University of Minnesota
Arabic Language Program

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Application Document Guidelines

1. Your Personal Statement and High School Transcript

Your personal statement should tell us about

- your motivation for studying Arabic at the University of Minnesota;
- your goals for your study of Arabic;
- your strengths as a learner and accomplishments you are proud of; and
- potential financial need.

Aim for approximately 500 words (or 1 single-spaced page). Save your personal statement as a Word document (.doc, .docx) or pdf file (.pdf). Please email your personal statement together with a transcript of your high school studies to arabicprogram@umn.edu by March 25, 2026.

2. The Recommendation Letter from Your Teacher

Your recommendation letter should be written by one of your high school teachers who knows you well. A strong recommendation letter should address

- how your teacher knows you, and how long they have known you for;
- their views on your strengths and working points as a learner and as a person;
- your ability to successfully complete a college-level Arabic course;
- any of your non-academic achievements or accomplishments they are aware of.

The letter should include your teacher's contact email and phone number. Please provide your teacher with this information when you ask them for a letter. Your teacher should not give their letter to you, but should rather email it directly to

arabicprogram@umn.edu by March 25, 2026. Any questions they may have about the letter can sent to kvanpee@umn.edu.