

III. Work Experience

Please list your work history.

IV. Ministry and Missions Experience

Please list your ministry and/or mission experience.

V. Special Needs

Do you require accommodations for a disability or other condition during Insight?

Yes _____ No _____ If yes, please explain: _____

VI. About You

Please briefly answer these questions in an open and honest manner, to help us get to know you.

1. Describe your experience of coming to faith in and following Jesus.

2. Describe where you are at now in your journey with God.

3. How did you hear about INSIGHT and what about it most interests you?

4. How many books have you read in the last year?_____ List your favorite books:

5. List the activities of a typical week for you (other than school):

6. List the following, including at least one academic and one social each:

My Strengths

My Weaknesses

1.

1.

2.

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3.

3.

7. What are your career interests?

8. Are there hobbies, work, or other things you hope to have time to do while you are taking INSIGHT?

VII. Personal History

The questions in this section are of a personal nature. Please answer them truthfully. The purpose of this section is not to make a judgment on your character, but to raise awareness for program staff of any issues that may resurface during Insight. Only necessary program staff will have access to this information, unless it needs to be disclosed to protect your or another person's safety. You may be asked to clarify or elaborate on your responses in the application interview.

With the past two years in mind, if you have been involved in any of the following areas, please tell us about your activity and where you currently stand in regard to the issue(s). Please leave them blank if they do not apply.

alcohol/drug use

pornography

gang activity

premarital sex

eating disorders

depression/suicidal thoughts

trouble with law enforcement

suspension or expulsion from school

the Occult (including witchcraft, psychics, astrology, or Satanic worship)

cults

cutting or other self-inflicted harm

rebellion from parents or other authority figures

Note: Although Insight includes a spiritual formation component designed to mentor you in your walk with God, it is by nature an academic program, not a discipleship program. The intensive academic rigor of the program should be taken into consideration if you are working through a serious issue prior to Insight. Insight strives to support students' growth, and that involves helping prospective students determine if Insight is a good fit. Insight staff are happy to talk with you about your personal situation.

VIII. Essays

*Please answer **BOTH** of the following 2 questions. Each response should be 1-2 pages handwritten or double-spaced type.*

1. **How have your family and your experiences shaped the person you are today and the person you are becoming?**
2. **Please choose ONE of the following questions to answer, to help us understand how you approach and analyze a given topic. We are looking for clarity of thought and well-reasoned support for your point.**
 - a) In Romans Paul talks about submission to authority. When, if ever, is it permissible as a Christian to rebel against authority? Why or why not?
 - b) Define culture and identify some of the major aspects of culture that change and some that stay the same across different cultures. Provide examples from at least 3 distinct cultures.
 - c) America is a religiously and philosophically diverse country. Identify 3 of the larger belief systems, and discuss why these belief systems are popular in the United States. Include the significant ways in which these systems are different and how they succeed despite their differences.

IX. Writing Sample

Please include with your application an additional sample of your writing, such as an essay or research paper you have already written for a school assignment. The writing sample should be at least 3 pages in length.

X. References

List a pastor and a teacher who know you well and can objectively evaluate your character and aptitude for this program. Please send reference form to each (available from the Admissions section of www.uscwm.org/insight/) with a stamped envelope addressed to:

**INSIGHT
1539 E. Howard St.
Pasadena, CA 91104**

1. Pastor Reference *(a youth pastor or spiritual director is acceptable)*

Name _____

Church _____

Phone: (____) _____

2. Teacher Reference

Name _____

School _____

Phone: (____) _____

XI. Behavior Guidelines *(please sign)*

1. The Insight Room(s)

The Insight room(s) will have posted hours when students may occupy them and when they are to be locked, as well as study-only hours. Students will share responsibilities in keeping the Insight rooms clean. Students must abide by all other posted rules about the Insight room(s) and Insight room books. The replacement cost for missing Insight room books will be split among all students at the end of each semester.

2. Curfew

On school nights, residential students are required to be on campus by 11:00 PM and in their rooms no later than 12:30 AM. On Friday and Saturday nights, students must be back on campus by 1:00 AM and in their rooms by 2:00 AM, unless prior permission has been granted.

3. Safety

Students must inform INSIGHT staff when going hiking, to the beach, or any off-campus trip in excess of four hours. Students are encouraged to travel in groups, and are expected to inform another student if going out alone. Ladies may not go off-campus alone after dark.

4. Male-Female Relationships

Insight encourages a wholesome environment of men and women interacting, yet recognizes the impact of student dating relationships on class dynamics. Therefore, the following guidelines have been adopted:

- a) Students may not be in the dorm rooms of students of the opposite sex, except for approved social activities.
- b) Dating is not permitted. Students who enter the program with a long-standing boyfriend/girlfriend relationship are not expected to break up but are expected to fully join in the social environment of the group. If students are attracted to and develop feelings for one another during the program, they are asked to exercise self-control and wait until the end of Insight to disclose their feelings.
- c) Students are encouraged to associate in mixed-gender groups and to avoid fostering exclusive male-female relationships while in the program. On campus, a student may spend time together with a person of the opposite sex only in public settings and are expected to avoid romantic behaviors and isolating themselves from others. Off campus, a male and a female must have at least one other person with them at all times.
- d) Mixed-gender wrestling, play fighting, massages, and other sexually suggestive touching is prohibited.

5. Entertainment

Discretion is expected in entertainment choices, such as the selection of venues, movies, video/computer games, television programs, books, music, and social dancing. Gambling and the possession and/or viewing of pornography are not permitted. Students are expected to manage their time wisely and avoid excesses in personal entertainment.

6. Apparel & Personal Expression

The guideline for apparel is to “err on the side of modesty” in choice of clothing. No bikinis are allowed, and no pajamas are permitted at USCWM or class meetings. Students may be required to remove piercings, cover tattoos, and abide by conservative or culturally appropriate standards of dress for field trips.

7. Respect

Students are expected to show appropriate respect for people and for property, including field trip locations and campus facilities.

8. Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs

Students may not consume or be in possession of alcohol, nonprescription drugs, or tobacco, regardless of age.

9. Aggressive Behavior

Students may not physically fight, strike, physically intimidate or assault another person.

I have read and agree to honor and abide by the INSIGHT Behavior Guidelines stated above. My failure to abide by these guidelines may involve disciplinary action and/or expulsion from the program.

Printed Name of Student

Signature

Date

XII. Application Checklist

Your application is not considered complete until the Insight office has received all of the following:

- ___ \$35 non-refundable application fee, payable to INSIGHT (add \$15 for late applications – mailed after May 1)
- ___ official transcripts from high school and any postsecondary education (may be sent directly from the school)
- ___ application
- ___ 2 essays (see Section VIII)
- ___ writing sample (see Section IX)
- ___ pastor & teacher references
- ___ SAT or ACT scores or test registration

All applications materials should be sent to:

INSIGHT Admissions
1539 E. Howard St.
Pasadena, California 91104

XIII. Interview

Once Insight has received all of your application materials, you will be contacted to schedule an interview with program staff. The interview gives Insight staff an opportunity to get to know you before making a final decision regarding acceptance/non-acceptance. You can expect questions related to your academic, personal, and spiritual life, and an opportunity to ask us questions.

Best way to reach me to schedule my interview:

Best day(s) & time(s) for me on weekdays:

Feel free to contact INSIGHT prior to your interview with questions about the program and admissions:

626.398.2297
 Insight@uscwm.org

XIV. Signatures

Applicant’s Signature

I attest that the essays in this application are my own work, and that all information on the application is, to the best of my knowledge, correct.

Signature

Date

Parent’s Signature (required for applicants under 18)

I affirm that I am aware of, and approve of, my child’s application to the Insight program.

Signature

Printed Name

Date