WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

Winthrop Think College

APPLICATION FOR 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

WINTHROP THINK COLLEGE
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320B WITHERS/W.T.S. BUILDING
RICHARD W. RILEY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
ROCK HILL, SC 29733

Completed Application Deadline is
January 1, 2023

WINTHROP THINK COLLEGE PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR PROGRAM ADMISSION

Applications will not be considered for admission until
ALL requested information is received.

Winthrop University welcomes your application for admission to the Winthrop Think College Program. This program is a comprehensive program of study for unique learners who are highly motivated young adults with an intellectual disability. The mission of Winthrop University's Think College Program is to provide an inclusive post-secondary education experience to students with intellectual disability to prepare them for competitive employment and active participation in local communities with as much independence as possible. The disability is characterized by significant limitations both in intellectual functioning and in adaptive behavior as expressed in conceptual, social and practical adaptive skills and originates before the age of 18 (as defined by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities – AAIDD).

Please read the following instructions before completing the application. The applications can be typed or printed neatly.

Application Checklist:

- Complete the Winthrop Think College Program Application
- Complete the Student Questionnaire (by applicant)
- Complete the Personal Support Inventory (by the applicant).
- Submit official high school transcript(s) including last IEP or any post-secondary program record.
- Submit official discipline report from high school.
- Submit copies of all Educational Evaluations conducted within the past three (3) years.
- Submit all Psychological/Behavioral Evaluations conducted within the last three (3) years.
- Please submit three (3) Student Recommendation Forms from references who have known the applicant for at least two calendar years. Submitted forms must represent the following areas: education (required) and at least **two recommendations** from the following areas: 1) vocational/employment, 2) community involvement and/or 3) personal.
  Completed Student Recommendation Forms must be submitted with the application packet and must be in a sealed envelope with signature of the reference across the seal.
- After initial screening of the application, a personal interview will be scheduled when a completed packet has been received (required of all applicants).

Mail the completed application packet to:

Winthrop Think College Program
Winthrop University
320B Withers/W.T.S. Building
Richard W. Riley College of Education
Rock Hill, SC 29733, USA

Application Date for Consideration:

Application deadline is January 1, 2023 for the Fall 2023 cohort.

For additional Information, Contact Winthrop Think College at 803/323-3080 or visit www.winthrop.edu/coe/thinkcollege

Note: This is a certificate program (not an accredited college degree granting program), and exiting students will receive a certificate of completion along with a personal portfolio – NOT a degree from Winthrop University.

Due to space limitations, not all applicants who complete the application and meet the "criteria for admission" can be accommodated in the Winthrop Think College Program. However, applicants who are not accepted are welcome to reapply for next year.

Application Criteria:

- Ability to function independently for a sustained period of time (at least 8 hours).
- The applicant should be able to sit through 180 minute courses.
- The applicant must demonstrate the ability to accept responsibility their actions and maintain respect for themselves and others and have no history of disruptive or aggressive behaviors. Winthrop Think College does not have the personnel necessary to support behavioral challenges.
- The applicant must be independent in handling their own medication, specialized dietary and/or medical needs. There is no personnel available to manage/administer medication. Winthrop Think College Staff takes no responsibility for specialized diets or medical needs.
- Must be able to navigate the university campus without adult supervision.
- Demonstrates communication skills adequate to interact on the Winthrop University campus.
- Demonstrates socially acceptable behavior that allows a favorable experience on Winthrop University campus.
- Motivated to learn and benefit from participation in the WTC program.
- Age 18-25 at the time of admission with a documented intellectual disability with IQ between 45-75.
- Transportation to and from campus is the responsibility of the participant and their caregivers.
- Expresses interest in living and working as independently as possible in the community after completing the Winthrop Think College program.

PROGRAM FEES

Fees for 2023-24 Academic Year

	WTC Program Fee	Housing*	Meal Plan*	Residential Mentor Fee
Residential Student	$15,000	$5,680-$6,696	$3,638-$3,814	$3,000
Commuter Student	$15,000	N/A	N/A	N/A

Depending on courses selected during registration, additional course fees may be added to student accounts.

Additional charges for Orientation will be added for first year students.

Information about possible funding sources can be found on our website https://www.winthrop.edu/coe/thinkcollege/helpful-links.aspx

*University fees subject to change. Fees listed reflect 2022-2023 fees. Meal calculations are based on the "All Access" and "All Access Plus" plans. For more information on meal plans, visit https://www.winthrop.edu/dining/