$(MS)^2$ Guide to Online Application

To apply to the $(MS)^2$ summer scholarship program, candidates must complete the $(MS)^2$ online application, which is posted at www.andover.edu/ms2.

The $(MS)^2$ application consists of multiple sections, some that should be completed by the applicant, while others must be completed by a parent or guardian. The applicant may begin a section, logout, and then return at a later date to complete the application. Information requested includes:

- Applicant Information
- Household Information
- Affiliations
- School Information
- Recommendations
- Current Grades/Transcript
- Applicant Questions
- Parent/Guardian Questions
- Financial Information

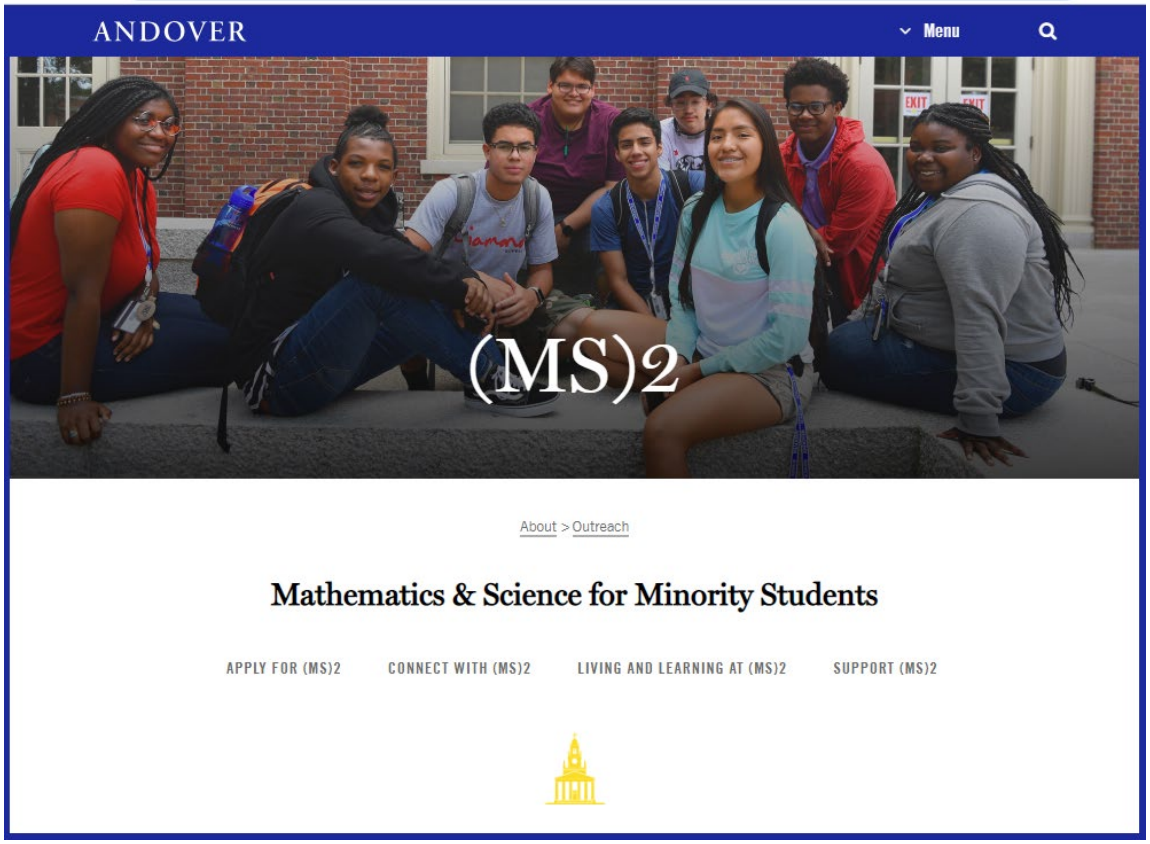
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$(MS)^2$ is a scholarship program. For an application to be considered complete, applicants must provide information about the household income for each of their parent(s)/guardian(s).

Below are detailed instructions and screen shots of the online application. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the $(MS)^2$ office at ms2@andover.edu or (978) 749-4402. We are available Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm (EST).

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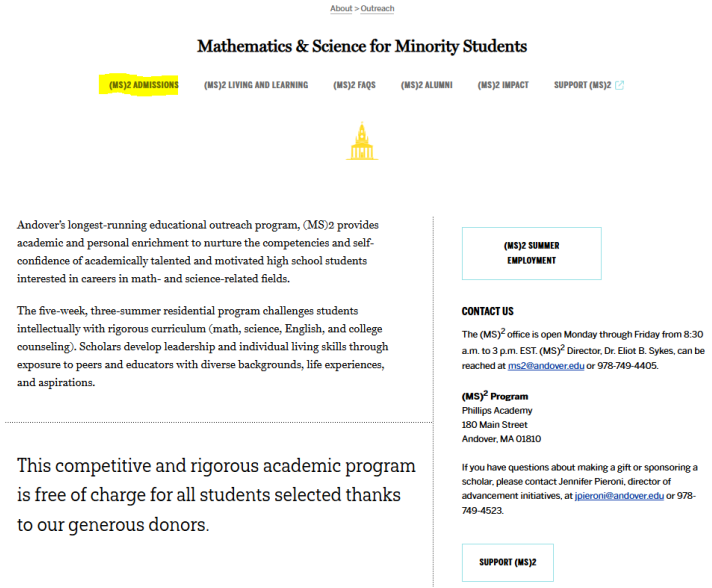
1) **Log on to the (MS)^2 website: [www.andover.edu/ms2.](www.andover.edu/ms2)**



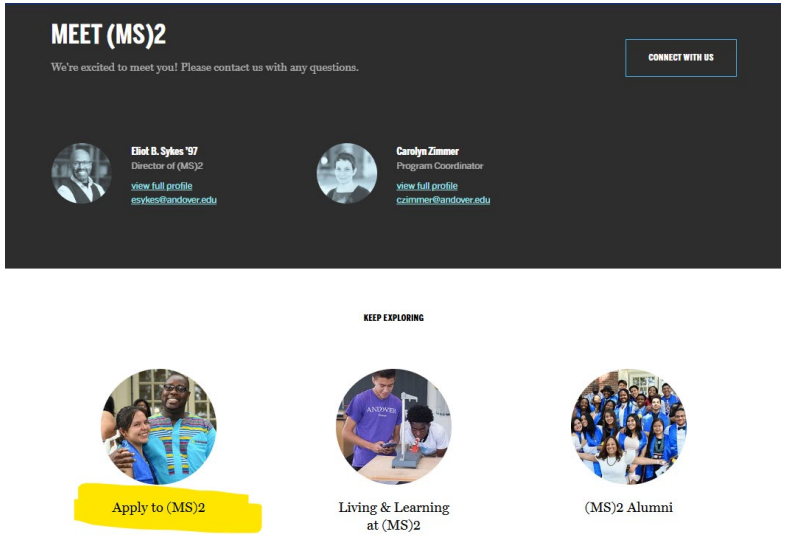
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2) Click on "(MS)2 Admissions."

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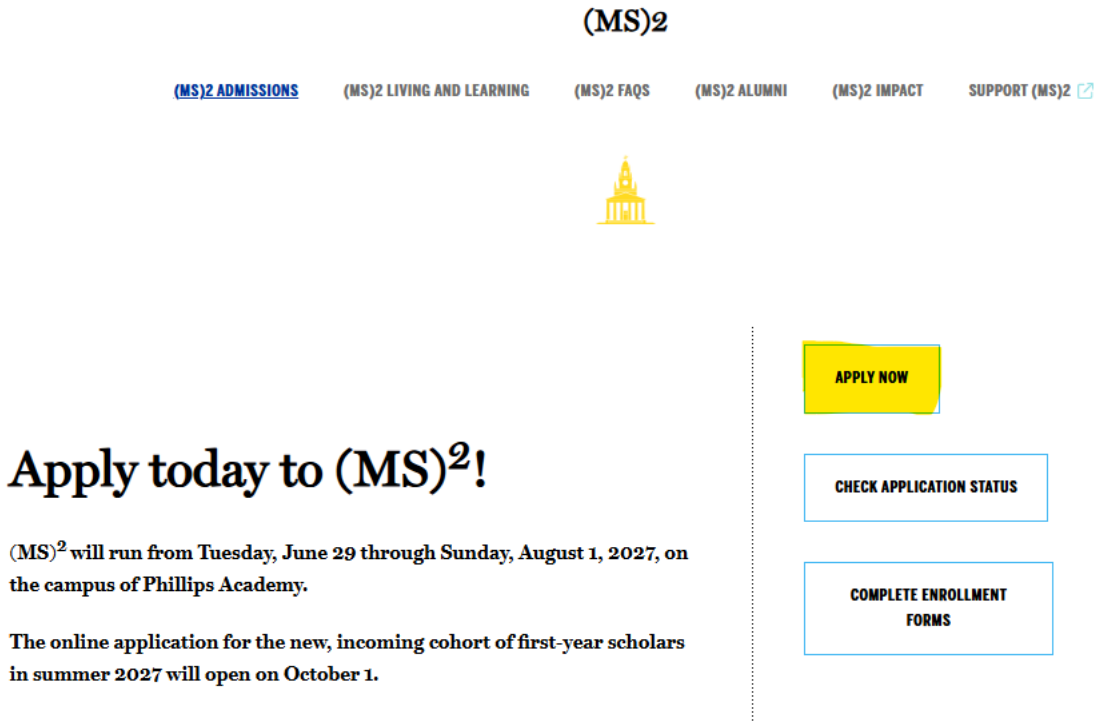
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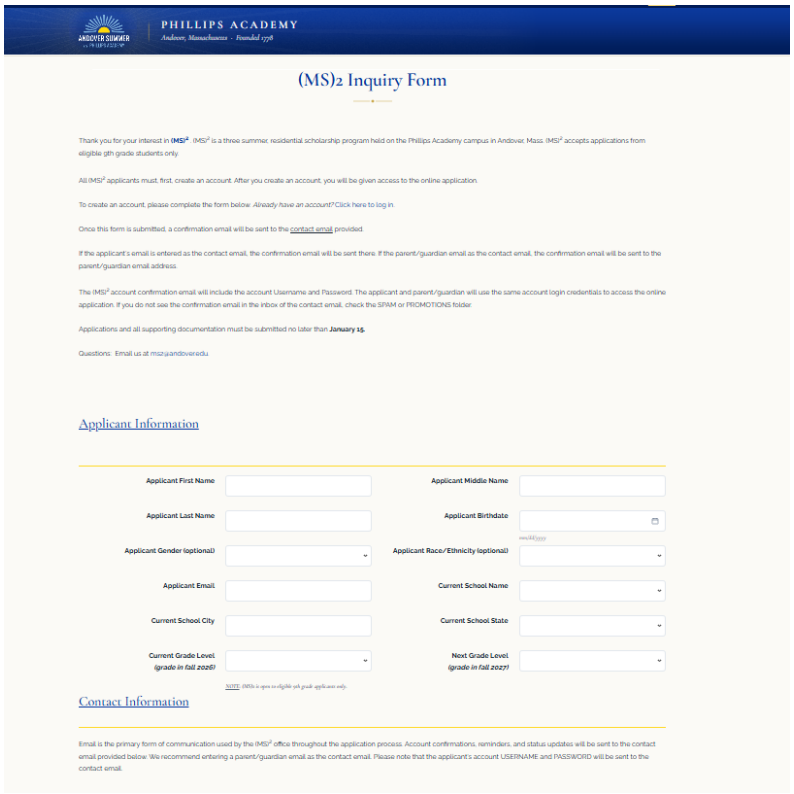
All prospective (MS)^2 scholars must establish an account before starting their (MS)^2 application. Accounts are created by completing the (MS)^2 Inquiry Form, which is accessed through the "APPLY NOW" button.



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4) Complete Inquiry Form.

Once (MS)^2 the inquiry form is submitted, a confirmation email will be sent to the "contact email" provided. It will contain the account **Username** and **Password**. The applicant will use these credentials to log in to the application to answer essays, request teacher recommendations, submit financial documents, etc.



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(MS)2 Inquiry Form

Thank you for your interest in (MS)^2. (MS)^2 is a three summer, residential scholarship program held on the Phillips Academy campus in Andover, Mass. (MS)^2 accepts applications from eligible 9th grade students only.

All (MS)^2 applicants must, first, create an account. After you create an account, you will be given access to the online application.

To create an account, please complete the form below. *Already have an account?* Click here to log in.

Once this form is submitted, a confirmation email will be sent to the contact email provided.

If the applicant's email is entered as the contact email, the confirmation email will be sent there. If the parent/guardian email as the contact email, the confirmation email will be sent to the parent/guardian email address.

The (MS)^2 account confirmation email will include the account Username and Password. The applicant and parent/guardian will use the same account login credentials to access the online application. If you do not see the confirmation email in the inbox of the contact email, check the SPAM or PROMOTIONS folder.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted no later than **January 15.**

Questions: Email us at ms2@andover.edu.

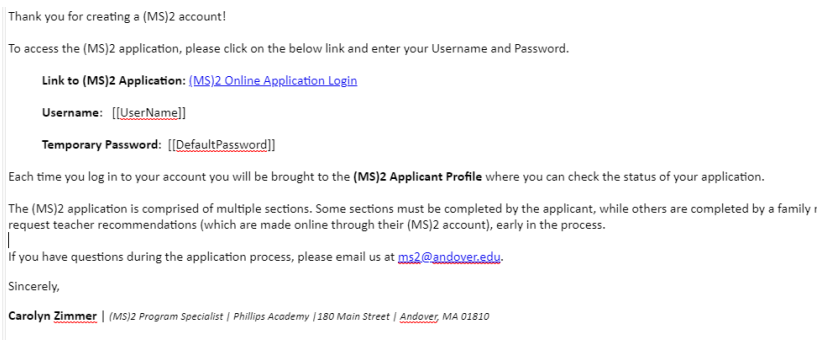
Applicant Information

Applicant First Name | Applicant Middle Name
Applicant Last Name | Applicant Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)
Applicant Gender (optional) | Applicant Race/Ethnicity (optional)
Applicant Email | Current School Name
Current School City | Current School State
Current Grade Level (grade in fall 2026) | Next Grade Level (grade in fall 2027)

NOTE: (MS)^2 is open to eligible 9th grade applicants only.

Contact Information

Email is the primary form of communication used by the (MS)^2 office throughout the application process. Account confirmations, reminders, and status updates will be sent to the contact email provided below. We recommend entering a parent/guardian email as the contact email. Please note that the applicant's account USERNAME and PASSWORD will be sent to the contact email.



Thank you for creating a (MS)2 account!

To access the (MS)2 application, please click on the below link and enter your Username and Password.

Link to (MS)2 Application: (MS)2 Online Application Login

Username: [[UserName]]

Temporary Password: [[DefaultPassword]]

Each time you log in to your account you will be brought to the **(MS)2 Applicant Profile** where you can check the status of your application.

The (MS)2 application is comprised of multiple sections. Some sections must be completed by the applicant, while others are completed by a family r
request teacher recommendations (which are made online through their (MS)2 account), early in the process.

If you have questions during the application process, please email us at ms2@andover.edu.

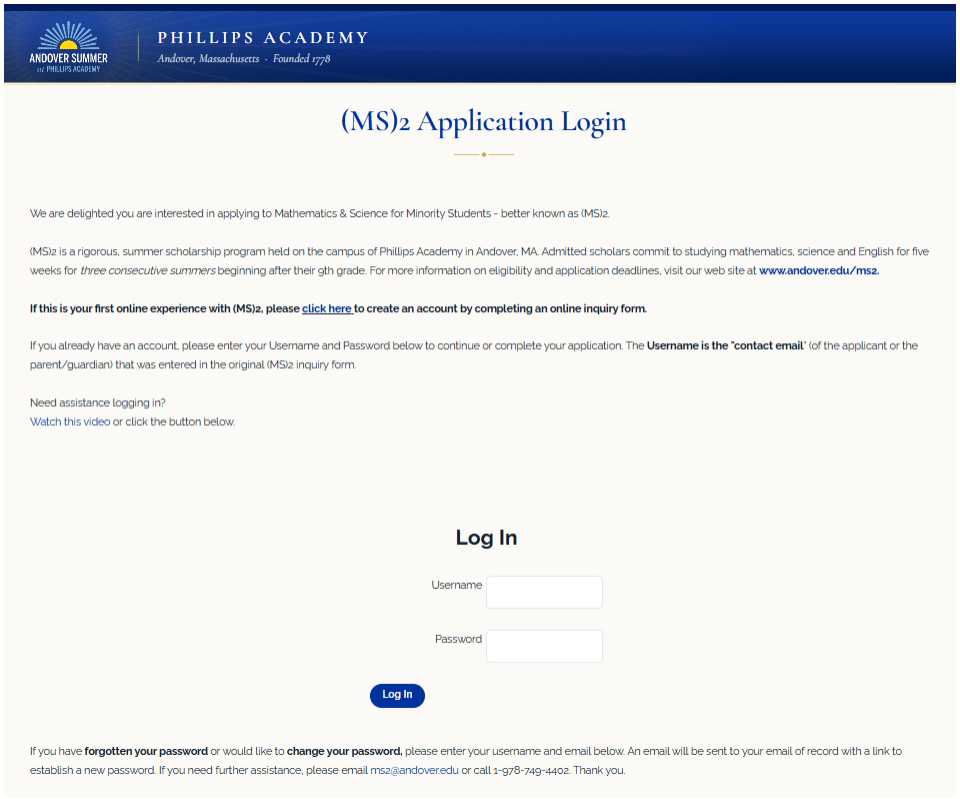
Sincerely,

Carolyn Zimmer | *(MS)2 Program Specialist | Phillips Academy |180 Main Street | Andover, MA 01810*

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5) Log in to Application.

We encourage applicants to bookmark the "(MS)2 Application Login" page so that they may easily return to the application – to continue working on their essays, submit the completed application, and check the status of requested recommendations.

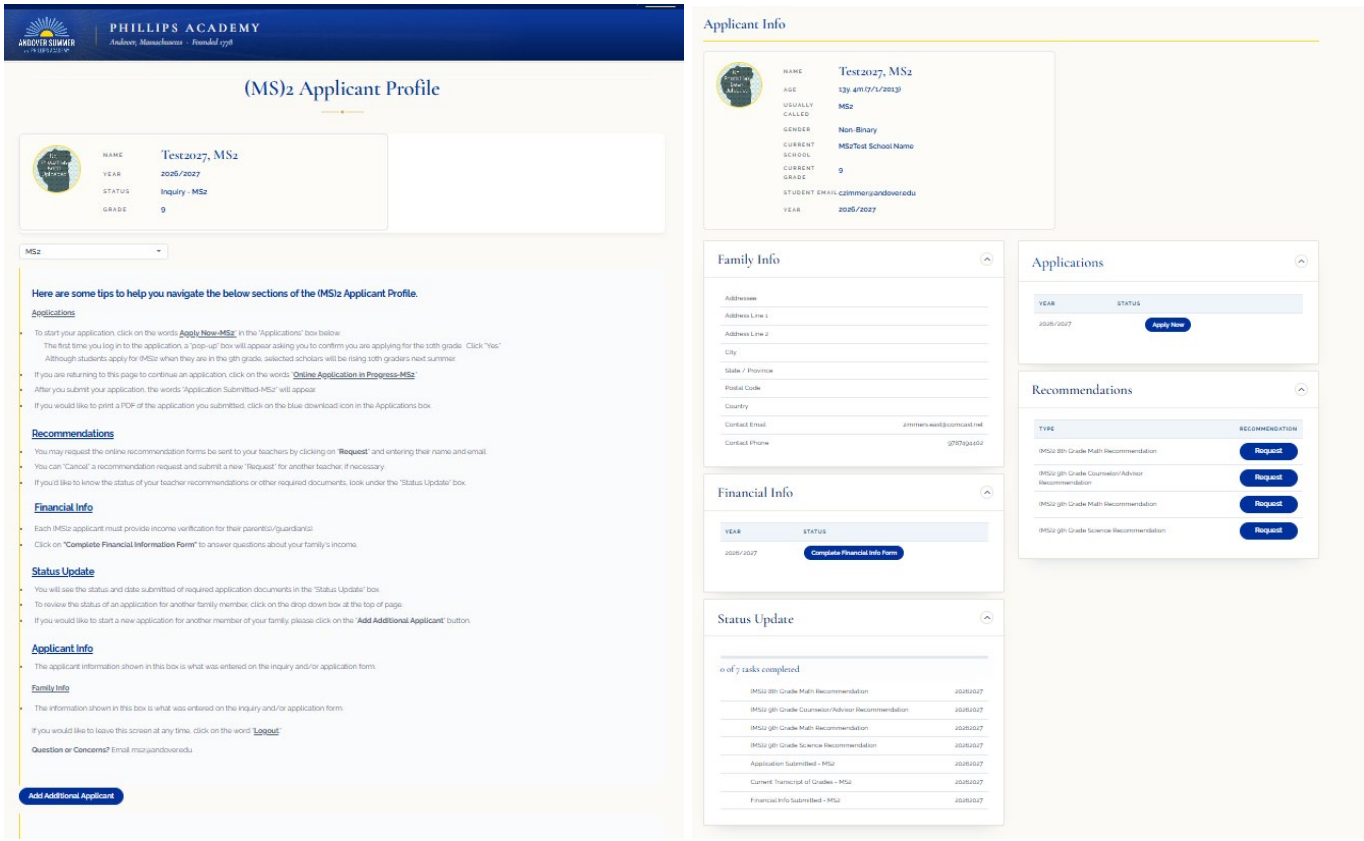


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6) Check Application Status.

Each time an applicant logs in to their account, they will be brought to the "**Applicant Profile**."

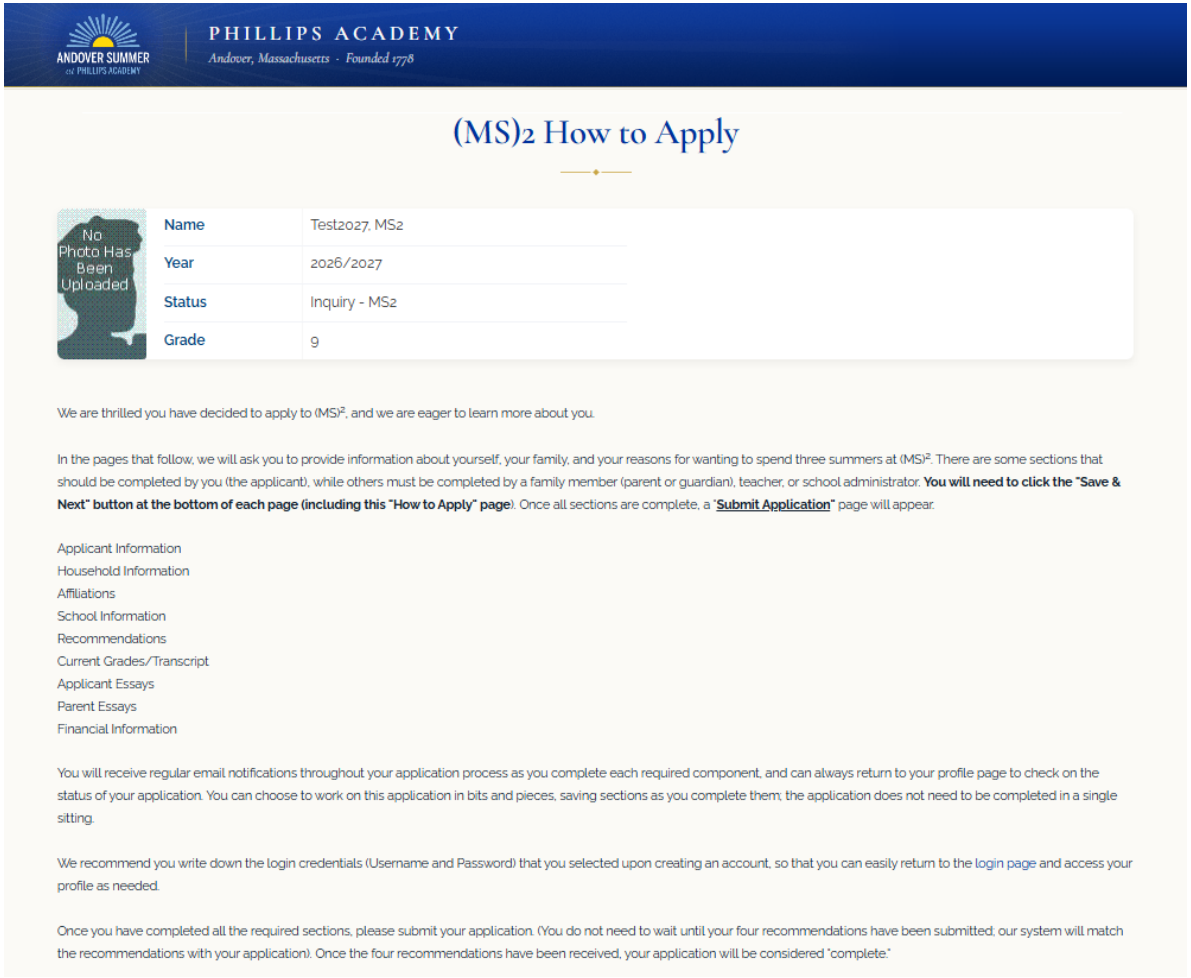
- If an applicant is just beginning an application, click "**Apply Now**."
- Returning applicants will be able to continue an application they have started by clicking on "**Online Application in Progress-MS2**" in the "Applications" box.
- Applicants will see the status of recommendations or other required documents in "Status Update" box.



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7) How to Apply Instructions

When you begin your application you will see instructions on how to navigate within the application.



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(MS)2 How to Apply

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Grade	9

We are thrilled you have decided to apply to (MS)², and we are eager to learn more about you.

In the pages that follow, we will ask you to provide information about yourself, your family, and your reasons for wanting to spend three summers at (MS)². There are some sections that should be completed by you (the applicant), while others must be completed by a family member (parent or guardian), teacher, or school administrator. **You will need to click the "Save & Next" button at the bottom of each page (including this "How to Apply" page)**. Once all sections are complete, a "**Submit Application**" page will appear.

Applicant Information
Household Information
Affiliations
School Information
Recommendations
Current Grades/Transcript
Applicant Essays
Parent Essays
Financial Information

You will receive regular email notifications throughout your application process as you complete each required component, and can always return to your profile page to check on the status of your application. You can choose to work on this application in bits and pieces, saving sections as you complete them; the application does not need to be completed in a single sitting.

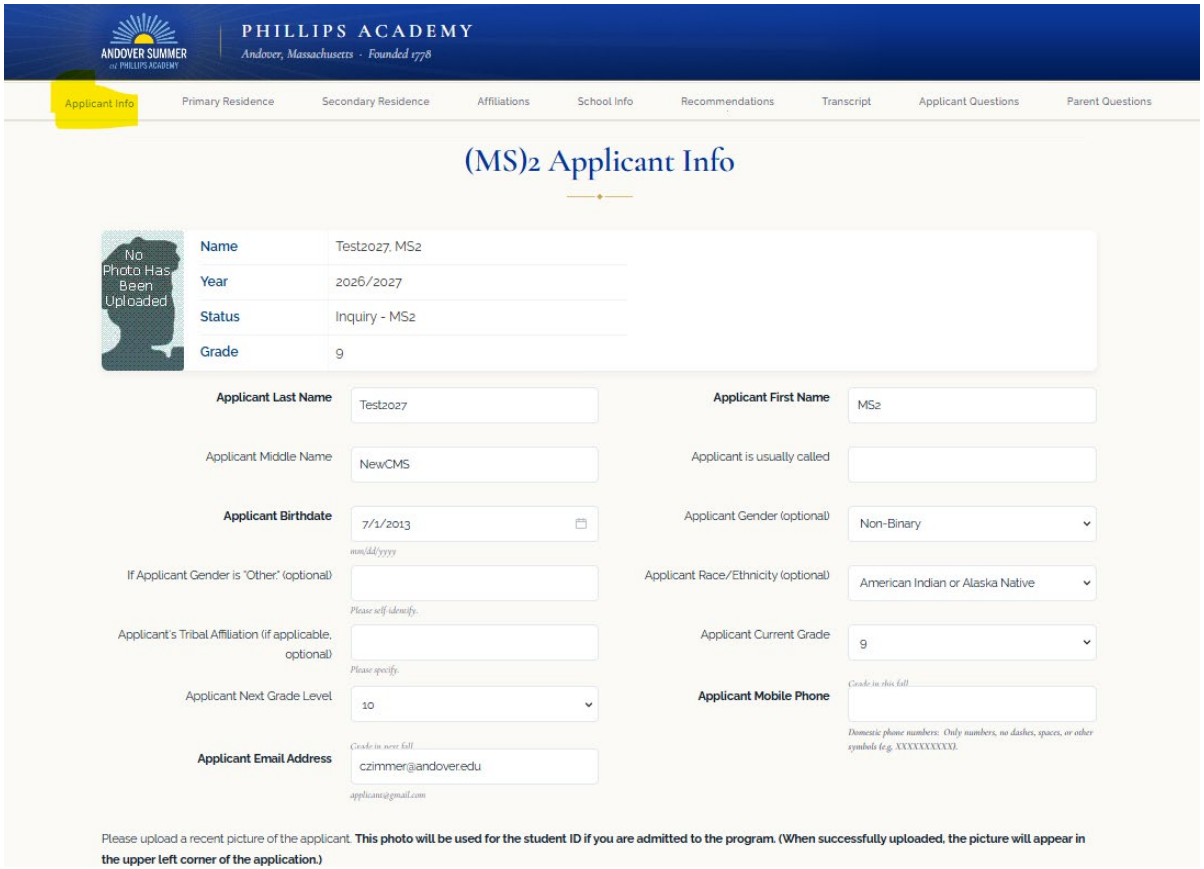
We recommend you write down the login credentials (Username and Password) that you selected upon creating an account, so that you can easily return to the login page and access your profile as needed.

Once you have completed all the required sections, please submit your application. (You do not need to wait until your four recommendations have been submitted; our system will match the recommendations with your application). Once the four recommendations have been received, your application will be considered "complete."

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8) **Applicant Information**

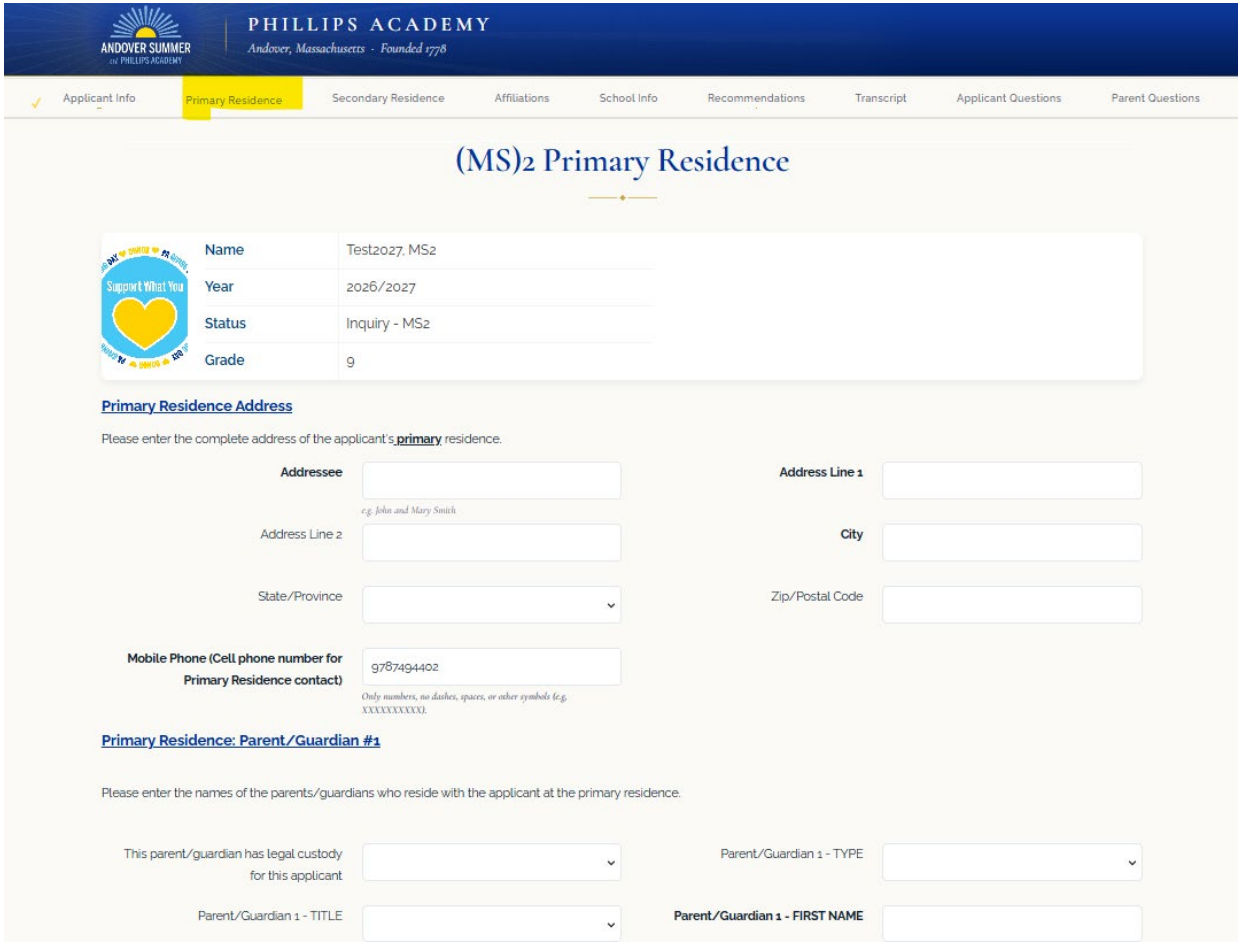
In this section, the applicant will provide basic biographical information (e.g., name, grade, email, cell phone). Applicants are asked to upload a photo, which will be used for their school ID if they are selected for the program.



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9) **Primary/Secondary Residence Information**

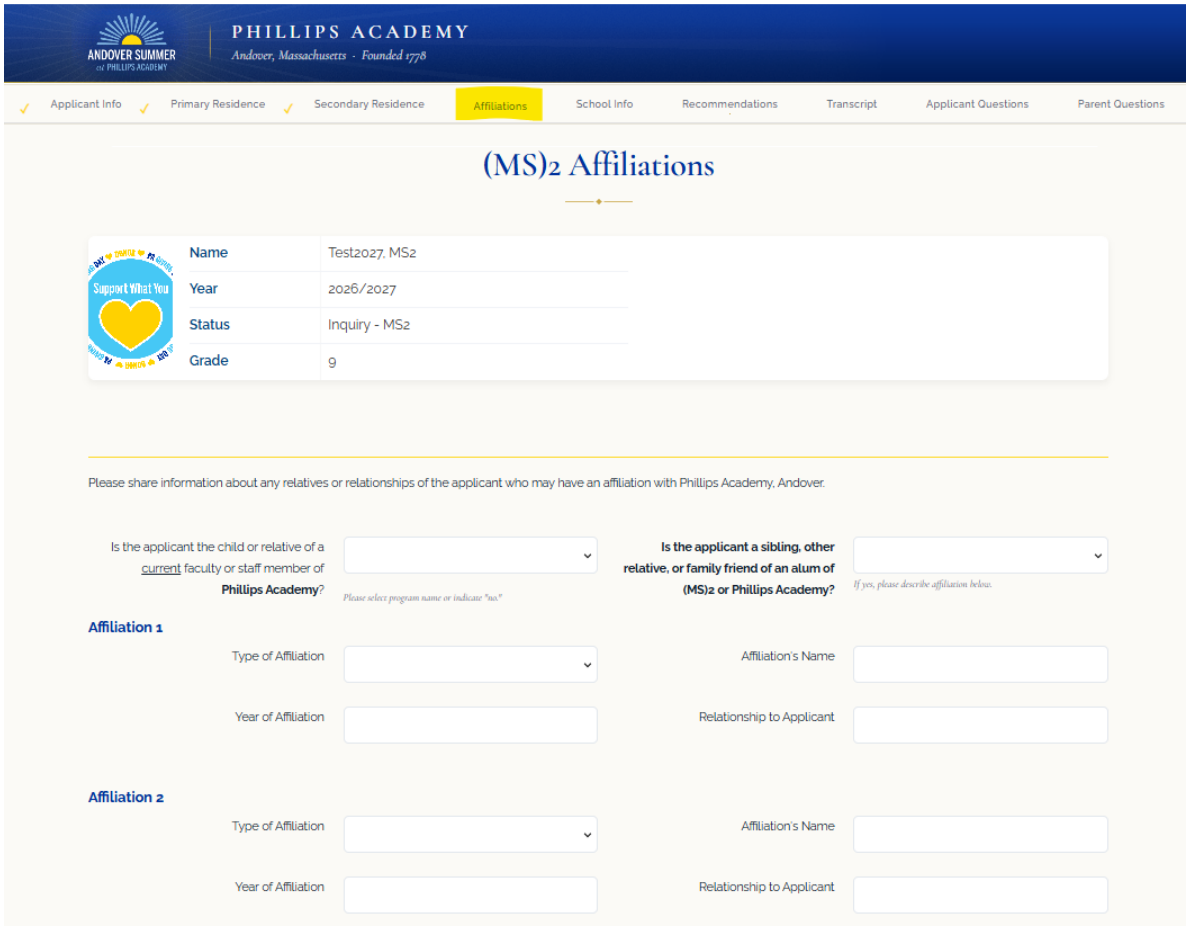
Applicants provide information on each of their parent(s)/guardians(s) (e.g., name, address, email, cell phone).,



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10) Affiliations

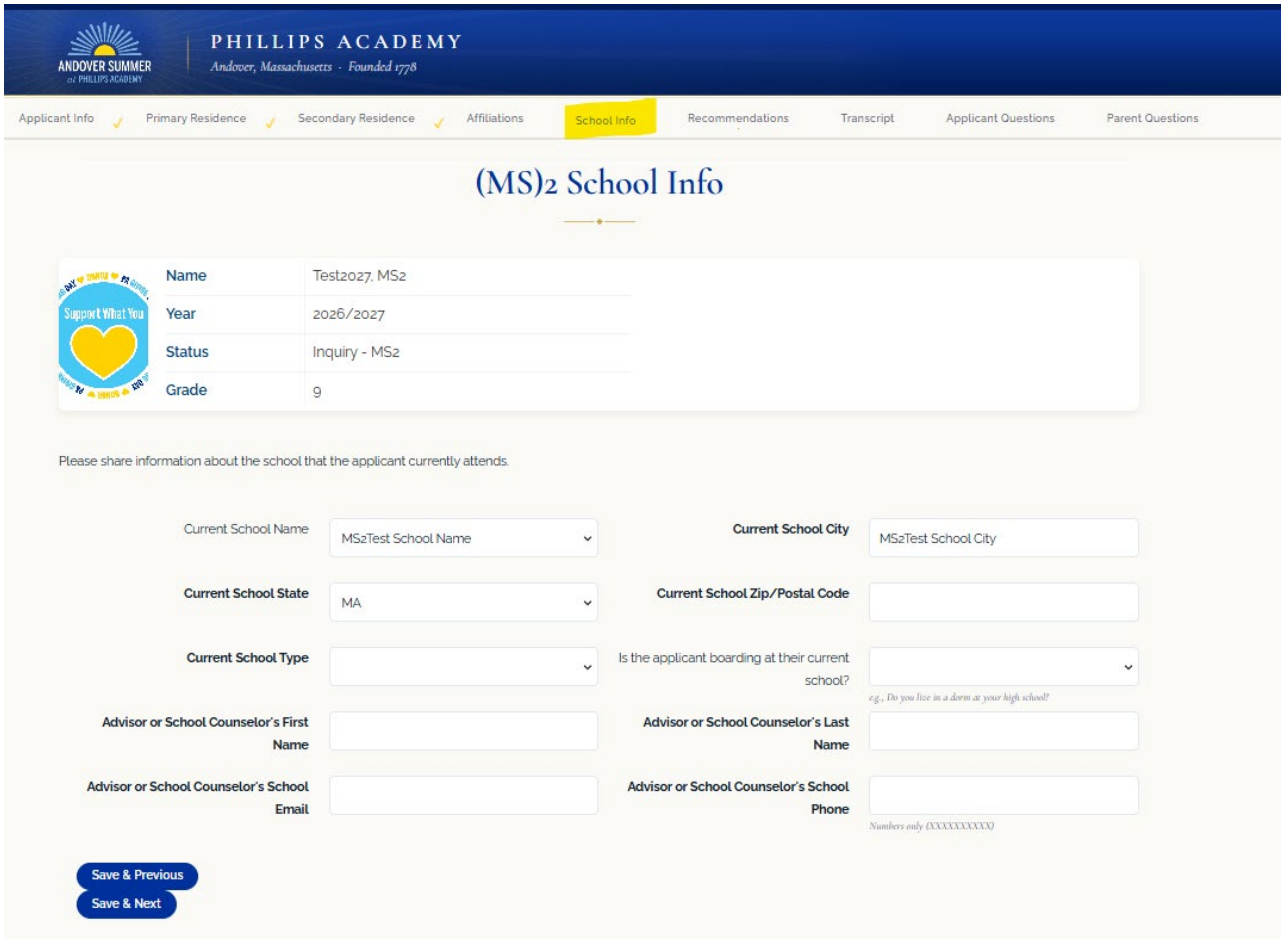
Applicants indicate whether they have any family or relation who has attended (MS)^2 or Phillips Academy, Andover.



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11) School Information

Applicants provide the name, city and state of their school as well as the name and contact information for their guidance counselor/administrator.



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12) Recommendations

Applicants must submit four recommendations – 8th Grade Math, 9th Grade Math, 9th Grade Science, and 9th Grade High School Advisor/School Counselor (or a school official).

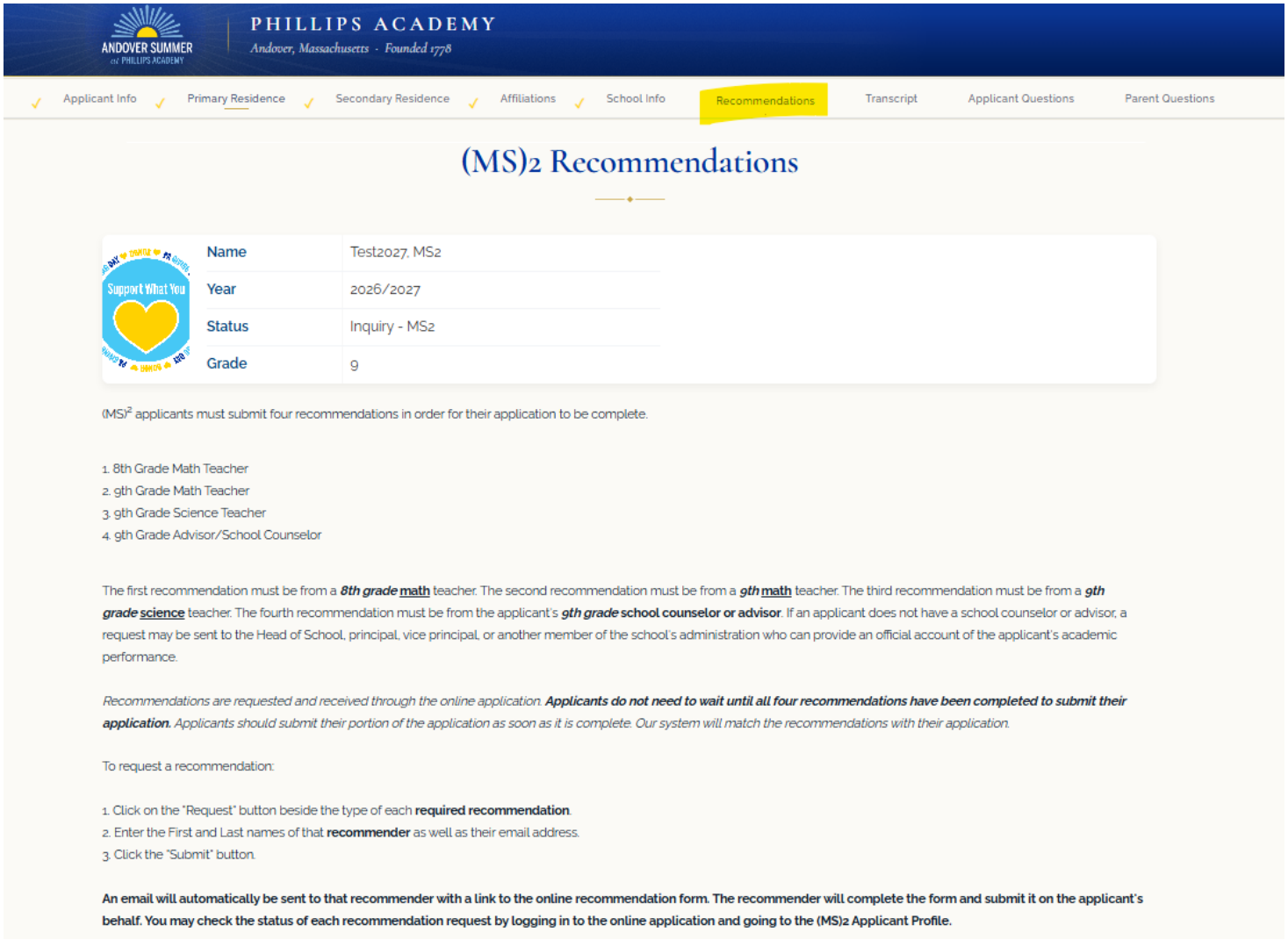
Applicants will provide the name and email address of each of their four recommenders in the online application. This is entered either within the application on the Recommendations page, or on the Applicant Profile. Once entered, the system then will generate an automatic email that will be sent to each recommender with a link to an online recommendation form.

Applicants are responsible for ensuring their teachers submit their recommendation forms by the January 15 deadline. Applicants can see the status of each recommendation form (e.g., date submitted) on their Applicant Profile. Applicants can cancel a recommendation request and re-send a new email request to the same teacher or a different teacher.

If a recommendation request is being sent to a teacher, the applicant should currently be enrolled in this teacher's class. For those applicants who are on a Block Schedule and not currently enrolled in a course for which there is a required recommendation, you may still apply. Please contact us at ms2@andover.edu for guidance on whom to request a recommendation.

If an applicant does not have a guidance counselor, a request may be sent to the Head of School, principal, vice principal, or another member of the school's administration who can provide an official account of the applicant's academic performance and attendance record. A copy of the applicant's school transcript must be submitted at the same time the school official submits the guidance counselor recommendation form.

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(MS)² applicants must submit four recommendations in order for their application to be complete.

1. 8th Grade Math Teacher
2. 9th Grade Math Teacher
3. 9th Grade Science Teacher
4. 9th Grade Advisor/School Counselor

The first recommendation must be from a ***8th grade*** **math** teacher. The second recommendation must be from a ***9th*** **math** teacher. The third recommendation must be from a ***9th grade*** **science** teacher. The fourth recommendation must be from the applicant's ***9th grade*** **school counselor or advisor**. If an applicant does not have a school counselor or advisor, a request may be sent to the Head of School, principal, vice principal, or another member of the school's administration who can provide an official account of the applicant's academic performance.

Recommendations are requested and received through the online application. ***Applicants do not need to wait until all four recommendations have been completed to submit their application.*** *Applicants should submit their portion of the application as soon as it is complete. Our system will match the recommendations with their application.*

To request a recommendation:

1. Click on the "Request" button beside the type of each **required recommendation**.
2. Enter the First and Last names of that **recommender** as well as their email address.
3. Click the "Submit" button.

An email will automatically be sent to that recommender with a link to the online recommendation form. The recommender will complete the form and submit it on the applicant's behalf. You may check the status of each recommendation request by logging in to the online application and going to the (MS)2 Applicant Profile.

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For those applicants who are on an alternative or "block" schedule and not currently enrolled in a course for which there is a required recommendation, they may still apply. Please contact us ms2@andover.edu for guidance on whom to request a recommendation.

TYPE		RECOMMENDATION
(MS)2 8th Grade Math Recommendation		Request
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(MS)2 9th Grade Math Recommendation		Request
(MS)2 9th Grade Science Recommendation		Request

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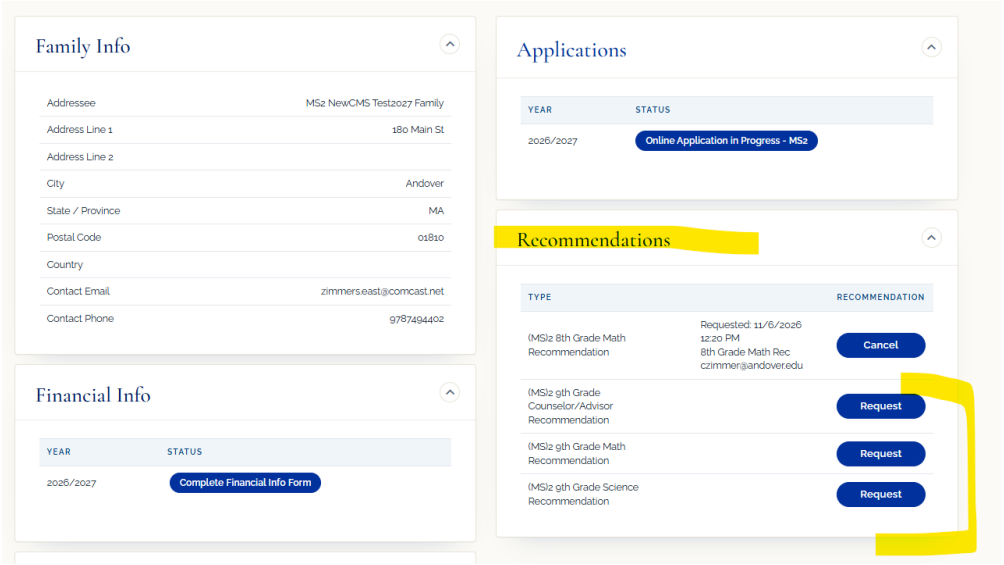
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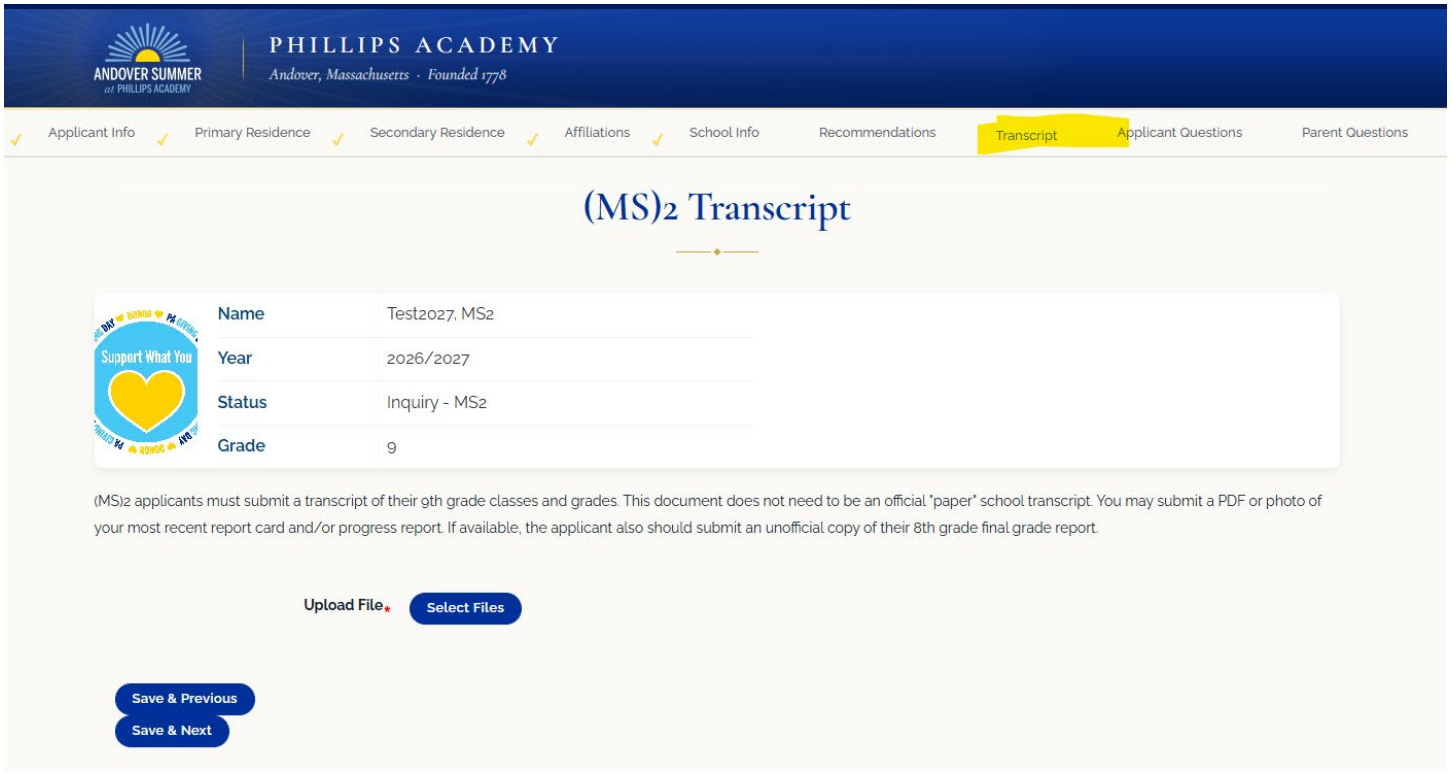
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13) Current Grades

Applicants must submit a copy of their 9th grade classes and grades. This document does not need to be an official "paper" school transcript. You may submit a PDF or photo of your most recent report card and/or progress report.



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14) Applicant Questions

Applicants must respond to the Main Essay and each of the short answer questions. The Essay should be 300-500 words or fewer. Short Answer Questions each should be 150 words or fewer.

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Instructions for Applicants:

(MS)2 is looking for students who are curious, driven, and passionate about the STEM fields. There are no "right" answers to the application questions. The (MS)2 admission team wants to hear your unique voice, learn about where you come from, and understand where you want to go. Please take your time and answer honestly.

Part 1: The Main Essay

Your Story (300-500 words)
Everyone's path to a career in math and science in differed, and we want to understand yours. In this essay, please address the following three areas:

1. **Your Roots**: Describe the family and community context that has shaped who you are today.
2. **Your Path**: Highlight the activities, responsibilities, or honors (both inside and outside of school) that you are most proud of.
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Part 2: Required Short Answers
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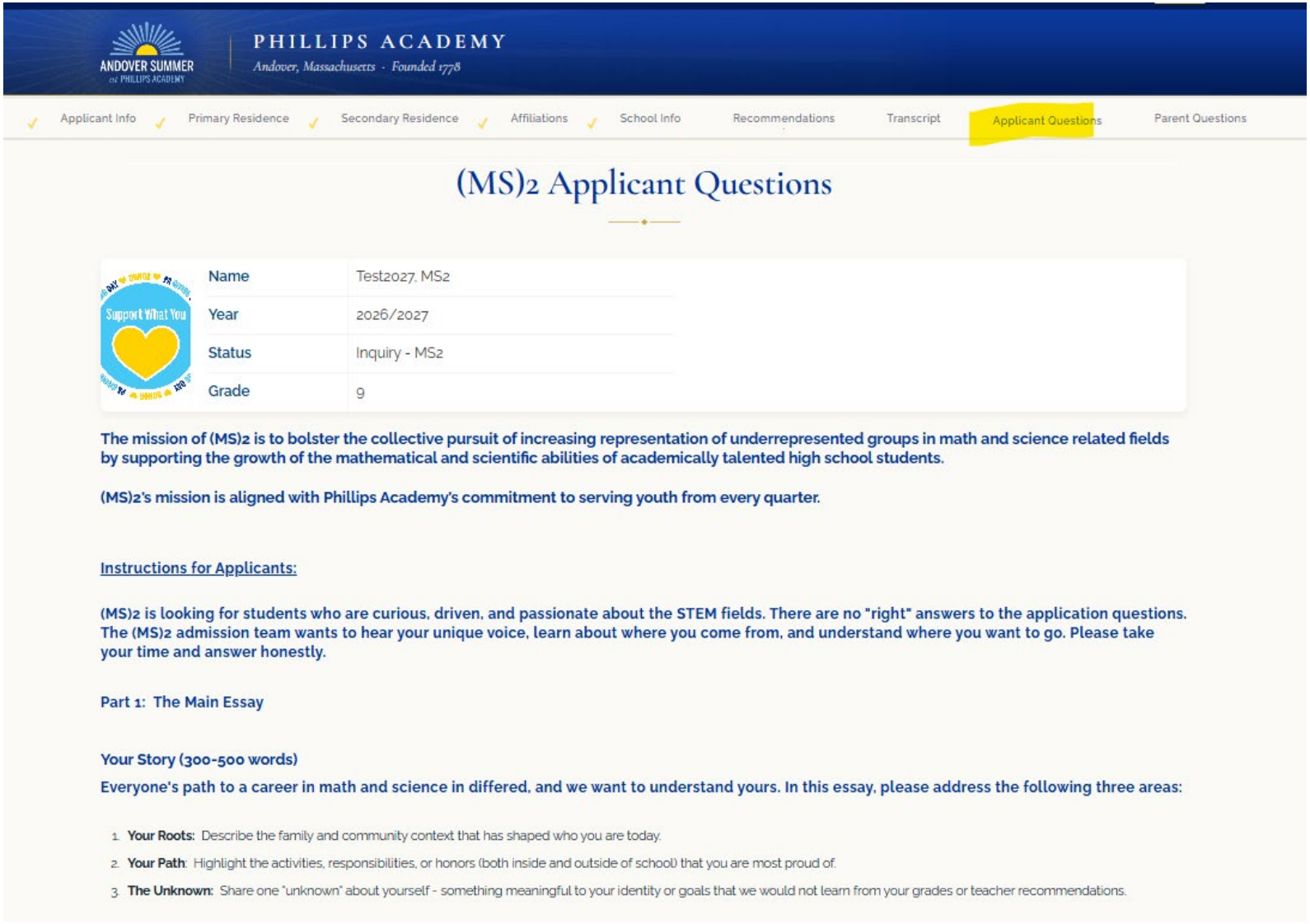
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2. STEM fields thrive when people use their knowledge to solve real-world problems. Describe a challenge, inequity, or need you see in your own community or in society at large. How do you hope to use your education and future career in STEM to make a positive impact on this issue?

3. Our summer classes are fast-paced, and every student experiences moments of struggle. Tell us about a time when you faced a significant obstacle, made a mistake, or failed at something important to you. What personal characteristics helped you navigate that challenge, and how did you grow from the experience?

Part 3. Optional Supplemental Information
If there is anything else you would like us to know about you as we review your application, please share it below.

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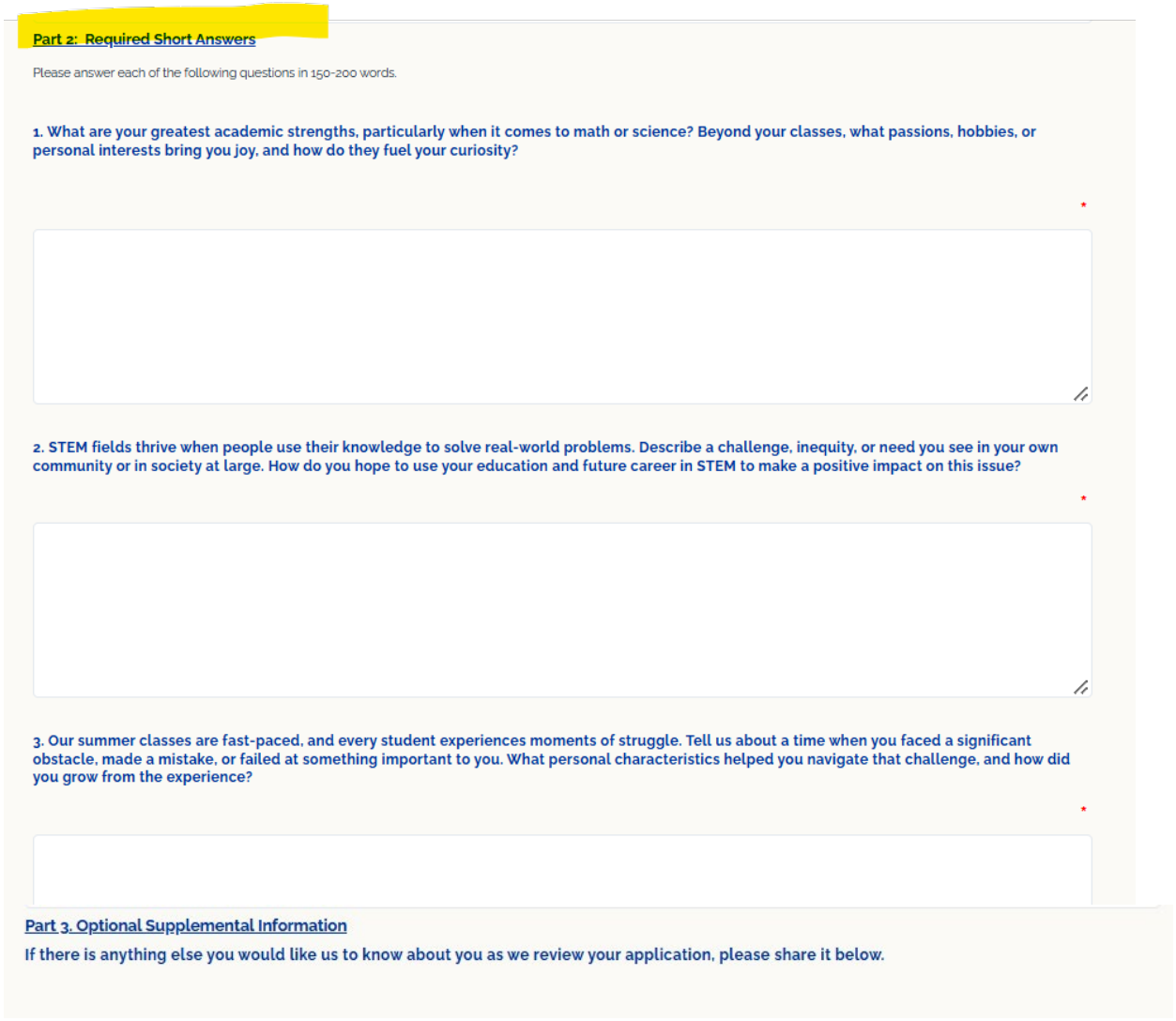
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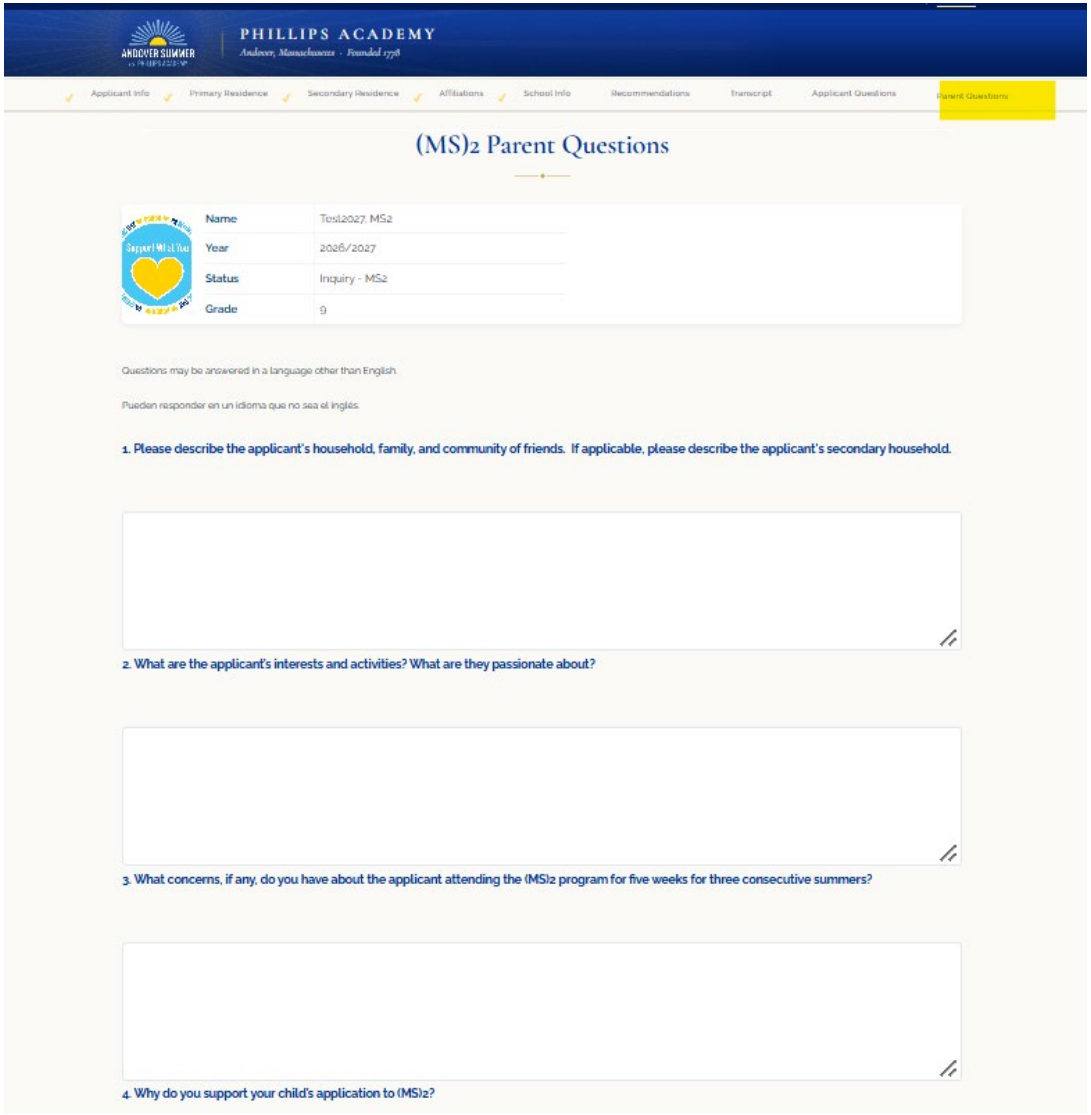
15) Parent/Guardian Questions

Parents/guardians should write a few sentences (in any language) for each of the following questions.

Questions may be answered in a language other than English. Pueden responder en un idioma que no sea el inglés.

1. Please describe the applicant's household, family, and community of friends. If applicable, please describe the applicant's secondary household.
2. What are the applicant's interests and activities? What are they passionate about?
3. What concerns, if any, do you have about the applicant attending the $(MS)^2$ program for five weeks for three consecutive summers?
4. Why do you support your child's application to $(MS)^2$?
5. If admitted, how do you believe the applicant will react to living away from home for five weeks for three consecutive summers?
6. Who started/initiated the application process to $(MS)^2$?

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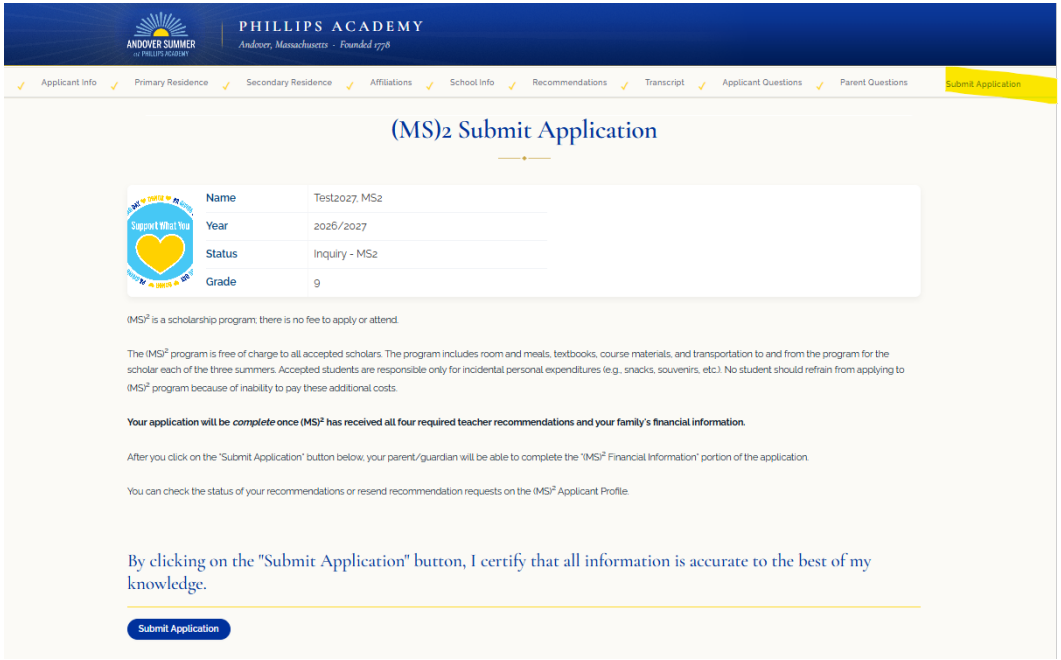


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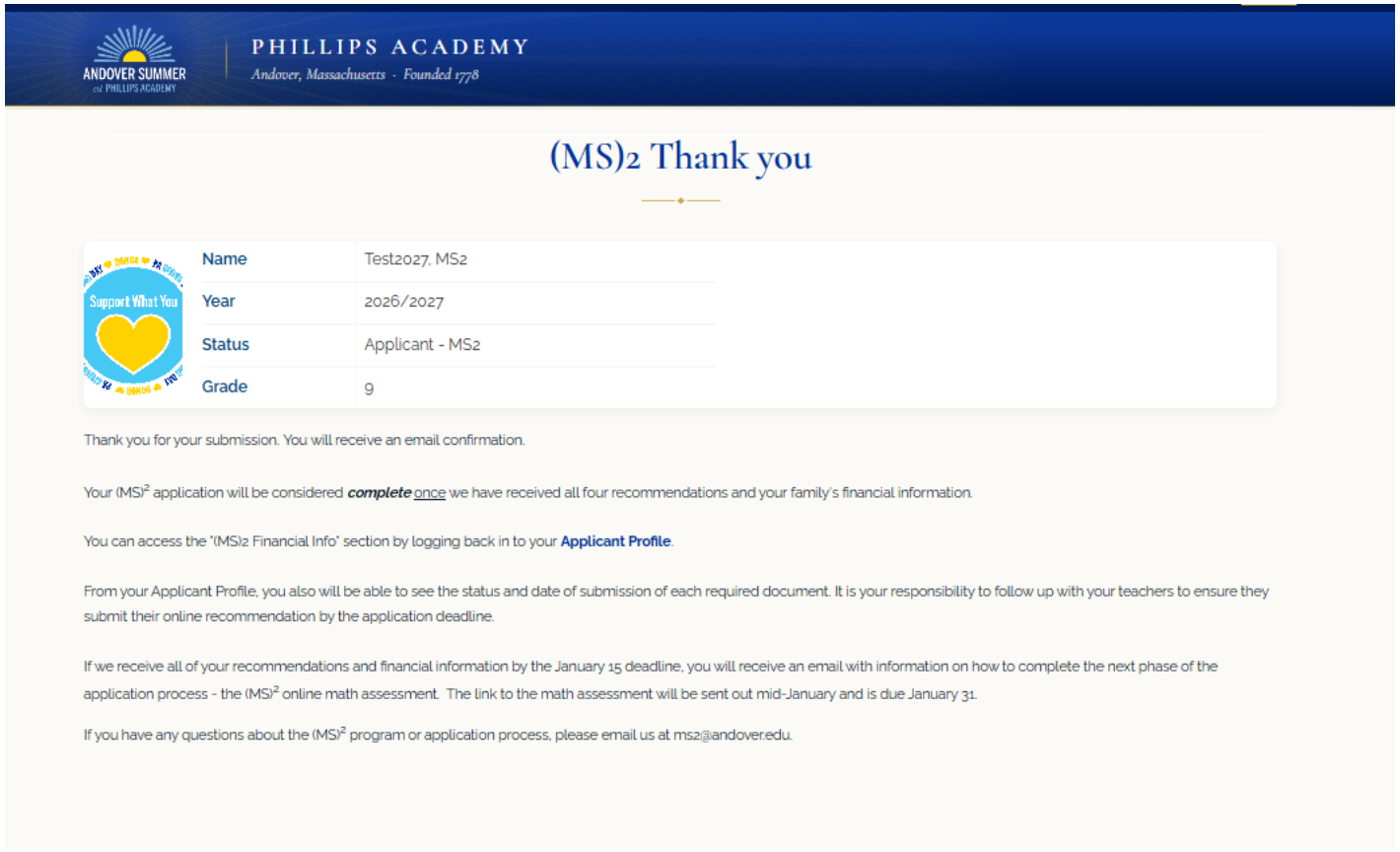
16) Submit Application

(MS)^2 is a scholarship program. There is no fee to apply, and all accepted scholars attend free of charge. Transportation expenses (including airfare) are included in the scholarship for all three summers.

After an applicant submits their application, their parent/guardian must provide information about their household income. There is a link on the Applicant Profile to the Financial Info form. **The application will not be complete until the financial information form is submitted.**



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(MS)2 Thank you

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You can access the "(MS)2 Financial Info" section by logging back in to your **Applicant Profile**.

From your Applicant Profile, you also will be able to see the status and date of submission of each required document. It is your responsibility to follow up with your teachers to ensure they submit their online recommendation by the application deadline.

If we receive all of your recommendations and financial information by the January 15 deadline, you will receive an email with information on how to complete the next phase of the application process - the $(MS)^2$ online math assessment. The link to the math assessment will be sent out mid-January and is due January 31.

If you have any questions about the $(MS)^2$ program or application process, please email us at ms2@andover.edu.

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17) Financial Information

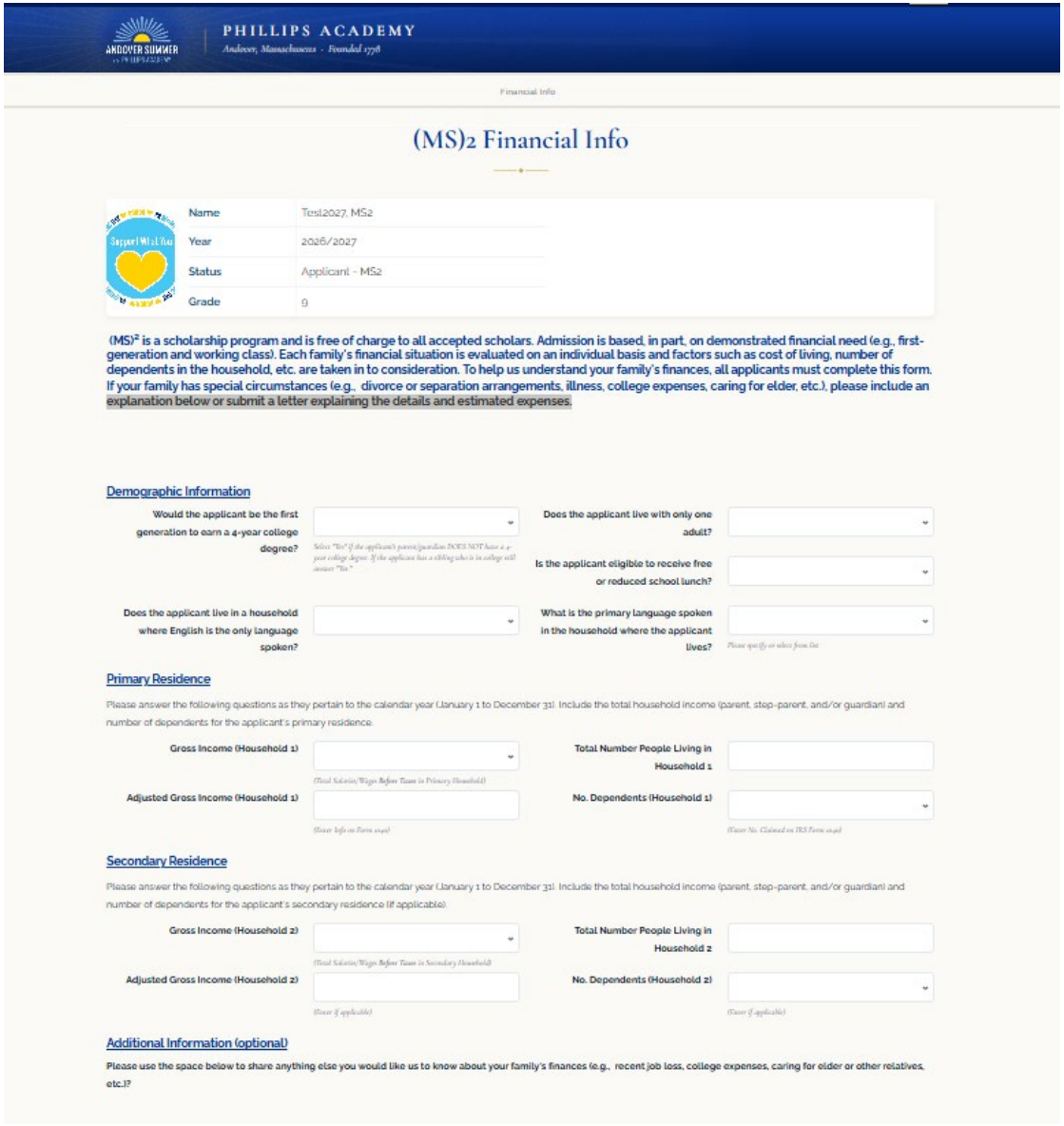
In order for an application to be considered complete, applicants must provide information on the household income for each of their parent(s)/guardian(s). This is done through the "Financial Information Form" on the Applicant Profile. If an applicant or their parent/guardian has questions or concerns about providing financial information, please contact the (MS)2 office at ms2@andover.edu or 978-779-4402.

The Financial Info form may be submitted before or after the application is submitted. Parents/guardians are asked (but not required) to provide the following demographic information:

- First generation 4-year college student
- English-only language household
- Single-family household
- Free or Reduced-Lunch eligible



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Name	Test2027, MS2
Year	2026/2027
Status	Applicant - MS2
Grade	9

(MS)² is a scholarship program and is free of charge to all accepted scholars. Admission is based, in part, on demonstrated financial need (e.g., first-generation and working class). Each family's financial situation is evaluated on an individual basis and factors such as cost of living, number of dependents in the household, etc. are taken in to consideration. To help us understand your family's finances, all applicants must complete this form. If your family has special circumstances (e.g., divorce or separation arrangements, illness, college expenses, caring for elder, etc.), please include an explanation below or submit a letter explaining the details and estimated expenses.

Demographic Information

Would the applicant be the first generation to earn a 4-year college degree?

Does the applicant live with only one adult?

Is the applicant eligible to receive free or reduced school lunch?

Does the applicant live in a household where English is the only language spoken?

What is the primary language spoken in the household where the applicant lives?

Primary Residence

Please answer the following questions as they pertain to the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Include the total household income (parent, step-parent, and/or guardian) and number of dependents for the applicant's primary residence.

Gross Income (Household 1)

Total Number People Living in Household 1

Adjusted Gross Income (Household 1)

No. Dependents (Household 1)

Secondary Residence

Please answer the following questions as they pertain to the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Include the total household income (parent, step-parent, and/or guardian) and number of dependents for the applicant's secondary residence (if applicable).

Gross Income (Household 2)

Total Number People Living in Household 2

Adjusted Gross Income (Household 2)

No. Dependents (Household 2)

Additional Information (optional)

Please use the space below to share anything else you would like us to know about your family's finances (e.g., recent job loss, college expenses, caring for elder or other relatives, etc.)?