



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

Governor's Scholars Program



Description of the Program

- ✦ Five-week residential summer program
- ✦ For outstanding Kentucky junior students
- ✦ Established in 1983
- ✦ Provides academic enrichment, personal growth, challenging liberal arts program
- ✦ Full co-curricular, residential life experience

Eligibility Requirements for Students

- ✦ Be in the 11th grade
- ✦ Enrolled in an accredited high school
- ✦ Current resident of Kentucky
- ✦ Must intend to return to his/her present school district for the next term
- ✦ Must be nominated by the school and district

How are students nominated?

- ✦ Must meet eligibility requirements
- ✦ Must complete application
- ✦ Must be selected by school nomination committee

Committee's considerations.....

- *test scores (ACT, SAT, or PSAT)
- *grade point average and class rank
- *leadership and extracurricular involvement
- *recommendations
- *essay
- *commitment

Program Setting

- Three campuses:
- Bellarmine University
- Centre College
- Murray State University



General Info

- ✦ No fees or charges apply
- ✦ Students will only need pocket money
- ✦ GSP draws students from across the state
- ✦ No grades or credits
- ✦ No competition
- ✦ GSP encourages community-building

Application Information

- ✦ **Students must be nominated by their school and school district**
- ✦ Campus requests are only considered for major and very specific reasons
- ✦ Students are not allowed to arrive late or leave early from the program or their campus assignment
- ✦ Leaves of absence are only granted for family emergencies
- ✦ Students are expected to stay for the full five weeks
- ✦ Students cannot be absent during the program for any reason except emergency, illness, or similar overriding personal reason
- ✦ **APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPED. GSP WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS AND THIS INCLUDES TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS.**

The Process

- ✦ Students complete and submit all required information for the application including teacher recommendations (MUST HAVE A PSAT, SAT, OR ACT SCORE)
- ✦ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION, RECS, ETC MUST BE TYPED
- ✦ School committee meets and decides on nominees
- ✦ The school will forward their list of nominees to the district office
- ✦ **STUDENTS MUST BE NOMINATED BY THE SCHOOL**
- ✦ The number of nominees allocated to each school district is based on the total # of 11th grade students in the district
- ✦ The school district committee meets and decides on the nominees from the district and sends this list to GSP
- ✦ Students will be notified from the school district office by March 1 if their application has been forwarded to GSP

Specific Criteria: 5 Things

- ✦ Test Score (PSAT, SAT, or ACT)
- ✦ GPA (unweighted; difficulty of course load is evaluated)
- ✦ Essay (**THIS IS MAJOR!!!!!!**)
- ✦ Guidance Counselor Statement
- ✦ Teacher Nominations (each nominee must submit 2)



General Criteria for Nominees

- Academic achievement
- Leadership
- Intellectual and emotional maturity
- Personal commitment
- Responsibility
- Flexibility
- Willing to participate
- Inquisitive, intellectual thinker
- Self-starter
- Emotionally Stable
- Ability to express himself/herself in writing
- Sense of humor

● Commitment to the Program (THIS IS MAJOR, TOO!!!)

- ✚ Each student should be committed to participate enthusiastically in the program and to remain for the entire five weeks without interruption, except for illness or emergency
- ✚ Students unlikely to uphold this commitment should not be nominated and should not apply
- ✚ Students who fail to meet this commitment will be in violation of their contract and will be dismissed from the program

GSP Curriculum

- ✦ Major Focus Area courses =students select their disciplines from a listing: architecture, astronomy, environmental issues, business, communication, creative writing, drama, engineering, film studies, health care, historical analysis, international relations, Japanese, music, philosophy, Russian, visual arts, etc.
- ✦ General Studies classes=emphasize service and community leadership
- ✦ Seminars=stress personal development with regard to values, careers, and relationships

Overall Hints

THE ENTIRE APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED

- ✚ Proofread your entire application and then have a parent or teacher proofread
- ✚ Choose carefully the teachers who will do your recommendations
- ✚ The Student Profile section of the application is of utmost importance to your selection

Why apply to GSP??

- ✦ Unique opportunity
- ✦ Free of charge
- ✦ Fun
- ✦ Scholarship money

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On the WWW.....

✦ Check out www.kygsp.org for more information

Deadline

- ✦ Typed applications, forms, recommendation letters, and all required paperwork/documents are due turned in to the counseling office by Friday, December 4, 2009.
- ✦ Schools must turn in their selected applications to the district office by December 18, 2009.