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## CrossRoad Program Application 2017

\*PLEASE NOTE: Applicants must be between the ages of 16 and 18 years old, and should not have graduated high school prior to April of the year they apply. For CrossRoad 2017, we will accept students in the graduating classes of 2017 and 2018 (juniors and seniors).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age on June 17, 2017: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about CrossRoad? (if CR alum, please name): \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to CrossRoad before? (please circle): Yes / No

Church Name/Metropolis/Jurisdiction: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Priest's Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Priest's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Advisor (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Advisor's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Advisor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \*Graduation Year (Circle one): 2017 / 2018

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Session Preference (please check only one)** *We recommend flexibility with session preferences, as we have more applicants than available spots.*

\_\_\_\_\_ June Session (June 17- June 27) ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ The June session is my first choice, though I can attend either session.

\_\_\_\_\_ July Session (July 5- July 15) ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ The July session is my first choice, though I can attend either session.

**Essay:** Compose a 2-3 page essay (about 700-1,000 words), typed and double-spaced, introducing yourself to us and explaining why you want to be a part of CrossRoad and what you hope to gain from participation in the program. Be sure to include the following areas in your essay: **1)** your life as an Orthodox Christian, **2)** your favorite academic subject(s) **3)** aspects of our Orthodox Faith that especially interest you and/or you have questions about, **4)** your hopes for what you might learn at CrossRoad and **(5)** An activity you make time for not because you "should" or "need" to do it, because you love to do it and it deeply refreshes/recharges you Outside of your church involvement and prayer life) \*For this last question, please ground your response in a personal story or experience. Strong essays will have a clear structure, will help explain why certain things interest you, and will demonstrate your ability to seriously think about matters of faith and how they relate to life. Make sure to be creative and dig deep! Don't be afraid to share your genuine questions and interests regarding the faith. Try to avoid lists and information-based descriptions. Give us a sense of *who you are* more than *what you do*.

Completed applications: Please see the application instructions (separate document) for details about additional items needed to complete your application. **To guarantee priority consideration, please have completed application postmarked by February 1, 2017** to CrossRoad, 50 Goddard Ave, Brookline, MA 02445. Applicants meeting this deadline will be notified of their acceptance status by mid-March. For questions visit [www.crossroadinstitute.org](http://www.crossroadinstitute.org), email [crossroad@hchc.edu](mailto:crossroad@hchc.edu) or call (617) 850-1310.