  | Student's | D.O.B    |
|------------------|-----------|----------|
| Father/Guardian: | Mother/G  | lardian: |

Please list any counseling or therapy the student has received (out-patient, hospitalization, residential treatment centers, wilderness programs, emotional growth schools, etc.):

| Facility Name:    | Dates:          |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| Address:          | Contact Person: |
| City, State, Zip: | Phone Number:   |
| Facility Name:    | Dates:          |
| Address:          | Contact Person: |
| City, State, Zip: | Phone Number:   |
| Facility Name:    | Dates:          |
| Address:          | Contact Person: |
| City, State, Zip: |                 |
| Facility Name:    | Dates:          |
| Address:          | Contact Person: |
| City, State, Zip: |                 |
| Facility Name:    | Dates:          |
| Address:          | Contact Person: |
| City, State, Zip: | Phone Number:   |

We, the undersigned Parent/Guardian of the Student, hereby authorizes the above listed facilities to release health records, counseling information, and any records pertaining to the psychiatric or psychological evaluation of the student to The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy. We also authorize The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy, to conduct any communications necessary (written or verbal) in conjunction with the information and records requested.

A photocopy of this authorization shall be deemed valid as though it were an original document.

| Sponsor (Father/Guardian) Signature | Date |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| Sponsor (Mother/Guardian) Signature | Date |
| Student Signature                   | Date |



| Student's Name: _    |  |                  |                               |                    |  |
|----------------------|--|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Father/Guardian:   M |  | Iother/Guardian: |                               |                    |  |
| Family Physician:    |  |                  | Phone Number:                 |                    |  |
| Address:             |  |                  | City, State, Zip:             |                    |  |
| Family Dentist:      |  |                  | Phone Number:                 |                    |  |
| Address:             |  |                  | City, State, Zip:             |                    |  |
|                      |  |                  | Phone Number:                 |                    |  |
| Address:             |  |                  | City, State, Zip:             |                    |  |
| Medical Specialist:  |  |                  | Phone Number:                 |                    |  |
|                      |  |                  | e-counter medications or heal |                    |  |
| Medication           | Dosage (mg/day)                              | Frequency        | 0                             | Reasons for taking |  |
|                      |  |                  |                               |                    |  |
|                      |  |                  | onmental allergies?           |                    |  |
|                      | have any Dietary Restr<br>tify and describe: |                  | □ Yes □ No                    |                    |  |

\*Please attach a copy of the most recent physical (completed by a medical doctor) to this page. The physical must have been completed within the past 6 months.\*



### MEDICAL HISTORY (Continued)

Please indicate by checking box if the student has had any of the following diseases or illnesses, and indicate the age at which it occurred.

| Asthma or shortness of breath             |  | Frequent or Migraine headaches    |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Birthmarks, tattoos, body piercing        |  | High/Low Blood Pressure           |
| Bloody Noses                              |  | Obesity                           |
| Eating Disorder (Bulimia, Anorexia, etc.) |  | Orthodontics, Braces or Retainer  |
| Chest Pain/Heart problems                 |  | Pain in Back, Knees, Joints, Neck |
| Coughing                                  |  | Seizures, convulsions             |
| Diabetes/Hypoglycemia                     |  | Skin Sores or Rashes              |
| Diarrhea/Constipation                     |  | Special Diet                      |
| Dizziness or fainting spells              |  | Stomach aches, Indigestion        |
| Ear Pain or Hearing Problems              |  | Surgeries, Broken Bones           |
| Eye Glasses/Contact Lenses                |  | Unexplained weight gain/loss      |
| Red Measles                               |  | Scoliosis                         |
| German Measles                            |  | Eczema                            |
| Chicken Pox                               |  | Bone Condition                    |
| Whooping Cough                            |  | Arthritis                         |
| Mononucleosis                             |  | Ulcers                            |
| Epilepsy                                  |  | Anemia                            |
| Scarlet Fever                             |  | Hepatitis A                       |
| Rheumatic Fever                           |  | Hepatitis B                       |
| Polio                                     |  | AIDS/HIV+                         |
| Meningitis                                |  | Frequent colds/sore throats       |
| Pneumonia/Bronchitis                      |  | Tuberculosis                      |
| Heart Disorder                            |  | Bladder or Kidney Infection       |
| Venereal Disease                          |  | Drug Addition                     |
| Other                                     |  | Other                             |

If yes to any of the above, list date, doctor's name, address, hospital or explanation:

I represent that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In consideration of professional services rendered to the above student, I agree to pay the customary medical services. I hereby authorize the Doctor to receive assignment of insurance benefits, and agree to pay any unpaid benefits under my insurance plan. I also understand & agree to pay additional finance, collection or legal fees should my account be place with a collection agency for non-payment. I authorize the release of medical information that may be necessary for medical care or to my insurance company for processing of insurance benefits.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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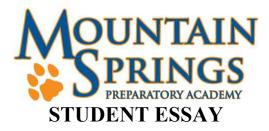
Parents, please list what concerns/issues you currently have about your son or daughter and some goals that you would like them to accomplish before they come home.

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|-------------------|-----|
| Areas of Concern: |     |
|                   |     |
|                   |     |
| Goals:            |     |
| 1.                |     |
| 2.                |     |
| 3.                |     |
| 4.                |     |
| Perso             | nal |
| Areas of Concern: |     |
|                   |     |
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|                   |     |
| Goals:            |     |
| 1.                |     |
| 2.                |     |
| 3.                |     |
| 4.                |     |



## Goals for your Student (cont.)

| Family            |  |
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| Areas of Concern: |  |
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| Goals:            |  |
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| 2.                |  |
| 3.                |  |
| 4.                |  |
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(To be completed by the student, unless student has interviewed in person or over the phone.)

Please write a three paragraph essay describing what you hope to gain at The Mountain Springs Preparatory Academy and what qualities you will contribute to the Academy if you are accepted. (Use additional paper if needed).