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ASHLAND UNIVERSITY - College of Nursing Summer Camp - July 9-10, 2026 - High School juniors and seniors.

- Learn nursing-related skills and techniques
- Hands-on experiences in the simulation lab
- Tour the nursing college
- Lunch and tour with RNs at Ohio Health, Mansfield Hospital

(Must be up to date on all vaccinations. Covid and flu vaccines are not required.)

Note: The day begins at Ashland College of Nursing, Mansfield (1020 S. Trimble Road) and ends at Ohio Health, Mansfield. <https://www.ashland.edu/event/college-nursing-summer-camp>

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY - BGSU Pre-College Programs provides opportunities for students to experience the Bowling Green State University campus while expanding their knowledge, building life skills and exploring their interests. BGSU offers residential and day camps throughout the summer. Camp registrations typically begin in December however some camps have different deadlines. Website: Summer Academic and Youth Programs **Deadline March 1, 2026** <https://www.bgsu.edu/pre-college-programs/summer-academic-and-youth-programs.html>

OHIO BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE –CONSERVATORY SUMMER INSTITUTE – 9-day residential high school intensive for students seeking a rigorous musical summer experience. Students can explore life at BW while growing as a musician through classes, private lessons, ensembles and coaching sessions. Applications due June 1, 2026 For questions: <https://www.bw.edu/community/summer-camps/>

CAMP CANOPY-Ohio Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Camp- . The camp is held annually at FFA Camp Muskingum and is open to students who are at least fifteen years of age. Situated on Leesville Lake in the beautiful rolling hills of Carroll County, campers have the opportunity to learn first-hand about Ohio's forests and natural resources. The cost is typically less than \$300. Many campers receive financial assistance from a sponsor. If a camper cannot find a sponsor, the Ohio Forestry Association, Inc. is happy to help link campers to sponsors. <https://campcanopy.com/>

CAPA EDUCATION: ARISE PROGRAM- is a five week intergenerational summer program focused on storytelling through fine arts. ARISE runs **July 7 -August 4, 2026** and will provide teens with the opportunity to work with a professional arts organization, to earn **25 volunteer service hours**, to attend free arts events throughout the summer, and to experience how the fine arts can be used as a tool for wellness. <https://www.capa.com/education/arise-everyone-has-a-story-to-share>

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CASE WESTERN UNIVERSITY – If you have a passion for a certain subject and would like to explore it in-depth before college, here is your chance to do so with one of the nation's premier research institutions. For nearly 200 years, Case Western Reserve University has prepared ambitious students for their futures -in that spirit, we offer our pre-college online courses designed for high school students ages 13 and up. Each course features video lessons by Case Western instructors and access to mentors. The program is available year-round, and the online format lets you study anywhere, anytime, at your own pace. The following subjects are available:

- Neuroscience
- Engineering
- Computer Science
- Science
- Business

Scholarships are available. The summer application process is available now.

<https://case.precollegeprograms.org>

CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ART PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM is available for current freshmen, sophomores, or juniors to earn college credits, experience college life, study with professional artists and designers, learn about careers in art and design, meet with a CIA admissions counselor and build your portfolio. The program offers a two-week in depth coverage of one of the following: Animation, Biomedical Art: Anatomy for the Artist, Fashion + Jewelry + Accessories, Foundation in Art + Design, Game Design, Glassblowing, Graphic Design, Illustration, Industrial Design, and The Poetry of Painting. <https://www.cia.edu/continuing-education/pre-college>

COLUMBUS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN - College Preview - We're inviting rising 10th to 12th graders to join us for three weeks of college-level instruction in their desired major, plus closely mentored professional development, collaborative workshops, and excursions taught by local practicing artists. College Preview is perfect for creative thinkers: people who enjoy learning in a fast-paced environment and who embrace the challenge of learning new skills while living on campus, making new friends, and earning college credit.

https://www.ccad.edu/college-preview?utm_campaign=CP-2024-EDUCATOR-1&utm_medium=email&utm_source=slate

CPA CAMP - MULTIPLE UNIVERSITIES - CPA Camp is an **all-expenses-paid experience** for students interested in exploring careers in accounting. Learn how accounting can lead you to career stability, a high salary & meaningful work! You'll even have the opportunity to earn scholarships!

<https://ohiocpa.com/quick-links/the-ohio-cpa-foundation/recruiting-students/cpa-camp>

DENISON UNIVERSITY REYNOLDS YOUNG WRITERS WORKSHOP – Current sophomores, and juniors. An eight-day residential program that incorporates small creative writing workshops, group sessions with Denison creative writing faculty and notable visiting writers, and much more. June 19 – June 28, 2026, and the **deadline is: March 3, 2026 by midnight**

[Reynolds Young Writers Workshop](#)

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DENISON UNIVERSITY TOMORROW TECH INSTITUTE - Tomorrow Tech Institute is a high-energy day camp for rising 9th to 12th graders who are ready to move beyond using technology and start building with it. Students explore artificial intelligence and data analysis through real-world challenges from local businesses and nonprofit organizations. Working in teams, they learn how to approach problems creatively, think critically, and use emerging technology in thoughtful and responsible ways. The experience is academic, hands-on, and fun, helping students build confidence that will serve them in school, future careers, and beyond. [Tomorrow Tech Institute](#)

DENISON UNIVERSITY - Performing Arts Camp - Summer TUTTI Performing Arts Camp at Denison University offers talented high school dancers, musicians, and theatre-makers a chance to deepen their skills while collaborating with professional artists and ensembles and peers from across the country, such as Available Light Theatre, ETHEL, and Third Coast Percussion.

At Denison's Summer TUTTI performing arts camp, you'll live and learn with high school peers from across disciplines (and the country) as you deepen your talents and skills, explore new ways of making art, and collaborate with professional artists and ensembles.

<https://summertutti.denison.edu/>

HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY SUMMER PROGRAMS - Heidelberg University will host 2 resident camps and 4 day camps for high schoolers this year. We are very excited to be offering various activities this summer. Courses offered in medicine, science, music, theater, writing, and Taylor Swift. <https://admission.heidelberg.edu/portal/summer-camps>

JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY - SUMMER IN THE HEIGHTS-

This immersive week-long residential program will run from Sunday, July 12 to Friday, July 17, allowing students to experience JCU's vibrant campus while engaging in one of our six dynamic academic tracks.

During the program, students will learn directly from JCU faculty, connect with peers, and explore the neighborhoods surrounding John Carroll in "The Heights" and the city of Cleveland!

<https://www.jcu.edu/academics/summer-in-the-heights/>

KENT STATE- Summer Source

YOUR ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY. Each year Kent State University hosts a variety of programs during the summer, which is of great value to our local community and beyond. These programs are managed through offices and academic departments across campus and target current Kent State students, youth, senior citizens, and everyone. If you have questions about a specific program, please contact the department or department coordinator provided under the program listing. If you have general questions about summer programming at Kent State, please contact the Office of Continuing Education at 330-672-3100 or continuinged@kent.edu.

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KENYON COLLEGE

- **YOUNG WRITERS**- An online workshop in writing for high-school students (ages 16-18). It will be held online for Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. There are two sessions – Please see the website. There is scholarship money ear-marked for Columbus Residents.
<http://www.kenyonreview.org/workshops/young-writers/> applications open in March 2026
- **CAMP 4 - June 7 - 26, 2026** –When climbers get close to the summit of Mount Everest, they find one last place to rest and gain strength: a plateau at the edge of the atmosphere, known as "Camp 4." Transitioning from high school to college is exciting and intimidating. Our program provides that space to recharge and gain momentum for the journey from high school to college, providing you with the tools and resources you need to graduate and meet the new environment of higher education with success.

A three-week summer program on the Kenyon campus, Camp 4 brings together talented rising high school juniors and seniors from across the country for an immersion in the college experience. **Deadline March 2, 2026**

<https://admissions.kenyon.edu/register/?id=b2ba7022-916a-4ace-bdd7-fe60b56aa1b0>

MALONE UNIVERSITY - CANTON OHIO - SUMMER PROGRAMS - Looking to explore your passions, make new friends, and experience life on a university campus? Rising sophomores through seniors will get to dive into their interests on Malone's campus. Camps offered:

- Nursing
- Zoo Camp
- Computer Science
- LeadNow: Youth Leadership Institute
- Service Camp

Any questions contact: Ann Lawson, direct of Admissions at: alawson@malone.edu,
<https://maloneschoolsonline.org/summer-member-courses/>

MIAMI UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOLARS PROGRAM- For academically talented high school juniors who want to learn about university life and earn college credit early. It is also a chance to explore an area of academic or career interest. Students will participate in a special program of recreation, seminars, and social events. Students who participate in this program will automatically be accepted to Miami for college.

<https://miamioh.edu/admission/high-school/summer-scholars/index.html>

MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY SUMMER LEARN COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS - MVNU Summer Learn provides a unique opportunity for CCP students to take classes entirely online during their summer break. MVNU Summer Learn can transfer credits to any eligible institution after they graduate high school. Credits will **not** go on Bishop Hartley Transcripts.

<https://www.mvnu.edu/undergraduate/academics/summerlearn/courses>

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MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY - SUMMER MUSIC CAMP - The 18th Anniversary Residential summer theater camp will be held from TBD. Registration is open for this one week music theater training program. Deadline for registrations **TBD** <https://www.muskingum.edu/music-theatre-camp>

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - MECHANISMS OF HUMAN HEALTH AND DISEASE - A summer program for juniors who have completed biology and chemistry and have a high GPA. Established in 2006, Mechanisms is a fast-paced, in-depth program designed to challenge the serious science student who is interested in medicine or medical research. Students in the mechanisms program investigate cancer and other disease topics with lectures from research experts. At the final class students present their research paper to family, teachers and researchers at Nationwide Children's Hospital. This course is lecture and activity based, there is no lab component.

[Mechanisms of Human Health and Disease](#)

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL – ATHLETIC TRAINING WORKSHOP – The Athletic Training Workshop is designed for high school students interested in emergency medicine, nursing, athletic training, physical therapy, or other allied health and medical professions. No experience is necessary. Topics include Introduction to the field of athletic training; enhancing knowledge of common athletic injuries; functional rehab activities; hands on taping labs with lecture sessions. <https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/specialties/sports-medicine/sports-medicine-services/athletic-training-workshop>

NATIONWIDE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - SUMMER SCIENTIST SERIES - June 11-July 16 The Summer Scientist Series exposes students (high school and undergraduates) to the scientific method and careers in medicine and biomedical research. Topic areas to be explored include, Basic/Discovery Science, Translational/Clinical Science and Population Health Research. The Summer Scientist Series is hosted on Thursday evenings from 4-5 PM. <https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/family-resources-education/courses-for-parents-and-kids/2026/06/summer-scientist-series-2026>

OHIO BUSINESS WEEK - High School business camp. Get ready to embark on an epic journey in our Summer Entrepreneurship Camp exclusively for current high school students. Join us for an action-packed week simulating a business start-up, creative challenges, experience college life and make new friends! June 21-26, 2026 at Wright State University. <https://business.wright.edu/events-and-orgs>

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY CAMPS and SUMMER CLASSES - As a regional leader in higher education, Ohio Northern University is committed to civic engagement. Every year we host thousands of K-12 students and community members on campus for camps, workshops, concerts and special events. Take time to explore all of our public offerings! <https://www.onu.edu/camps-and-events>

OHIO STATE BUCKEYE PRE COLLEGE SUMMER INSTITUTES - JUNE 2026

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Introducing Buckeye Pre-college Summer Institutes - Buckeye pre college offers academically ambitious high school students the opportunity to participate in a two-week residential academic program designed to give them a taste of college life and prepare them for the road ahead.

Participants will live in campus residence halls; enroll in a single course specifically designed by Ohio State instructors for pre-college students ready to tackle more advanced material; join daily workshops that will help prepare them for a successful transition from high school to college

Dates: TBA early 2026

go.osu.edu/buckeyeprecollege

OHIO STATE DEMOCRACY CAMP - July 29, 2026 The John Glenn College of Public Affairs will offer its annual Democracy Camp for rising high school juniors and seniors. Democracy camp is a free, one-day conference packed with engaging conversation and education about local government, voting, civic leadership and hot topics - plus the chance to connect with public service professionals and Glenn College instructors.

<https://glenn.osu.edu/academic-programs/high-school-programs/democracy-camp>

OHIO STATE CLIMATE CHANGE LITERACY WORKSHOP -June 2, 4 and 5, 2025. 8:30am-4:30pm At The Ohio State University Columbus Campus - Youth selected to attend will spend two days learning how scientists understand our Earth system, exploring climate change impacts, participating in tours, learning from scientists in a diverse range of disciplines, and participating in simulations. Day three will be spent designing a project that educates others/and or takes action to make a community more climate resilient. Youth will receive feedback about their community action plans to help them think of ways to make their project a reality. Teams are welcome to apply to attend as a group. Attendees are not expected to have a deep knowledge of climate change or its impact before hand, but are expected to commit to attending all three days and should have an interest in community action projects. Youth who live in Columbus might also be eligible to submit an application for funding from Columbus Youth Climate Action Fund as part of the workshop. go.osu.edu/climatechangeworkshop25

Deadline to Apply: March 14, 2026

OHIO STATE - CaBI DATA SCIENCE BOOTCAMP- OSUCCC CANCER AND BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS - Attention, STEM high school students in Central Ohio! Ever wondered how flu shot records help prevent the spread of sickness in your community? Curious about how genetic information can help identify at-risk individuals for specific cancers? This bootcamp will allow you to explore exciting and rewarding career opportunities in cancer and biomedical data science. You will be immersed in a hands-on experience learning fundamental data science concepts and applications.

<https://cancer.osu.edu/for-cancer-researchers/education-and-training/for-high-school-students/ca-bi-biomedical-informatics-bootcamp>

OHIO STATE FINANCIAL PLANNING ACADEMY - Join us for a fun-filled week of activities

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designed to enhance high school students' understanding of personal finance and the financial planning profession. Students will engage with financial experts from across the country and develop valuable skills in team building, entrepreneurship, communication, and leadership.

The Financial Planning Academy, created by Texas Tech University and funded by the Charles Schwab Foundation, is a summer program for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Participants will work in small teams on a financial planning case study, create financial plans, and compete for scholarships and prizes. In addition to promoting financial literacy among America's youth, this camp also introduces students to the Registered Investment Advisory (RIA) industry and highlights financial planning as a rewarding career path.

The Ohio State University Financial Planning Academy will be held on campus from **June 23 thru 27, 2025** during the day from **8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. **Applications are open at this time.**

The cost for camp, including all meals and activities, is **\$150 per camper** - a price made possible by the generous support from Charles Schwab Foundation. Participants will be responsible for their own travel arrangements. Funding is available to offset the cost of Financial Planning Academy. Please see the Camper Application to apply for tuition assistance.

OHIO STATE – FUTURE WOMEN IN BUSINESS SUMMIT and BUSINESS SUMMIT – BUSINESS BOOTCAMP -, date June 27th. The Annual Mary Helen Wolfe Chandler Future Women in Business Summit aims to prepare and educate young women about the world of business and introduce attendees to a variety of topics within business, while experiencing the Ohio State University and Fisher College of Business.

- An introduction to a variety of business specializations
- Connections with Fisher alumnae eager to share their professional journeys and insights through panel discussions
- Professional development through workshops and an etiquette lunch
- Introduction to leaders from local companies, including the event's sponsor, Deloitte
- Information about the college application process

The following students are encouraged to apply:

- Rising high school seniors with a minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA
- First-generation college students and/or underrepresented minority students

<https://fisher.osu.edu/undergraduate/admissions/future-students/summer-programs>

OHIO STATE – CAMELOT – 2025 CREATE- June 1- July 24, 2026 - HS research program for current high school juniors (graduating in 2026) who are considered Underrepresented in Medicine. They will be hosting rising seniors from Columbus-area high schools to participate in cancer research here at The James Comprehensive Cancer Center. We are looking for students who are passionate about science, cancer research, and learning as much as possible!

CAMELOT – (Center for Cancer Mentoring, Education, Leadership, and Oncology-related Training)
<https://cancer.osu.edu/for-cancer-researchers/education-and-training/for-high-school-students/create>

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OHIO STATE CAR CAMP - Car Camp is a week long summer day camp intended to educate students 14-18 years old on various aspects of engineering including automotive, simulation and manufacturing. Date and application will be posted in early January <https://car.osu.edu/camp-car>

OHIO STATE - MD CAMP An intensive, three-week summer day camp experience that introduces participants to the rigors of medical school. MD camp is open to juniors, seniors and recent high school graduates who are interested in pursuing health science careers and who come from a race/ethnicity that is underrepresented in medicine (Black/African American, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and American Indian) or from disadvantaged (low income) backgrounds. Applicants normally have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 and a math and science GPA of 3.3 or better. Scholarships are available on need and academic merit. Application will go live in January 2026 <https://medicine.osu.edu/diversity/initiatives/md-camp>

OHIO STATE STONE LAB LAKE ERIE LABORATORY- Dates vary depending on course. This biological field station, F.T. Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island at Put-In-Bay, Ohio offers hands-on courses (meet daily for one week) for high school students who have completed a high school biology course. Students can earn 3 quarter hours of college credit. For more info call: 614-292-8949 <https://stonelab.osu.edu/>

OHIO STATE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROSCIENCE - June 9 - 13, 2026. Explorations in Neuroscience High School Camp hosted by the Department of Neuroscience at The Ohio State University. This camp is designed for high school-juniors and seniors who have an interest in learning more about the brain and spinal cord in health and disease. Participants will have the opportunity to interact with the faculty and students carrying out neuroscience related research. They will also meet with clinicians from various clinical departments such as Neurology and neurosurgery. They will also meet with graduate students in the neuroscience graduate program who will lead discussions and talk about their exciting research. **Deadline March 14, 2026.** For more information visit the website at: <https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/neurological-institute/departments-and-centers/departments/departments-department-of-neuroscience/outreach-and-events/explorations-in-neuroscience-summer-camp>

OHIO STATE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY - PILLS, POTIONS & POISONS July 13-15, 2026

The annual Pills, Potions and Poisons Summer Camp is designed for rising 10th-12th grade students who have an interest in biomedical science (e.g., pharmacy, medicine, dentistry, lab research, etc.). Students enrolled in PPP will learn through a variety of approaches, including hands-on experiments, field trips and projects.

<https://pharmacy.osu.edu/practice-teaching-engagement/public-professional-education/pills-potions-and-poisons>

[**Pills, Potions and Poisons | The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy**](#)

OHIO STATE PHILOSOPHY AND CRITICAL THINKING SUMMER CAMP- PACT July 13-17, 2026

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Organized and led by the Department of Philosophy at The Ohio State University, this week-long summer learning program is designed to introduce high school students to the exciting world of philosophy through engaging and dynamic discussions, guest lectures and collaborative problem-solving. Over the course of the week, you'll reflect on issues you care about most, practice critical thinking, share some laughs and tackle a few of the biggest questions in philosophy today.

philosophy.osu.edu/pact

OHIO STATE - SUMMER INSTITUTE for DISCOVERING NURSING –

The Summer Institute for Discovering Nursing is a great way to see why nursing could be right for you! This engaging program brings students from a variety of backgrounds together to engage with real-world nurses, current students and nursing faculty and. The Summer Institute is just one of the many ways we are working to increase the number of students from historically underrepresented populations in nursing including, but not limited to, racial, ethnic, and cultural minorities, first generation low-income (FGLI) and males. Through this program and others, we will diversify the nursing pipeline. Moving forward, we recognize that only through broadening the representation of these groups can we improve the nation's health, reduce health disparities and move toward health equity. The Ohio State University College of Nursing is actively working to build a culturally competent nursing workforce which mirrors our patient populations.

Eligibility criteria:

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Minimum B or better in all math and science courses.
- You must be a current high school freshman, sophomore, or junior.

In addition, eligible seniors are those who have submitted an undergraduate application to The Ohio State University. You must have a demonstrated commitment to diversity, interest in nursing, and interest in pursuing your education at The Ohio State University.

- Current seniors who have not applied to Ohio State and current Ohio State students are eligible for our Future Nurse Program. Current seniors who have not applied to Ohio State and current Ohio State students are eligible.

<https://nursing.osu.edu/offices-and-initiatives/office-diversity-equity-and-inclusion/summer-institute-future-nurses>

OHIO STATE - SUMMER LINGUISTICS INSTITUTE FOR YOUTH SCHOLARS

Dates TBA -Promotes foreign language study (including Spanish, Korean, French, Turkish, Chinese, and additional foreign languages) in all aspects by cultivating a deeper appreciation of language similarities and differences. Our aim is to provide high school students with greater linguistic awareness and understanding, with the ability to think critically about language, and with a deeper appreciation for all aspects of language and language study. Please visit the website for cost and details.

NOTE: we will accept students on a rolling basis — meaning that it is possible that SLIYS sessions will fill before the June 1st application deadline. <https://linguistics.osu.edu/undergrad/sliys>

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OHIO SUPERCOMPUTER CENTER SUMMER INSTITUTE- A two-week residential program for freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are high achieving students who like science, engineering, mathematics or computers. The program provides project-based, hands-on learning by working in small peer teams, the students use supercomputers for practical applications such as solving complex science and engineering problems, conducting network forensics to catch hackers, studying the spread of the bird flu and designing computer games. The location is Ohio Supercomputer Center, 1224 Kinnear Road, Columbus. Cost: Those chosen for the program will be awarded partial scholarships. The scholarships lower the price TBA for each attendee. The fee covers housing, meals and program tuition, including laboratory visits, insurance, chaperones, social activities, equipment costs and much more. <https://www.osc.edu/education/si>

OHIO STATE – BUCKEYE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY –

The Buckeye Student Leadership Academy. The BSLA is a summer program for rising high school seniors who are high achieving, first generation, rural or underrepresented minority students. The BSLA is free to participants. Participants are responsible for their travel to and from the program. Participants live on campus for three days with other top high school students. They learn broadly about college life and resources through:

- Attending personal development workshops
- Meeting faculty and staff
- Working on group projects
- Interacting with Ohio State students
- Participating in sample classes
- Taking part in leadership, cultural and social activities

In addition, they learn how to navigate the college admissions process, finance their education and be a student leader

<https://admissions.osu.edu/bsla/index.html>

OHIO STATE STEM SUMMER CAMP - Stem Summer Camp is a week long day camp that focuses on a broad sampling of relevant science and engineering topics. Camp attendees will experience multidisciplinary projects working with Ohio State Marian faculty in math, chemistry, biology, physics and engineering. June 22-26, 2026

<https://osumarion.osu.edu/academics/majors/biology/stem-summer-camp>

OHIO STATE HRS CAMP - June 1-3, 2026 - HRS Camp, launched in 2022, is a three-day long camp created by the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences to expose high school students to a variety of career opportunities in health care. Some of the careers will include:

- Assistive and Rehabilitative Technology
- Athletic Training
- Dietetics and Nutrition
- Medical Laboratory Sciences
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Respiratory Therapy
- and more!

All high school students interested in a career in health care are invited to apply.

<https://hrs.osu.edu/about-us/hrs-news/hrs-camp>

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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY - Next STEPP Clinical Research Summer Camp -The Next STEPP Clinical Research Summer Camp is a collaborative, hands-on program designed to introduce high school students to clinical research through immersive activities, mentorship and career exploration.

The Next STEPP (STEM, Technology and Educational Pathways Program) Clinical Research Summer Camp is a collaborative pilot initiative involving The Ohio State University Clinical and Translational Science Institute and College of Nursing, Columbus State Community College, in collaboration with Amgen, and Nationwide Children's Hospital. The camp aimed to introduce high school students to clinical research through immersive, hands-on experiences and mentorship. Over four days, students engaged in activities such as developing study questions, practicing lab techniques, exploring pediatric research and presenting research posters. The camp emphasized informed consent, protocol development and career exploration, with professionals from various institutions participating in panel discussions.

<https://ctsi.osu.edu/career-development/clinical-research-professionals/next-stepp-clinical-research-summer-camp>

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- **SUMMER LAW & TRIAL INSTITUTE - June 28-July 10, 2026** - The Summer Law & Trial Institute is a two-week program that aims to increase understanding of the law and its possibilities among Ohio high school students from Appalachian Ohio. The program also seeks to foster an interest in all aspects of legal education, service, and issues, and to create the next generation of legal, advocacy, and community professionals.
<https://www.ohio.edu/cas/law-center/about/summer-institute>
- **SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL - Various Dates** - Ohio University's Chaddock + Morrow College of Fine Arts Summer Arts Programs offer high school students the opportunity to immerse themselves fully in the fine arts, work with faculty and visiting artists to improve their skills and techniques, hone their creative vision, and create meaningful personal work—all while living on our beautiful campus in Athens, Ohio.

Students focus intently on one area of study, allowing them insight into the future of college life in the fine arts. Full days on film sets, in studios, or on stage give a glimpse into the professional worlds that they might enter.

<https://www.ohio.edu/fine-arts/summer-arts-programs/high-school/high-school>

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- **J'COB COLLEGE EXPERIENCE SUMMER PROGRAM - July 18-25, 2026** - The J'COB College Experience Summer Program at Ohio University's College of Business is a transformative, week-long residential opportunity for rising high school seniors. Designed to inspire the next generation of business leaders, this competitive program combines experiential learning, teamwork, and campus immersion.

J'COB stands for Junior Executives in the College of Business and represents a five-year journey through the College of Business. The summer program serves as YEAR ZERO, giving students an early introduction to college life, leadership development, and creative problem-solving. For those who choose to attend Ohio University, J'COB continues with unique programming and support across their four undergraduate years, ensuring a transformative university experience that prepares them to thrive academically, professionally, and personally.

<https://www.ohio.edu/business/academics/jcob-college-experience-summer-program>

OTTERBEIN SUMMER CAMPS -

Parents looking for a fun learning experience for their children should check out Otterbein's summer camps! We offer exciting on-campus opportunities in equine, music, athletics and more.

<https://www.otterbein.edu/events-conferences/summercamps/>

TIFFIN UNIVERSITY -

- **June 9th-12th: [Forensic Science Academy Camp](#)** - Campers will work in small groups with TU professors and experts currently working in the fields of crime scene analysis, fire forensics, blood splatter, ballistics, escape rooms, decomposition, forensic biology and forensic chemistry. Students will witness a real autopsy in person! *Registration fee: \$979/person*
- **June 9th-11th: [NextGen Technology Camp](#)** - Your student will join this hands-on, immersive camp experience as they explore cutting-edge technology guided by TU faculty. They'll explore drone flight and aerial technology, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, robotics and a chance to compete in an Esports competition! *Registration fee: \$450/person*
- **July 12th-16th: [Music Industry Camp](#)** - Your student will enjoy a total creative experience in writing, performing and recording rock, pop, jazz, R&B, a cappella, hip hop and other commercial styles! They'll work with industry professionals on how to succeed as an independent artist and music entrepreneur. *Registration fee: \$675/person*
- **July 13th: [Robotics Camp \(Middle School\)](#)** - Your student will explore their love for technology as they discover code writing and robotics in our campus lab! They'll work in teams to complete fun robotics missions as they build confidence and experience. *Registration fee: \$95/person*
- **July 15th: [Robotics Camp \(High School\)](#)** - Your student will experience a high-energy day of robotics at TU! They'll code, test, troubleshoot and compete in fun team challenges in our campus lab. Let your student explore their passions in the world of STEM! *Registration fee: \$95/person*
- **July 20th-23rd: [Cold Case Camp](#)** - This immersive camp will acquaint your student with cold case work and the many concepts involved with solving a cold case. They'll be exposed to both mock and real cold cases in a hands-on capacity, led by TU School of Criminal Justice and Social Sciences faculty with real-world experience. *Registration fee: \$800/person*

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UNIVERSITY OF AKRON – WOMEN IN ENGINEERING- SEE UA! camp at the University of Akron is an engaging one week residential and day summer camp for girls entering the ninth through twelfth grades that immerses the girls into biomedical, civil, chemical, electrical, and mechanical engineering. Each day consists of fun-filled hands-on engineering activities in the morning that are led by our talented faculty, followed by dynamic tours of local engineering firms and then campus-wide activities in the evening. The campers also spend the week working as a team on an engineering design project or research project and then compete against other camp teams at the end of the week. Campers live in residence housing located on campus where the resident assistants are upper-class engineering students. While there, they can experience the life of a college student while exploring various engineering disciplines.

<https://www.uakron.edu/engineering/diversity/wiep>

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON - MYERS SCHOOL OF ART - FREE PROGRAM- The Myers School of Art at The University of Akron is excited to once again be offering a FREE pre-college summer program for rising junior and senior high school art students.

Participants will work directly with Myers faculty and staff to create a personal narrative while discovering all that our art and design school has to offer. This FREE week-long in-person experience will allow students to take advantage of our school's reputation of working across disciplines.

Several field trips to area museums and galleries will also be included. Participants' final work will be shown in an exhibition in Folk Hall on the final day. Family and friends are welcome to attend the exhibition. **Deadline Monday May 18, 2026** <https://www.uakron.edu/art/makeitatmyers/>

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI - ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP Current freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are interested in math and science. One-week day camp will allow you to develop your creativity as well as provide you with the opportunity to meet and speak with working engineers. Throughout the week, you will also take part in teamwork activities, group projects and sessions to learn about college preparation, approaches to teamwork, professional development, and more. [://ceas.uc.edu/about/news-events/camps.html](https://ceas.uc.edu/about/news-events/camps.html)

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI - LINDNER SUMMER INSTITUTE- BUSINESS - June 7 - 10, 2026

Lindner Summer Institute is a residential camp for rising juniors and seniors that are interested in studying business. Students must commit to participate in the entire program, including staying overnight in the residence halls. What students can expect: Activities around entrepreneurship, problem solving, and leadership building; small group community building; development of their personal elevator pitch; speakers including corporate partners, Lindner faculty, current students and alumni. Apply by **April 17, 2026**, for priority consideration.

<https://business.uc.edu/future-students/high-school/lindner-summer-institute.html>

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UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON - SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES -

- **School of Business Administration -Female Aspiring Business Scholars -**

The Female Aspiring Business Scholars (FABS) mission is to inspire and empower young women entering into essential business careers. FABS summer camp offers high school juniors and seniors an avenue to explore business and an opportunity to earn 3 hours of college credit through seminars with UD faculty and business professionals, local networking events, and professional skills workshops. Through immersive and interactive experiences on and around the University of Dayton campus, students will build their professional skills and learn to apply essential business practices to design their own business plans. For questions, please email businesscamps@dayton.edu, <https://libguides.udayton.edu/fabs>

- **Summer Engineering Experiences SEE-UD**

Participants will learn in depth about a specific discipline of engineering while striving to solve some of the most prominent problems our world faces today, called the *Grand Challenges of Engineering*. Throughout this experience, participants will engage with University of Dayton faculty and students to learn more about engineering at UD through interactive modules and hands-on lab experiences.

<https://udayton.edu/calendar/2026/06/see-ud-summer-engineering-experiences-at-the-university-of-dayton.php>

- **FEMALE ASPIRING BUSINESS SCHOLARS (FABS) SUMMER PROGRAM - June 28 – July 1, 2026**

FABS is a four-day overnight camp offered by UD's School of Business Administration that provides young women hands-on learning through team projects, leadership experience, career exploration and mentorship. Campers will build skills essential for success in college and business, connect with peers and experience life as a UD student. [FABS](#)

UNIVERSITY OF FINDLAY PHARMACY CAMP- The camp is open to high school students who will become a junior or senior. Camp tuition is approx. \$425.00 and will include housing, meals, camp instruction materials, laboratory exercise supplies, and field trip transportation.

<https://www.findlay.edu/pharmacy/pharmacy-summer-camp>

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO HEALTH PROFESSIONS CAREER CAMP-July 14-15, 2026 - Spend two action-packed days on campus learning what it takes to make an impact in health and human services through experiences you can't get in a classroom alone. Whether you're passionate about helping people, curious about medical science, or considering a future in allied health, this camp is the perfect way to unlock possibilities and get a real taste of college-level health professions. <https://www.utoledo.edu/hhs/camps/health-professions-career/>

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UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO NURSING & RESPIRATORY CARE CAMP-June 16, 2026 - A one-day, hands-on experience where students can explore nursing and respiratory care through interactive activities in our labs and simulation spaces.

[Registration link for Nursing & Respiratory Care Camp](#)

UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO PHARMACY CAMP- June 15-17, 2026 - The University of Toledo College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has been hosting a camp since 2001! Did you know that UToledo Pharmacy offers 5 undergraduate science majors in addition to the pharmacy program? Graduates can become community pharmacists, cosmetic scientists, forensic scientists, research chemists, clinical pharmacists, drug developers, and more! If you're interested in learning about the variety of career paths we offer, join us for the 2026 Pharmacy & Science Career Camp.. Campers will stay in our residence halls overnight for the full UToledo student experience!

<https://www.utoledo.edu/pharmacy/camp/>

University of Toledo Pharmacy Cosmetic Chemistry Summer Camp –The University of Toledo is offering a great opportunity for students interested in the arts, makeup, or science who don't know about the Cosmetic Chemistry option. Toledo has the nation's only bachelor's degree program in Cosmetic Science and Formulation Design. They are hosting their annual Virtual Cosmetic Science and Formulation Design Summer Camp. July 8 -10, 2026

Register at <https://www.utoledo.edu/pharmacy/camp/coscicamp/>

University of Toledo Virtual Summer Biomedical Science Program in Bioinformatics - Join us for our virtual camp to experience the excitement of biomedical research and see how you can make a difference in health and disease. Learn from experts in the field, get mentored by a College of Medicine and Life Sciences faculty member, and work in small groups and develop research writing skills. Applications due by -**February 13, 2026**
https://www.utoledo.edu/med/depts/neurosciences/summerbioinformatics.html?cbeid=7e7210da-1783-4879-a183-c737d2979a1d&utm_campaign=bioengineering&utm_content=summer-camp&utm_medium=email&utm_source=admissions

Wright State University - Horizons in Medicine Program - Horizons in Medicine is a month-long summer program designed for high school juniors and seniors passionate about healthcare careers. Gain hands-on experience alongside medical students and physicians, discover your calling through interactive learning, and chart your path in the dynamic world of medicine. Your journey to a rewarding future in healthcare starts here! **Deadline April 3, 2026**

<https://medicine.wright.edu/education/horizons-in-medicine>

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Xavier University - Discover a world of opportunity with Xavier's dynamic summer camp programs designed for high school students, future Musketeers, and children alike. Whether you're looking for a multi-week, for credit residential experience or a fun, hand-on camp, Xavier has something for you all located on our main campus in the heart of Cincinnati, Ohio. Our world class faculty, dedicated staff, and talented students are ready to inspire, challenge, and prepare you for the future through a wide range of unforgettable summer experiences. Come join this summer and get a true taste of life as a Xavier Musketeer in one of many summer camp offerings. Register by April 30, 2026 <https://www.xavier.edu/summer-programs/>

Girls Who Code - Virtual summer immersion program. Level up by becoming a coder this summer. Get the skills, network, and community you need to change the world with our two **free** programs. Decide between multiplayer experience, two short weeks, learning the basics of game design, or single-player life, become a coder on your own schedule, choosing from data science, cybersecurity, and web development courses.
<https://girlswhocode.com/programs/summer-immersion-program>

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OUT OF STATE

ALABAMA

University of Alabama- Early College Summer on Campus – With Summer on Campus, you live in a suite-style residence hall, walk the quad, make great friends, and take two college courses at UA. You'll also have the same strong support network you experience in your online courses – peer coaches who live in your residence hall, academic advisors, and student-centered faculty. Summer is split into two terms (Summer I and Summer II), each four weeks long: Applications open February 2025. <https://earlycollege.ua.edu/online-and-on-campus/summer-on-campus/>

University of Alabama Minerva Young Women's Business Summer Program-Minerva is designed for high school junior (rising senior) girls, from anywhere, to learn about The University of Alabama, business as a major, and specifically about career paths where women are underrepresented. During the week, students will participate in informative sessions with Culverhouse College of Business faculty and staff, learn about career opportunities in business, build leadership and communication skills, complete a survey project and take field trips for experiential learning. Additionally, students will experience campus life and connect with like-minded women interested in business. <https://culture.culverhouse.ua.edu/minerva/>

Samford University

- **Bulldog Pharmacy Camp** - Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy invites current high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to apply for its Bulldog Pharmacy Camp this summer to explore careers in pharmacy. 2026 camp dates are June 21 - June 26, 2026. To learn more, click [here](#).
- **Sports Business MVP Boot Camp** - The Sports Business MVP Boot Camp is designed for high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors who are passionate about pursuing a career in the dynamic world of sports business. 2026 camp dates are July 18 - July 25, 2026. To learn more, click [here](#).
- **Animate** - Join us to discover your passion and elevate your artistry at Animate: the summer camp for worship and the arts. With guidance from special guest artists, alongside Samford faculty and student leaders, you will learn to engage in multiple styles of worship and connect with artistically-minded friends and mentors, taking what you have learned back home to use your gifts to serve your church. 2026 camp dates are June 24 – June 26, 2026. To learn more, click [here](#).
- **Volleyball** - 2-Day Elite Camp This camp is open to all upcoming high school players and is designed for experienced athletes seeking a competitive, elite training environment. Campers will declare their position and receive position-specific instruction from Samford staff and current and former players. Athletes will be grouped by skill level, with intermediate and advanced techniques emphasized through drills and competitive play. Train alongside Samford's elite athletes and take your game back to your program stronger than ever. 2026 camp dates are July 6 - July 7, 2026. To learn more, click [here](#).

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ARIZONA

Arizona State University - Camp Cronkite, our summer enrichment media camp, allows high school students to dive head-first into media right here at the Cronkite School. By day, Cronkite faculty, staff, and student guides lead campers in hands-on learning in our state-of-the-art building on ASU's Downtown Phoenix campus; then, campers retreat across the street to Gordon Commons, our residential hall, for supervised R&R.

At Camp Cronkite, high school students from across the country grow their media skills—and get a taste of college life! Campers leave with real media skills and work to bolster (or kickstart!) their professional portfolios. Students immerse in a variety of topics and skills across journalism and mass communication including writing, broadcast reporting, audio, video and other hands-on media techniques. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime experience! Review details on our two camp sessions below. <https://cronkite.asu.edu/community/high-school-programs/camps/>

CALIFORNIA

Otis College of Art and Design - Summer of Art - July 6–31, 2026 - Summer of Art at Otis College of Art and Design is an immersive pre-college experience designed for high school students and young creatives ages 14.5 to 19. This intensive four-week program gives you the opportunity to explore college-level courses in art and design, refine your skills, and build your portfolio in a dynamic, studio-based environment. Full-day students can also earn three transferable college credits, gaining valuable academic experience while preparing for their future in the arts.

Whether you're an experienced artist looking to advance your practice or just beginning your creative journey, Summer of Art provides the tools, mentorship, and inspiration to help you grow. Study with professional artists and designers, engage in hands-on projects, and experience what it's like to be a student at one of the nation's top art and design colleges.

<https://www.otis.edu/extension/youth-programs/summer-art/index.html>

Stanford Pre-Collegiate Studies: –Various programs that advance the education of academically talented, intellectually curious, pre-college students. Programs are designed to meet the needs of top students everywhere, ranging from an on-line high school to residential summer programs that let you become a Stanford University student for the summer or that let you dive deeply into your passions, to classes offered online and in-person throughout the year. Dates and Costs vary. Deadline: Rolling admission until full. For more information visit:

<https://summerinstitutes.spcs.stanford.edu/>

The Joyce Ivy Scholarship is available for Stanford's High School Summer Scholars (Horizons Scholars)

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Stanford Pre-College AI Program by Stanford Alumni - Summer 2024 - [Inspirit AI](#) is a 25-hour project-based AI program that introduces middle/high school students to fundamental AI concepts to build impactful projects across disciplines such as arts and humanities. This year we are excited to announce new projects such as Chatbots for Education, AI for Disaster-Aid, Hate Speech Prevention, and more. The program is taught by Stanford, MIT mentors and no CS experience is necessary. [Applications](#)

University of California Irvine - These programs offer an incredible opportunity for students to step onto campus, engage in hands-on research and projects, and explore their passions while getting a real feel for college life. We're confident that along the way, they'll build meaningful connections with like-minded peers and mentors, gain valuable career insights, and feel supported and inspired by the vibrant UC Irvine community. <https://www.ucigati.org/>

https://www.cosmos.uci.edu/?utm_campaign=fa24&utm_medium=email&utm_source=counselor-newsletter-Sep

https://sites.uci.edu/sonsummer/?utm_campaign=fa24&utm_medium=email&utm_source=counselor-newsletter-Sep

https://medschool.uci.edu/education/pre-med-pathway-programs/uci-med-academy?utm_campaign=fa24&utm_medium=email&utm_source=counselor-newsletter-Sep

University of Southern California: June 22 - July 17, 2026 Choose from over 20 courses in multiple disciplines – from business and engineering to acting and creative writing, there's a wide range of courses and subjects to explore.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis – <https://precollege.usc.edu/summer-programs/>

University of Southern California - Bovard Scholars - The USC Bovard Scholars program helps high-achieving students with financial need gain admission to and succeed at the nation's top universities. Support is available to high-achieving rising high school seniors. Through expert admissions and financial aid assistance, comprehensive test preparation and personalized career exploration experiences, we aim to transform lives and build a new generation of dynamic leaders. **Deadline January 16, 2026** <https://bovardscholars.usc.edu/our-program/how-to-apply/>

UCLA Summer Arts Program - This summer, UCLA Arts offers five Summer Institutes for motivated high school students. UCLA Arts' High School Summer Institutes allow students to earn college credit and build their portfolios while advancing their academic careers and abilities in an area of study. <https://summer.arts.ucla.edu/high-school-summer-institutes-2026>

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COLORADO

United States Air Force Academy Summer Seminar- APPLICATIONS OPEN DEC.1-JAN. 15, 2026

Along with your element, you will:

- Live in cadet dormitories and eat at the cadet dining facility.
- Explore academic facilities and research labs.
- Participate in a variety of workshops, including some that assist with your application.

Session A– June 2-6, 2026

Session B – June 8-12, 2026

Session C – June 15-19, 2026

<https://www.academyadmissions.com/prepare/high-school/summer-seminar/>

University of Colorado - Boulder

Summer in Boulder offers high school students the opportunity to get involved in a number of exciting CU Boulder programs that go beyond Summer Session courses. Includes non-credit academic enrichment and experiential courses, and non-credit STEM programs, like Science Discovery STEM Academy, Science Discovery STEM Research Experience, Summer Music Academy and more.

<https://www.colorado.edu/summer/apply-enroll/high-school-students/non-credit-opportunities-high-school-students>

https://www.colorado.edu/summer?utm_source=email&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=SS25RFITY_VS

Colorado School of Mines - Summer Mines Engineering and Training (SUMMET) Program - an engineering, science and technology initiative tailored for rising high school seniors who are prospective first-generation college students, though students from all backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

SUMMET combines coursework, hands-on projects, team-building activities and social events. The program provides exposure to the lifestyle, opportunities, and challenges of college and is designed to help build skills and experiences for a smooth transition from high school to college.

This is a one-week residential program, allowing participants to live on campus for the duration of the program, experience life as a college student and participate in STEM-related curriculum instruction.

This program is free to participants, except for a \$50 confirmation fee if you are accepted into the program. Transportation to and from the program is not included in the cost and is the responsibility of the participants.

<https://www.mines.edu/undergraduate-admissions/summer-mines-engineering-and-training-summet/>

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Colorado State University - Women in Construction Management Summer Institute - June 2-6, 2026 - With one of the highest job placement rates and starting salaries of any major, a degree in Construction Management is a great choice for those who enjoy teamwork, solving tangible problems, and creating the communities around them.

This five-day four-night on-campus program is for up to 26 high school students age 15-18 who are interested in Architecture, Engineering, and Construction (AEC). Each day participants engage with professionals representing AEC industries as well as college mentors to work on building confidence and developing an understanding of construction management and related careers while having fun exploring construction related topics and activities!

This program is intended for students who are curious about the field but may not yet see themselves in this industry. We will explore beginner construction concepts, materials, and equipment, but also themes of confidence, empowerment, and creating an industry that is welcoming to all in a supportive environment where newcomers are encouraged.

<https://www.chhs.colostate.edu/cm/programs-and-degrees/b-s-in-construction-management/high-school-summer-institute/>

University of Colorado - Denver - The LYNX National Arts and Media Camp- The LYNX National Arts and Media Camps are summer immersion programs for high school students interested in the arts and music. The camps are hosted on the University of Colorado Denver campus and sponsored by the [CU Denver College of Arts & Media](https://artsandmedia.ucdenver.edu/). The camps are designed to provide students with an educational preview of the college programs offered in the College of Arts & Media while also providing students with an inspiring and memorable summer camp experience. We host high school students from throughout the U.S at the camps and occasionally even have international students attend! This creates a diverse and enriching experience as students bond over a shared passion for the arts.

<https://artsandmedia.ucdenver.edu/prospective-students/lynx-camps>

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER - Access DU - is a core component of the University of Denver's commitment to inclusiveness and college access. Our Undergraduate Admission summer program brings together high-achieving rising high school juniors and seniors from across the country for a transformative experience on DU's campus.

There is no racial or ethnic prerequisite to participate in the program. All are welcome to apply! This could be especially helpful if you're a first-generation college student, from a small town or rural area, come from a low-income family, or represent a historically underrepresented background on college campuses. But regardless of your background, we encourage you to apply!

<https://www.du.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate/access-du>

CONNECTICUT

Yale Young Global Scholars - YYGS is a two-week summer program at Yale University that invites high school students from around the world to discuss pressing topics in STEM, social sciences, humanities, or cross-disciplinary studies. Deadline January 7, 2026

<https://globalscholars.yale.edu/hc>

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DELAWARE

University of Delaware - Edge Summer Program

Applications for the 2026 Edge summer college program are open for high-achieving students now in their sophomore or junior year of high school.

From July 19–Aug. 8, 2026, students can earn three to six college credits with many engaging offerings from around UD's Newark campus. Attendees will also learn about the college search and admissions process, build friendships and take day trips to attractions and major cities in the Northeast U.S.

<https://ud-counselor-newsletter.webflow.io/pre-college>

FLORIDA

University of Miami Summer Scholars Program –How many students get the chance to build an architectural portfolio, create a business plan, meet executives from collegiate and professional sport administrations, all while earning six college credits? At UM, students explore their academic passion and consider their future career opportunities when they attend the University of Miami's Summer Scholars program. High-achieving high school sophomores and juniors can gain an authentic college experience and earn six college credits in a variety of academic areas.

For students looking to gain hands-on experience in a more condensed format, we also offer our incredible two-week, non-credit academy program for an intense experiential learning environment.

Students are encouraged to apply early for the best chance at admission in their first-choice program. Applications are processed on a rolling basis once complete.

Limited Scholarship Opportunities are available for students who qualify. To be considered, eligible applicants must complete both the summer scholars application and the scholarship application and submit supporting documents. Students who meet the requirements for our need-based scholarship may also qualify for application fee reduction waivers.

<https://ssp.dcie.miami.edu/>

Coastal Marine Education and Research Academy - Shark and Ray Research-

Students will be participating in field work out on boats Monday through Friday each week catching, tagging, and recording data on sharks and stingrays as well as participating in classroom lectures. *Students perform all aspects of the field work* from baiting hooks to setting longlines and nets and processing the animals. Students may sign up for as many weeks as you would like. Weeks do not have to be consecutive. Each week will be conducted similar to the example schedule shown below. Any student who chooses to attend multiple weeks will be given more responsibility on the boat each week. Students who attend multiple weeks will hear different lectures each week. There are six weeks of different lectures. Attend six weeks to hear them all!

<https://www.coastalmera.com/summer-program>

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GEORGIA

Emory University – Pre-College Program - The Emory Pre-College Program is a summer academic program for high school students. It gives college-bound rising juniors and rising seniors an exciting glimpse of academic and residential life at a top-ranked national university. High school students may explore topics with professors who are the leading experts in their fields, enroll in classes with college students, and earn transferable college credit. Two-week noncredit courses and three-week noncredit institutes are available. Students wishing to earn credit alongside Emory undergraduates will enroll in a six-week course through the Emory Summer College for High School Students. Emory Pre-College students enrolled in non-credit courses live together in a residence hall on campus or within commuting distance with their families and participate in a variety of programs, activities, and excursions designed to prepare them for college life.

Students will enjoy the beautiful, tree-lined Emory campus and its outstanding facilities, meet new people and make lifelong friends. Students come from across the U.S. and the world. Ranked in the top 25 by U.S. News and World Report and by The Princeton Review for #1 on best quality of life and #19 on best classroom experience, Emory University offers a small liberal arts college environment within a major research university. <https://precollege.emory.edu/>

The Joyce Ivy Scholarship is available for this program.

ILLINOIS

Loyola University Chicago-Summer Scholars Program- We believe it's never too early to get on your path to success. Seminar courses give high school students the opportunity to learn more about different fields of study offered here at Loyola and to explore career possibilities. Seminars involve hands-on activities and field trips. Students will learn in a diverse environment while engaging with like-minded individuals. Additionally, they will deepen their understanding and development of their own unique interests and identity. Students may choose to take one (1) non-credit course during any of the available weeks. Program participants are required to attend Student & Family Orientation on Sunday prior to the first day of class. Each course meets Monday–Friday from 9:00am-12:00pm (breaks for lunch) then resumes from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Courses are offered in the following subject areas:

1. Business and Leadership
2. Pre-Health and Wellness
3. Psychology
4. STEM Fields

Seminar Session Dates: Students will move in on Sunday between 9am -12pm and move out Saturday after the program session between 9am -12pm. Student and Family Orientation will be held on Sunday from 1pm - 3pm.

<https://www.luc.edu/summer/>

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University of Chicago - For the summer of 2026, we will host both residential programs and online courses, including:

- **Enrichment Programs:** With enhanced financial support to cover program costs, talented and motivated students have the opportunity to reside on campus and benefit from co-curricular programming to prepare them for the highly selective admissions process while learning about topics like, economics, freedom of expression, leadership, or quantum physics.
- **Immersion:** Through workshop discussions, research projects, and other activities, students live on campus and immerse themselves within a specific topic. Course subjects include astrophysics, biotechnology, coding, data science, economics, literature, molecular engineering, political science, psychology, and more.
- **Summer Language Institute:** Through this online program students can learn an entire year of a language in one summer! With over 10 languages offered you can continue learning a language or pick up a new one. Please register by March 1, 2026.
summer.uchicago.edu

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign - Grainger Engineering Summer Camps -

Grainger Engineering Summer Camps are designed to provide STEM-interested students the opportunity to experience authentic and challenging projects and activities, world-class instructors, and a collegiate experience from one of the best engineering schools in the world. The camps provide exposure to different areas of engineering through demonstrations, lab tours, classroom presentations, hands-on activities, and interactions with various students, staff, and professors in those fields. Summer camps are available for middle and high school-aged students (rising 7th – 12th grade) and are available for all genders.

<https://wyse.grainger.illinois.edu/summer-programs/summer-camps>

Illinois Tech - Elevate College Prep - Illinois Tech, Chicago's only tech university and a nationally ranked research university, offers the unique **Elevate College Prep** program, which sets young learners on a pathway to college and careers in **STEM** and other dynamic fields. Summer programs: Students broaden their knowledge and skills through an array of academic offerings, hands on experiences, and mentorship. Opportunities include daytime, residential, and online programs, as well as courses offering college credit.

<https://www.iit.edu/academics/elevate-college-prep/summer-programs>

Wheaton College Summer Institute - A premier Christian pre-college academic program that prepares high school students for college life and academic work, while offering them opportunities to grow in their faith. Students will spend 2 weeks on campus, taking a college-level course from one of our exceptional faculty members and joining in worship with other Christians from across the country and all over the world.

<https://www.wheaton.edu/wheaton-college-summer-institute/>

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INDIANA

Ball State University - Design Works Summer Academy - July 12-24, 2026

Design Works Summer Academy is an immersive, intensive, team-driven, college-level experience that gives you an insider's view of design and planning professionals that shape our buildings, sites, and cities. The "let's try it" environment of DesignWorks is modeled on the common first year program in the College of Architecture and planning, and includes field trips, projects, access to design professionals, campus living, hands-on-work, and a bit of fun too. Cost \$1500.00

Information: bsu.edu/cap/designworks

Ball State University - Interior Design Summer Workshop - Various Dates (Online or On Campus) - The Youth Interior Design Forum (YIDF) is a workshop open to high school students of any grade level and gives them the opportunity to experience interior design firsthand. We also encourage graduating seniors who plan to attend Ball State University in fall of 2026 attend this workshop as well to have a smooth transition to college and have a jump start. The workshop blends tradition and innovation in creative learning, covering areas in applied critical thinking and exploration with materials. During the **studio time**, students explore the fundamentals of 2D and 3D concepts, learn basic drawing and illustration skills, play with color use and light effects, and learn how interior environments affect human behavior. Upon completion, students will have a portfolio of work (a required component for the application for many accredited college interior design programs) and an official certificate of completion. <https://bsu.edu/designforum>

Butler University - Join Butler Dance faculty, under the artistic direction of Marek Cholewa, for our pre-professional summer dance Intensive on the beautiful campus of Butler University. The 4-week intensive will have a classical ballet focus with additional classes in character, modern, jazz, pas de deux, pilates, and repertoire. It will conclude with a final performance in the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts on the last day of the Intensive. Please note: students must turn age 13 by the first day of the Intensive in order to be eligible to participate.

<https://www.butler.edu/jordan-arts/undergraduate-programs/dance/ballet-summer-intensive/>

Butler University - Camps at Butler create dynamic, inclusive learning environments for youth and adults, offering diverse experiences that inspire curiosity, creativity, and a strong sense of belonging. Our camps are dedicated to fostering connection, promoting access, and ensuring that every participant, regardless of background, feels empowered to learn, grow, and thrive. Areas of Interest: Music and Dance, Science and Technology and visual and performing arts.

<https://www.butlerartscenter.org/camps>

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Butler University - Butler University's one-week Pre-College Programs give rising high school sophomores through seniors the opportunity to explore academic interests, build leadership skills, and experience residential campus life. Each program takes place on Butler's campus in Indianapolis, with a commuter option available. The deadline to register for all programs is May 15, but some programs may fill before the deadline.

- [Exploratory Track](#): June 7–12, 2026

**This event is currently at capacity, but students can still register for a spot on the waitlist.*

- [Business Track](#): June 21–26, 2026
- [Healthcare Track](#): July 12–17, 2026

University of Notre Dame Pre-College Programs - Apply by January 21, 2026

Leadership Seminars – July 18-29, 2026

A 10-day program for current juniors in which the University pays for admitted students' tuition, meals, and housing. Students experience life at Notre Dame, live on campus, and study under esteemed Notre Dame Faculty in this highly competitive program.

<https://precollege.nd.edu/leadership-seminars/>

Summer Scholars – Session I: June 6 - 20, 2026. Session II: June 27- July 11, 2026. A program for current high school sophomores and juniors. Students choose from 22 courses of study, ranging from STEM to liberal arts, and experience college life by living in the dorms and participating in campus activities. Application Visit: <https://precollege.nd.edu/summer-scholars/>

Study Abroad – Italy – June 6-20, 2026. Current juniors may apply for this incredible experience of two weeks immersed in the history and culture of the Eternal City, with scholars representing a range of fields on hand to guide students in their exploration of this ancient city. Visit:

<https://precollege.nd.edu/study-abroad/rome/>

Study Abroad – Ireland – July 18 – August 2, 2026. Current juniors may apply for 12 days of adventure in Dublin and Connemara, Ireland! Guided by Notre Dame Faculty and local scholars, students embark on an exploration of Irish culture, history and landscape.

<https://precollege.nd.edu/study-abroad/ireland>

Study Abroad – South Africa – July 18 -August 2, 2026. On this 13-day journey through South Africa, you will visit fascinating historical sites, exposing students to the nation's struggle with race through an investigation of apartheid. Explore incredible landscapes unlike anywhere in the world, tour an elephant sanctuary, and take a once-in-a-lifetime safari.

<https://precollege.nd.edu/study-abroad/study-abroad-south-africa/>

Study Abroad – London – July 5-19, 2026, discover how London came to be one of the leading trading capitals in the world through an exploration of its fascinating history and culture by visiting its many historic buildings, museums and diverse neighborhoods.

<https://precollege.nd.edu/study-abroad/london/>

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University of Notre Dame Career Discovery Program in Architecture –

This program is designed for students in grades 10-12 who have the desire and interest to learn about the study of architecture while experiencing campus life at the University of Notre Dame.

<https://architecture.nd.edu/careers-alumni/career-center-resources/career-discovery-for-high-schoolers/>

The University of Notre Dame - Summer Seminary Immersion– Two weeks of Theological study, prayer, and community life men seeking to better understand God's call. June 13th – 27th, 2026 For more information, call 574-631-6385 or email vocation@holycross.org or visit

<https://precollege.nd.edu/summer-seminary-immersion-program/>

The University of Notre Dame - Summer Science Camps - Residential and Online Summer Camps at the DNA Learning Center are designed for students with an interest in science, no previous experience required.. Programs include hands-on molecular biology experiments to learn about the expanding field of genetics, as well as experiencing Notre Dame.

dnacenter.nd.edu/summer-camps

The University of Notre Dame - Pre-College Online Program- As a high school student who is motivated to change the world, we invite you to consider the pre-college online program offered by the University of Notre Dame. Designed to empower brilliant and energetic thinkers, courses feature dynamic video lessons by renowned faculty, and access to mentors. Best of all, study anywhere, anytime, at your own pace, since the program is available year-round. This is a great opportunity for you to explore your passions and prepare for college.

https://precollegeonline.nd.edu/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nd_counselorleadsmonthly&utm_content=apr

Saint Mary College Notre Dame – Saint Mary's College knows girls, their interests, and how they learn! It's our passion. For nearly 175 years, Saint Mary's has educated young women to develop their talents to make a difference in the world. We've offered camps for girls since 1974 helping young women build self-esteem, master new skills, make new friends, and experience the excitement of a college atmosphere. Campers live in residence halls and eat in our Dining Hall all under the care and protection of counselors, instructors, and professional staff members. Saint Mary's faculty and staff, as well as regional educators, provide instruction in campus classrooms, laboratories, studios, and on the courts. Please Visit: <https://www.saintmarys.edu/camps>

DePauw University - The Gateway to Gold: A DePauw Summer Experience program introduces rising high school sophomores through seniors to DePauw's liberal arts experience and will foster students' confidence in their problem-solving abilities and enhance their college readiness skills through two-day, one-night on-campus experiences.

<https://www.depauw.edu/precollegeprogram/>

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Purdue University – Gifted Education Resource Institute (GERI) Summer Camps -Every summer, for over 40 years, GERI has engaged gifted, creative, and talented students from across the country and around the world in residential camps designed to stimulate their imagination and expand their abilities. Students who have completed grades 5 through 12 live in campus residence halls, take challenging courses, and participate in engaging recreational activities. GERI offers three programs each summer.

What will you experience at GERI Summer Camps?

- Intellectual Challenges
- Personal attention from talented and caring staff members
- Outstanding Purdue University facilities: residence halls, dining halls, classrooms, and labs
- Friendships with others from around the world who share similar interests
- Enjoyable learning and social experiences

Please browse the 2026 Summer Residential brochure for an overall idea of our program and course offerings. <https://www.education.purdue.edu/geri>

Hanover College Summer Academy

Students will have the opportunity to eat, sleep, and learn on campus, just like Hanover College students. Students may choose from nine different institutes, taught by College faculty. Topics include healthcare, teaching, coding, engineering, and more. Deadline to apply: April 1, 2025
<https://www.hanover.edu/academics/summeracademy/?scid=>

Holy Cross College - Saints & Scholars Summer Theology Institute - July 12th-17th, 2026

The Saints and Scholars Summer Theology Institute is a one-week, pre-college program that provides high school students each year the opportunity to:

- Receive College Credit
- Live on a college campus—and benefit from the peer mentorship of select Holy Cross College students
- Participate in lively seminar discussions that are rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition and guided by faculty from Holy Cross College and the University of Notre Dame
- Serve community organizations related to your area of interest
- Share community-building experiences with students from around the world

The week features numerous faith-based activities including daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Liturgy of the Hours, and is rounded out with tons of fun—basketball, volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, an evening dance/social, all while students explore our beautiful campus in Notre Dame, Indiana.

<https://www.hcc-nd.edu/saints-and-scholars/>

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Indiana University Bloomington - IU Pre-college program

The IU Pre-College Academy gives rising high school seniors from diverse backgrounds a chance to see themselves in a college space and provides tools to help with the college search and application process. This exclusive event offers students a week-long residential experience on the beautiful IU Bloomington campus. Students will stay in a residential hall, connect with faculty and staff, have fun with other students heading into their senior year, and have a chance to ask all their questions. The students can build college readiness, start exploring career options, and experience campus life. **There is no cost to attend** the IU Pre-College Academy. Students are expected to have a minimum 3.0 GPA and will need to submit a short application

<https://precollege.indiana.edu/>

Indiana University

- **High School Journalism Institute (HSJI)** - Whether you're just getting into journalism or have years of experience, these student workshops provide you with the tools to learn new skills and sharpen your existing talents. Through hands-on experience, interaction with high-grade equipment, and instruction from field professionals, you'll receive important tips, tutorials, and resources to help you pursue your passions.

Register now for the session and workshop of your choice to begin building your media career. Sign up for one session or both. You may select one workshop topic per session.

Some sessions have a maximum enrollment. If you register for a workshop that is already full you may be placed on the waitlist and notified if a spot opens up. You will be notified when you register if you are on a waitlist.

<https://hsji.indiana.edu/high-school/workshops.html>

- **Game Development Camp**- Game on! Level up your passion for video games through hands-on immersion in the game development process at IU Game Development Camp, a five-day summer program for students ages 12-18*.

Whichever session you choose, you'll learn game development concepts from Media School instructors, develop new skills in professional game design software, learn industry insight from professional game developer guest speakers, and most importantly work on your own game project!

The Game Development Camp is also a great way to meet other students from across the globe that share your same passion for gaming. You will get to make new friends and learn from each other as you create your own digital world.

https://gamecamp.mediaschool.indiana.edu/?gad_source=1

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- **Cinema Academy** - Welcome filmmakers! Elevate your passion for filmmaking and storytelling at the IU Cinema Academy, an immersive summer program designed for students ages 14-18* who are eager to explore the world of digital filmmaking, screenwriting, animation, acting for the camera, and TV production.

Throughout the program, you'll gain hands-on experience from expert instructors in the field, learning valuable techniques in cutting-edge filmmaking software, screenwriting, animation tools, and on-camera acting. You will also gain insights from industry professionals who share their expertise, helping you understand the nuances of the entertainment industry.

Cinema Academy is the perfect environment to connect with other like-minded students from around the world. You'll collaborate on projects, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills to bring your creative vision to life on screen.

https://cinemaacademy.indiana.edu/index.html?gad_source=1

Marian University Indianapolis - INNOVATION THROUGH ENGINEERING- JUNE 7-12, 2026

Get exposure to and hands-on experience in engineering through: Company and site tours, Master classes by university faculty, design experience, talks by industry leaders and much more. Cost \$500.00 and includes all instruction, materials and supplies, room and board, travel arrangements, and entertainment. **Deadline Mar 23, 2026**

<https://www.marian.edu/school-of-engineering/innovation-summer-camp-residential-summer-camp.php>

KANSAS

University of Kansas - Summer Venture in Business - The Summer Venture in Business (SVB) is a pre-college summer academy housed in the University of Kansas School of Business for high school students who are interested in the field of business.

The goal of this program is to familiarize high school students with aspects of the college experience in and out of the classroom. It will serve as a pipeline program for students to access academic resources and opportunities at KU. In addition to exposing participants to business topics, the SVB aims to equip students with the tools and knowledge for applying to the university, succeeding in college and prospering in their careers.

<https://business.ku.edu/undergraduate-programs/summer-venture-business>

MARYLAND

United States Naval Academy Summer STEM - Summer STEM at the Naval Academy is a vibrant week of problem-solving, exploratory learning, critical thinking and team building for rising 9th - 11th graders interested in a future in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. 2026 Session Dates: Session I: June 1-6; Session II - June 8-13; Session III - June 15-19, 2026

<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/>

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United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar- The United States Naval Academy Summer Seminar is the first step in navigating your future to becoming one of our nation's next generation of leaders. If you are currently in your junior year of high school and considering the Naval Academy as your college of choice, we strongly recommend you consider applying to summer seminars. Summer Seminar will introduce you to life at the academy, where you experience first-class academic, athletic, and professional training at the #1 public college in the U.S. Your Summer Seminar application will also serve as a preliminary application to the Academy that you will complete before or during your senior year. You will live in Bancroft Hall, experience life on the yard and learn from some of the best midshipmen and the most esteemed faculty.

2025 Session dates: Session I –May 31- June 5,; Session II – June 7-12, 2026; Session III – June 14-19. We are aware that some school districts are still in session during our programs. Unfortunately, we cannot adjust our dates given facility availability and the midshipmen training schedules. You may request a change to your session assignment, after selection, but admission to a different session is not guaranteed. Please visit <https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/>

Morgan State University - Summer Academy of Actuarial and Mathematical Sciences (SAAMS) - The Summer Academy of Actuarial and Mathematical Sciences (SAAMS) Program is a rigorous academic enrichment program designed to foster excitement among high school students in Mathematics, Actuarial Science and Computer Science. This pipeline program is within in the Department of Mathematics. The goal of the SAAMS program is to help increase the number of students who will enter mathematics and actuarial science fields. SAAMS students are exposed to interdisciplinary approaches to learning and furthering their education.

Students attend Mathematics, Actuarial Science, and Computer Science classes. Applicants are selected through a competitive application and interview process, and applicants who are accepted into the SAAMS Program are rewarded a stipend. Students experience program-related field trips and professional development sessions. <https://www.morgan.edu/saams>

Johns Hopkins University - Summer at Hopkins Whether you're an academically advanced high school student or an undergraduate enrolled at JHU or elsewhere, Summer at Hopkins is your opportunity to tackle challenging coursework taught by world-renowned instructors in an environment that thrives on discovery and discussion. Pursue your passion through a variety of programs and courses offered across a range of in-demand areas of study.

Whether you're with us for two weeks or ten, learning online or in person, Summer at Hopkins will help you advance your knowledge and create lasting connections with friends and mentors Sign-up now to learn how you can take your education to the next level through our Pre-College Programs, Next Generation Scholars Academy, or our Undergraduate Courses.

<https://summer.jhu.edu/> **Deadline - January 2 for early decision**

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MASSACHUSETTS

Amherst College- The Common Young Writers Program - *The Common* Young Writers Program welcomes high school students passionate about creative writing to join us for a two week intensive on the craft of fiction. This virtual course includes daily synchronous and asynchronous work for students excited to learn the building blocks of fiction (scene, character, plot, image) and write and revise their own stories in a short period of time. Students will learn to read like a writer, by closely examining short stories published in *The Common*, and engage with their peers. By the end of this jam-packed program, students will emerge with original pieces of writing, more confident in their skills and connected to a supportive writing community.

Taught by the editors and editorial assistants of Amherst College's literary magazine, the summer courses (Level I and Level II) run Monday-Friday, for two weeks. We will prioritize high school applicants, rising 9-12 grades (or the equivalent if home-schooled), but will accept applications for Level II from former participants entering college if they are no older than 18.

<https://www.thecommononline.org/the-common-young-writers-program/>

Bentley University - June and July 2026 - A pre-college program at Bentley University provides rising high school juniors and seniors with a taste of college academics and offers a chance to experience residential life and explore a university community. By immersing themselves in a rigorous yet supportive learning environment, students can gain valuable insights into their academic interests and career aspirations. Students develop meaningful friendships and form connections with like-minded peers from diverse backgrounds.

The programs allow students to build essential skills, expand their networks, and enhance their college applications, setting them on a path toward future success. Bentley offers five pre-college programs: Wall Street 101, Analytics Academy, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Leadership and Sports Management, all taught by Bentley professors. <https://www.bentley.edu/precollege>

Boston University - Pre-College Summer Programs - BU's long-running Summer Term pre-college offerings include a choice of one-, two-, three-, and six-week programs that prepare you for success in college. With five exciting and challenging pre-college summer programs to choose from, you can earn college credit, discover a new subject area, perform cutting-edge research in University labs, or immerse yourself in hands-on learning. Summer is a great time to push yourself academically while adapting to college life, making new friends, and engaging in fun, social activities around Boston and on campus. We invite you to join other motivated teens from 50 states and 87 countries in our summer programs for high school students—and take the leap into college life and academics.

https://www.bu.edu/summer/high-school-programs/?utm_source=collegeadvisor

Boston University PROMYS Program (Mathematics for Young Scientists) PROMYS is a six-week residential summer program at Boston University designed to encourage strongly motivated high school students to explore in depth the creative world of mathematics in a supportive community of peers, counselors, research mathematicians, and visiting scientists. Students are carefully selected from across the US and around the world. PROMYS was founded in 1989 by Professor Glenn Stevens and three other current faculty members. There is full and partial need-based financial aid. Please visit <https://promys.org/programs/>

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Boston University New England Center for Investigative Reporting - New England Center for Investigative Reporting presents a once in a lifetime experience for High School students interested in journalism, communications or writing. Celebrating its 10th Anniversary, the Boston University Summer Journalism Institute gives students ages 14 to 18 the opportunity to expand their skills, experience college life and explore Boston. Each instructor is also a working journalist, so what's taught is grounded in real-life experience. Each lesson is tied to its practical application, by giving students reporting assignments on campus and in the city. Each day is an opportunity to taste what it's like to work in the news field, live on a campus, and make new friends from all over the country. For more information and dates visit:

<https://www.bu.edu/mysummer/academics/pre-college-summer-journalism-institute>

Boston University Academy of Media Production – AMP - This four-week workshop presents the opportunity to explore the many aspects of media production while developing the skills needed to be a successful storyteller. AMP students learn the power of good writing and visual storytelling by creating videos, short films, webcasts, multi-camera productions, and more. This on-campus, live-in college program gives students the tools to pursue all facets of media production, while collaborating with like-minded students, making new friends, and having a life-changing summer experience in the heart of Boston.

<https://www.bu.edu/com/articles/summer-school-for-video-storytellers/>

Clark University - Held in the brand new, state-of-the-art Center for Media Arts, Computing, and Design on the Clark University campus, the Becker School of Design and Technology's Summer Game Studio is your gateway to the gaming world. This hands-on experience will teach you every aspect of game design and development – concept art, coding, animation, motion capture, sound design, playtesting, and beyond – all guided by world-class faculty and industry experts.

In the Summer Game Studio, you'll make your own original game from scratch – to play, flex your design skills, or even share with professional developers. You'll get the chance to learn and interact with game designers from companies like Demiurge, Riot, Squee Play, WB Games, and Epic Games. Whether you're just thinking about college or already eyeing a career in game design, this is the right way to kickstart your journey.

<https://www.clarku.edu/schools/becker-school-of-design-and-technology/summer/>

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Curry College - Summer Graphic Design Institute - July 12-18, 2026 - Explore your passion and find your path during a week of creativity, community, and exploration at the Curry College Summer Graphic Design Institute!

This exciting new program is for rising high school juniors and seniors with a passion for creativity. The Graphic Design Summer Institute is your chance to immerse yourself in the world of design while experiencing college life on our beautiful Milton, Massachusetts campus.

Highlights of your week with us will include:

- Engage in dynamic design classes led by expert faculty
- Take inspiring museum & studio visits to see real-world design in action
- Build and refine your personal portfolio with guidance from professionals
- Experience living on our picturesque New England campus and get a taste of college life
- Showcase your best work at our exciting Portfolio Showcase

Whether you're considering a future in graphic design or simply want to explore your artistic side, this immersive experience will help you develop your skills, connect with like-minded peers, and take your creativity to the next level!

<https://www.curry.edu/academics/undergraduate-degrees-and-programs/visual-and-performing-arts-degrees-and-programs/graphic-design-degree-major-and-minor/summer-graphic-design-institute>

Massachusetts Institute of Technology - MIT Introduction to Engineering and Science

(MITES)- Join MITES Summer (formerly MITES) for our six-week, on-campus program that immerses students from across the country in life at MIT. You'll take five rigorous, rewarding math, science, and humanities courses—and discover all you can achieve. You'll also participate in lab tours and social events, and benefit from college admissions counseling. This national program gives you firsthand insights into the value and reward of STEM degrees and careers, while also developing the academic and personal skills you need for success.

<https://mites.mit.edu/discover-mites/mites-summer/>

Smith College Pre-College Programs - Summer Pre-college Programs at Smith College offer intellectually stimulating and unique opportunities for high school young women who wish to pursue their academic interests in the classroom and beyond.

For specific classes, dates and times please visit:

<https://www.smith.edu/academics/precollege-programs/applying>

The Joyce Ivy Scholarship is available for this program.

Worcester Polytechnic Institute - 2026 Pre-College Summer Programs- Rising 10, 11 & 12th graders are invited to dive deeper into two topics of their choice, a STEM major and a humanities minor, during Frontiers. Courses are taught by WPI instructors, and include hands-on activities, demos and discussions. Students also get a glimpse into college life by eating in the dining hall, living in our residents halls, and enjoying evening activities.

https://www.wpi.edu/academics/pre-collegiate/summer-programs/frontiers?utm_mc_suscriber_id=45784575

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MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY - Come join us on a quest to learn about MSE!

Michigan Tech's [Summer Youth Program](#) offers activities in materials science and engineering that will provide you with an array of opportunities to explore this fascinating field—and may help you decide if MSE is a good career fit for you.

University of Michigan – Online Course – Joy of Coding – June 15– July 31, 2026 The Joy of Coding is an online course specially created for anyone who wants to experience first-hand the power and thrill of coding computers to do amazing things. Created with high school students in mind, it is a great way for anyone to step into the wondrous world of coding. Using Python, students will learn how coding powers apps such as snapchat, Tik Tok, Instagram and Siri, and even learn how to code their own versions of Snapchat lenses.

Prerequisites:

- High School algebra
- Knowledge of function notation (for example what to do $y = f(x) = \cos(x)$, or, $z = g(x,y) = \cos(x) + \sin(y)$, mean?)
- Desire to learn and willingness to reach out for help when stuck (because most everyone gets stuck somewhere!)
- 4 – 6 hours per week to commit to the course

Visit: <https://joyofcoding.eecs.umich.edu/>

University of Michigan - Ross School of Business - Summer Business Academy - The Michigan Ross Summer Business Academy gives rising high school seniors the opportunity to discover business from the inside out. Explore how companies run, understand how leaders solve problems, and experience what it's like to be a business student at Michigan Ross.

Led by faculty across multiple functional areas of business, you will explore what makes high-performing companies so successful. You will also complete rigorous, college-level academic work through classes and workshops. However, no college credit is offered, and participation does not secure or influence admission to the Michigan Ross BBA program.

<https://michiganross.umich.edu/undergraduate/summer-business-academy>

MINNESOTA

CONCORDIA LANGUAGE VILLAGES- A language and cultural immersion program that prepares young people for responsible citizenship in our global community. The program offers a variety of languages. One of the programs is a high school credit experience that covers the equivalent of a one-year high school world language in four weeks of intensive instruction. Visit:

<http://www.concordialanguagevillages.org/youth-village-life>

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Carleton College – July 12 - August 1, 2026. The Carleton Liberal Arts Experience (CLAE) is a free week-long summer academic program for high school students. CLAE Scholars experience the benefits of a liberal arts education through classes in science, art, social studies, and technology. The program also includes preparation and guidance for the college search and application process. CLAE Scholars live in campus dorms for the week, with opportunities to explore our college town, the Twin Cities, and participate in fun group activities. Students who identify as Black or African American, or who have an interest in African American culture, are encouraged to apply. Applicants must be college bound high school students who are currently sophomores. Successful applicants tend to demonstrate not only great academic promise but also a strong level of community involvement. <https://www.carleton.edu/summer/pre-college>

MISSOURI

Missouri University of Science and Technology - Derivative of Thrills Summer

Institute- July 12-16, 2026 -Ever wondered how the math you learn in class actually applies to the real world? Tired of solving problems without seeing how they connect to everyday life? What if math could be fun? Derivative of Thrills is the experience you've been waiting for!

In this institute, you'll explore how math is used in real-world situations to enhance your understanding of the subject. You will also learn how math can be used in practical ways to make it fun and meaningful. Through the thrilling world of roller coasters, you'll dive into math like never before—discovering how math powers the design and thrills of these iconic rides!

<https://summer.mst.edu/browse/derivativeofthrillssummerinstitute/>

Missouri University of Science and Technology - ASM Exploring Materials in Your

World - July 19-23, 2026 - Learn about materials science and engineering at this free, week-long camp that features team-based, intensive problem-solving science experiences that are a unique blend of education and experimentation.

<https://summer.mst.edu/browse/asmexploringmaterialsinyourworld/>

Washington University of St. Louis- High School Summer Scholars Program -Through our High School Summer Scholars Program, students have the opportunity to enroll in courses for credit and study alongside undergraduates. Students select from a broad range of stimulating introductory courses in the humanities, math, sciences, and social sciences.

High School Summer Scholars live on campus in one of our top-ranked, air-conditioned residence halls. In addition to coursework, students participate in specialized seminars, academic support groups, and a variety of weekend and evening social events. June 7 - July 11, 2026

<https://precollege.wustl.edu/high-school-summer-scholars-program>

Washington University of St. Louis - Pre College Program - The Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts offers top-ranking programs within a world-renowned academic and research institution. You'll experience college-level courses and studio culture, and explore the dynamic art and design scene in St. Louis. Both our Architecture Discovery Program and Portfolio Plus Program offer rigorous instruction that prepares you for college-level work. Recommended for rising juniors and seniors in high school. <https://precollege.wustl.edu/>

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Washington University Olin Fleischer Business School Scholars Program - This need-based program is **FREE**, and opens up a world of opportunity to high school students by exposing them to the importance of a college education in achieving business and entrepreneurship.

Program highlights:

- Learn about academic and career opportunities in business
- Study with the school faculty and interact with students, staff and alumni
- Visit St. Louis area companies and interact with company executives
- Build leadership skills
- Develop a business idea with a team and present to a panel of judges
- Experience campus living

For information on how to apply: <https://olinundergrad.wustl.edu/pre-collegiate/>

NEW JERSEY

Rutgers University – The Pre-Engineering Summer Academy at Rutgers University is an intensive one-week certificate program Dates TBA, that will introduce participants to aerospace, biochemical, biomedical, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, environmental, forensic, industrial, material science, mechanical and systems engineering through an integrated program of lectures, demonstrations, hands-on projects, tours, and field trips.

<https://precollegesummer.rutgers.edu/academies>

Stevens Institute of Technology - When you enroll in a pre-college program at Stevens, you can explore your ideas and interests in a pressure-free, inspiring academic environment that welcomes big thinkers. What distinguishes our pre-college programs from others is that you get to create something from start to finish: a business plan, a video game, an investment portfolio, a short animation. Yes, you'll leave with a stronger college application, you'll try out a potential major, get a taste of what campus life is really like and make some new friends. But: designing your own portfolio project with cutting-edge technology...in state-of-the-art facilities...alongside world-renowned experts, CEOs and inventors...while exploring New York City, Only at Stevens.

<https://www.stevens.edu/admissions/pre-college-programs>

Princeton University - Summer Journalism Program -The Princeton Summer Journalism Program (PSJP), which is housed in the Emma Bloomberg Center for Access and Opportunity at Princeton University, is the only program of its kind offering a free, year-long college preparation and journalism program for high school juniors from limited-income backgrounds. Our mission is to diversify the fields that impact our democracy through the exploration of the important connection between journalism and critical social and political events. Every May, we admit up to 40 students from across the country, who commit to completing a rigorous summer intensive during the summer after their junior year and working with a dedicated college adviser on their college application and selection process through the end of their senior year.

<https://psjp.princeton.edu/>

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NEW MEXICO

St. Johns College - St. John's Summer Academy - St. John's Summer Academy is a college summer program for high school students (ages 15 to 18), modeled after St. John's discussion-based, interdisciplinary method of teaching great books. A genuine introduction to college life, Summer Academy helps students hone their reading, critical thinking, and discussion skills in classes led by St. John's faculty. This summer, we are offering week-long programs on our campuses in Annapolis, Maryland, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, and online programs from your own home. Summer Academy is perfect for high school students who want to immerse themselves in books, ideas, and a community that loves learning as much as you do. And it is fun!

<https://www.sjc.edu/summer-academy>

NEW YORK

Barnard College - Students from around the globe come to Barnard College to pursue their passions in a rigorous, academic setting. With five distinct programs to choose from, ranging from entrepreneurship to dance, you have the unique opportunity to explore an area of interest on a deeper level through both in-class discussions and city exploration. As part of the learning experience at Barnard, you will get a taste of both college life and the city that never sleeps! For classes, dates and how to apply visit: <https://precollege.barnard.edu/>

Joyce Ivy Foundation Scholarships available for Barnard College Summer in the City

Cornell University Pre-College Studies - Earn Ivy league credits this summer by studying on-line with Cornell University faculty online. You can enjoy one-on-one admissions counseling and add an impressive Cornell transcript to your resume when you apply to college. Choose from dozens of three- and six-week online undergraduate courses that you generally won't find taught in high schools. such as:

- Fashion Design and visual thinking
- International Human Rights in theory and practice
- Introduction to Environmental Psychology
- Relativity , Cosmology, and Black Holes
- Veterinary Medicine: Science and Practice

Limited financial aid is available.

https://sce.cornell.edu/precollege/admission/online/summer?utm_source=mc&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pc

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Fordham University Summer Leaders Academy - Fordham's Summer Leaders Academy is an immersive pre-college program that offers innovative academic courses, along with activities in the most exciting classroom of all, New York City! With on-campus housing and commuter options available, this program is crafted to redefine the summer and set the stage for students' future success. Course options include:

- A New York exploration of Art History
- Business Communication
- FRESH Air : Hands-on STEM, Investigating Air quality and Climate Impact in NYC
- Your Journey to the Bar: Fordham pre-law intensive
- and many more!

<https://www.fordham.edu/summer-session/pre-college-programs/summer-leaders-academy/>

Ithaca College - Summer College for High School students. Complete one undergraduate course specially designed to further develop your curiosity about the communications, environmental sciences, health, or the natural science fields. You will learn hands-on about getting to college, succeeding in the classroom, and making the most of life outside of classes under the guidance of supportive faculty and Resident Advisors (or "RA's"). Our RA's are peer leaders who encourage community-building, peer-to-peer connection, and who provide regularly-scheduled social activities when you are not in class.

We are strongly committed to racial equity and inclusiveness. Both white-identifying students and students of color are engaged throughout the program in conversations that explore race, antiracism, and what it means to be in an inclusive classroom. Aligned with Ithaca College's mission to Educate, Engage and Empower through Theory, Practice, and Performance, students not only talk about racial equity, they get the chance to live it, too.

<https://www.ithaca.edu/summer-college-high-school-students>

The Pratt Institute Pre-College Program - Each summer Pratt Institute's Pre-College program welcomes over 400 high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors to our Brooklyn campus for nearly a month, where they encounter life as an art and design college student. Explore the possibility of studying art, design, architecture, creative writing, cultural studies or other creative fields. Why attend? Confirm that this is the subject you want to study in college. Develop your skills through college-level coursework and earn four college credits. Develop a body of work for your portfolio to support admission into college. Meet other students who share your interests. Get a preview of the college experience. The program culminates in an exhibition of students' work curated in gallery spaces throughout campus. Family members, friends, and members of the creative community are invited to our final exhibition to share in the joy of students' accomplishments. Pre-College students leave enriched, empowered, and ready to be our future artists, designers, and creative thinkers.

<https://www.pratt.edu/continuing-and-professional-studies/precollege/summer-precollege/>

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Marist College University - Marist Pre-College helps students prepare and plan for academic success, all the while getting to know students who enjoy learning about a given subject area as much as them. Students have not only bonded over their shared interests in an academic major but formed friendships that made their weeks at Pre-College all the more fun and exciting. At the Marist Pre-College Program, you won't just be sitting in a hot classroom taking notes, you'll be exploring topics that excite you while living the college life for two to four weeks. Work with talented faculty who will work with you to discover potential academic majors and future career options. Our goal is to help upcoming high school juniors and seniors expand their academic aspirations while earning college credit and strengthening their resume. You'll have several class sessions each day mixed with interactive discussion, field trips, guest speakers, and of course plenty of time to socialize with your fellow classmates. Classmates, who we might add, are like-minded and share in your interests and aspirations.

College life is more than the classes you take and academic majors. Through Marist's Pre-College Program, students will live in dorms amongst Resident Assistants (RA's), eat in the dining hall, and enjoy all the state-of-the-art facilities of the Marist campus. Students will be able to have a first-hand understanding of the college experience even before their senior year of high school.

<https://www.marist.edu/admission/summer-pre-college>

Columbia Climate School Pre-College Program - Scholarships are available for high school students that reside in the U.S., and meet the income eligibility requirements guidelines, have passion for climate change, and demonstrate an interest in climate advocacy. Special emphasis is placed for individuals that are underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math. (STEAM) and/or are first generation in their family to attend college. Review the scholarship eligibility guidelines for more information. <https://www.climate.columbia.edu/green-mountains>

New York University Pre-College Summer Program - With NYU Precollege, rising juniors and seniors can apply to take college-level courses for credit and experience life as an NYU student. Credit-bearing courses are available in more than 30 subjects to fit every interest and academic need. Pre-college hosts' social events and activities to create a sense of community and help students get to know one another while exploring the city around them. For more information and dates visit: <https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/high-school-programs/precollege.html>

New York University - High School Summer Art Intensive - July 6-Aug 2, 2026 - Build your portfolio, develop your artistic knowledge and technique, and experience college-level studio and fine arts academics taught by faculty at NYU Steinhardt's Art Department.

Through this 4-week summer program, a close-knit community of high school artists will develop their practice in three studio art disciplines: digital art, painting, and sculpture. Students work closely with NYU faculty to take their talent to the next level create ambitious works, and learn about New York's contemporary art world.

Students gain access to new artistic materials and technologies, like textiles and laser cutting that enhance their breadth and capabilities as artists and makers. Students also explore career pathways in studio arts and learn about what it means to be a working artist in NYC from artists at various stages of their careers.

<https://www.nyu.edu/admissions/high-school-and-middle-school-programs/high-school-programs/summer-arts-intensive.html>

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Syracuse University Pre-College Programs - Syracuse University offers rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors with the opportunity to explore potential careers and majors in its renowned pre-college programs. In summer college, high school students can choose from over 100 college-level courses offered on campus, online or in a hybrid format. As a summer college student, they will:

- Build their resume or portfolio
- Enhance their college applications so they stand out to college admissions
- Test out a major
- Earn a certificate of Completion and a Syracuse University credit or noncredit transcript

Application deadline May 1, 2026 <https://precollege.syr.edu/>

West Point Summer Leaders Experience - Led by current cadets, Summers Leaders Experience (SLE) is a week-long immersion into academic, military and social life of a West Point cadet. At SLE, you will explore West Point from all angles, including our high-tech educational facilities, team- building athletic activities, and realistic military training. SLE gives you a taste of the character, determination, commitment to excellence, and leadership required to be a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy (USMA).

<https://www.gainserviceacademyadmission.com/west-point-summer-seminar-summer-leaders-experience/>

Cooper Union - Summer STEM - Summer STEM is an opportunity to try engineering and computer science for the first time or to dive deeper into engineering and computer science teamwork. Each 3- or 6-week class covers college-level topics and activities completed by Cooper Union undergraduates in their first or second year, or explores student and faculty research projects. Current high school students who have completed their 9th, 10th, and 11th grade years are eligible to apply. Students who are currently in the 8th grade and are considered rising 9th graders over the summer are not eligible to apply.

This highly selective program encourages all curious, compassionate, and college-interested students to apply, regardless of prior experience. Summer STEM 2026 occurs July 6 - August 13, 2026, Monday-Thursday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm. All of our classes will be held in person in our School of Engineering, located at 41 Cooper Square, New York, New York. Our Summer STEM program is open to high school students from all over the world; however, we do not provide housing.

Financial aid is available to those who qualify. (Priority consideration is given to students who reside in New York City and its boroughs.) See our **FAQs** for more information.

<https://cooper.edu/engineering/stem/summer>

NORTH CAROLINA

DAVIDSON COLLEGE - Summer Promise Program - June 21-27, 2026 - Through this residential program, selected students experience a snapshot of the holistic college experience to strengthen their confidence and enthusiasm for persisting in high school and pursuing higher education.

Students experience courses co-taught by Davidson faculty and teachers from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools.

Outside of class hours, the students engage with the many co-curricular experiences and facilities at Davidson College.

<https://www.davidson.edu/offices-and-services/civic-engagement/signature-programs/summer-promise-program>

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Duke University Summer Sessions - Earn college credit alongside academically motivated students from around the world in Duke University's Summer College for High School Students. If you are a student currently in grades 10 – 12, you are eligible to apply as early as December 3, 2026. This 4-week credit-bearing program offered by Duke University attracts students who represent the next generation of leaders from around the world. Immerse yourself in an international college experience by enrolling in this elite program designed to provide high school students with an academic and residential environment conducive to collegiate success.

<https://provost.duke.edu/pre-college-programs/>

Elon University - For students curious about what it means to be a journalist. The Scripps Howard Emerging Journalist Program (EJP) at Elon, provides the ideal platform to explore their media interests. The school of communications welcomes students from across the country to participate in EJP's Immersion Experience. The 12-day, on campus residential learning workshop supported rising seniors interested in Journalism and the media industry. www.elon.edu/ejp

University of North Carolina – PROJECT UPLIFT - On behalf of UNC's Office for Diversity and Inclusion, Project Uplift enables high-achieving rising seniors to experience college life on the Carolina campus over two days in May or June. Students can find more information and apply for the programs at: <https://cheop.unc.edu/pre-college-programs/project-uplift-and-uplift-plus/>

UNC Asheville Summer 2026 Pre-College Programs – Each Pre-College program will run from Sunday-Friday, with topics spanning the arts and sciences. All students will live on campus to fully experience university life and the surrounding community. The program cost, which starts at \$1,460.00, includes lodging, meals, course materials, activities and excursions.

<https://new.unca.edu/precollege/>

Wake Forest University - The Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program empowers high school students to manifest their goals. Through meaningful real-world experiences, robust academics, an inclusive campus culture, networking and mentorship, students are able to discover their passions and clarify their future pathway. <https://immersion.summer.wfu.edu/>

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma State University - Sports Media Summer Camp - June 10-13, 2026 - The Oklahoma State University Sports Media Summer Camp offers practical experience in broadcasting play-by-play, production and print journalism with experienced professors and professionals such as Dave Hunziker, the voice of the OSU Cowboys. Daily activities will center on preparation, practice and opportunities to use newly acquired skills in actual sports media events. Campers are scheduled to work a live sporting event while learning the basics of play-by-play. Each camper will also have the opportunity to experience sports reporting for both broadcast and print media. <https://register.ryzer.com/camp.cfm?sport=40&id=326071>

UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA - Engineering Days - June 2026 - Join us for a summer day camp series where rising high school juniors and seniors (those graduating in 2027 or 2028) explore and discover OU Engineering through one-day, in-depth applications in exciting engineering disciplines. <https://www.ou.edu/coe/explore/k-12-outreach/engineering-days>

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PENNSYLVANIA

University of Pennsylvania - Penn delivers the challenge of an Ivy League curriculum to academically talented high school students seeking a pre-collegiate experience. Explore Penn's historic campus, engage with leading faculty and build intellectual connections within accelerated two-, three- or six-week Penn Summer High School Programs. For programs, dates and information visit: <https://www.sas.upenn.edu/summer/programs/high-school>

Carnegie Mellon University Pre-College Programs - Carnegie Mellon's pre-college programs will show you what life at Carnegie Mellon is all about - from the classroom to what's happening on weekends. You'll meet people from all over the world, be inspired by our world-renowned faculty, take part in the excitement of campus and have the opportunity to explore the City of Pittsburgh. Some programs you can explore: Architecture, Art, Design, Drama, Music, **Deadline March 1, 2026** <https://www.cmu.edu/pre-college/>

Bucknell Academy Summer Experience – Students are invited to explore the value of a liberal arts perspective in making challenging decisions to improve today's world. At BASE, students will experience interdisciplinary study from top tier professors while challenging their thought processes. This year's theme is The Anthropocene: How have humans permanently changed the planet, and what can we do about it?
<https://www.bucknell.edu/meet-bucknell/plan-visit/camps-conferences-visit-programs/bucknell-academy-summer-experience>

Bucknell Academy - Engineering Camp - Explore engineering and kick-start your college experience by experimenting in real research labs with Bucknell's world-class faculty. Engineering Camp is an academically challenging, hands-on introduction to engineering held on Bucknell's campus during the summer.

You'll discover the many different areas where engineers apply their skills, study the latest technologies that shape our world and learn how the scientific phenomena you've studied in school are applied to solve engineering problems.
<https://www.bucknell.edu/admissions-aid/plan-visit/camps-conferences-visit-programs/engineering-camp>

Chatham-Sustainable Summer: Immersive Environmental Day at Chatham-June 22, 2026-Chatham University's Falk School of Sustainability & Environment invites high school students to join a one-day summer immersive experience at our beautiful Eden Hall Campus. A one of a kind educational resource dedicated to sustainability and environmental innovation.

Sustainable Summer Immersive Day is free to attend, but seating is limited. Please complete the registration form to sign up. Questions? Please email **undergraduate@chatham.edu**.
<https://admission.chatham.edu/register/?id=abaa3818-c528-46c1-a45e-6cb082913c94>

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Duquesne University- Opportunities this summer:

STEM Summer Camp - A five day learning experience on campus for high school students to learn more about various environmental and cultural factors impacting our community.

Pharmacy Exploration Day - Participate in a variety of hands-on activities similar to what our student pharmacists do, and, as a bonus, they'll be your leaders throughout the day.

High School Music Camps - Camps include music technology, jazz and vocal workshops. In addition to improving their music skills and knowledge, students will also have an immersive experience of life on campus.

<https://www.duq.edu/admission-and-aid/how-to-apply/undergraduate/summer-programs/index.php>

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE - Summer Programs

- **Civil War Summer Camp - The Young Civil War Historians Conference - June 12-17, 2026-** The Young Civil War Historians Conference offers high school students an opportunity to explore the American Civil War from multiple vantage points. Participants will gain hands-on experience in doing what professional historians do: use original historical documents, battlefield landscapes, Civil War photographs, and commemorative pieces like monuments and memorials as sources for drawing conclusions about the Battle of Gettysburg, and the Civil War more broadly. Held in conjunction with the **Civil War Institute annual summer conference**, the Young Civil War Historians Conference offers participants the best of both worlds: access to top-notch Civil War historians and unique battlefield experiences and many smaller-scale sessions tailored specifically for high school students. <https://www.gettysburg.edu/offices/conference-event-services/summer-programs/civil-war-camp/>
- **Start Here: The Summer Experience Camp - June 28-July 2, 2026-** Start Here: The College Experience Camp offers high school students an exciting opportunity to explore a wide range of academic interests through interactive activities, engaging presentations, hands-on simulations, and/or group discussions.

This interdisciplinary camp introduces students to what classes are like at a small liberal arts college while allowing them to begin to explore potential career paths across different disciplines. Participants will engage with faculty and peers in dynamic learning experiences designed to spark curiosity, critical thinking, and intellectual discovery. Topics in Biochemistry, Chemistry, Economics, Finance, Physics, Psychology and Theater Arts will be offered.

In addition, campers will begin developing essential college readiness skills by learning about the admissions process and hearing firsthand about college life from current undergraduate students.

<https://www.gettysburg.edu/offices/conference-event-services/summer-programs/college-experience-camp/#cec-overview>

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- **Camp Psych - June 12-17, 2026** - The goal of Camp Psych is to provide a window into how psychological science works . What are some of the major questions investigated by psychologists? Campers will get hands-on experiences that introduce them to research in psychology in a fun, challenging, and engaging environment. Campers will not simply learn about cutting edge issues and research in psychology; they will engage in research themselves . Perfect for students interested in psychology, this camp gives students an insider view of the field as well as preparation for college studies.
<https://www.gettysburg.edu/offices/conference-event-services/summer-programs/psych-camp/#goals>

Lehigh University - Summer Programs - July 5 - 25, 2026 - The Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive (IGEI) is a four-week, immersive, experiential learning opportunity for high school students to develop skills in entrepreneurship, leadership, and global citizenship. At IGEI, we prepare participants to take on complex, multi-system, global challenges in creative and collaborative ways. For more information and to apply, visit the Iacocca Global Entrepreneurship Intensive website, or join us for an upcoming information session: Wednesday December 17, Monday December 29; Thursday January 15, 2026; Monday January 26;
<https://global.lehigh.edu/iacocca-institute/IGEI>

Waynesburg University - Annual CSI Camp - The camp is designed to give students a hands-on experience of what they can expect in the forensic science and criminal justice majors and, ultimately, occupations. You will not only learn valuable information and understanding of forensic topics you will make valuable connections with professionals and fellow peers in the field. Students will have the opportunity to train and learn from certified experts in a small group setting. <https://www.waynesburg.edu/community/community-learning/camps/csi-camp>

Waynesburg University- STEAM Academy-

STEAM Academy is designed to promote learning in the fields of science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics and is open to high school students of all ages. All learning will be facilitated through hands-on activities designed to engage students' minds and to keep them 's active throughout its duration. <https://www.waynesburg.edu/steam-academy>

RHODE ISLAND

BROWN UNIVERSITY - BEE- The best way to learn something new is to immerse yourself both mentally and physically. That's what happens in Brown Experiential Education (BEE) programs. You'll find these programs to be immersive and rigorous academic experiences, with program locations carefully selected to enhance course content. Learning is rich and experiential as you physically link your studies with your surroundings. The programs' interdisciplinary approach will help prepare you for the increasingly complex challenges of the 21st century: you'll discover the interconnectedness of the global community by exploring new places and considering varied perspectives. <https://precollege.brown.edu/programs/brown-experiential-education-bee>

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BROWN UNIVERSITY - Summer@Brown - If you could take a class in any subject, what would it be? No matter your answer, chances are you'll find it at Summer@Brown. Choose from more than 230 non-credit courses reflecting the wide range of Brown University's Open Curriculum that will challenge you with new perspectives on how you work, learn and live.

With so many students from different locations, backgrounds and interests, studying at Summer@Brown you'll join a community of peers who bring broad and deep perspectives to living and learning together.

Outside of class, you'll participate in workshops, activities and events — scheduled from morning to night — that inform, engage and entertain. Along the way, you'll make new friends from around the world and learn to live independently and responsibly: skills that will prepare you well for life in college and long after.

Summer@Brown provides the opportunity to embrace the challenge of college-level academics without the pressure of formal grades and credit, in classes taught by instructors just as interested in your learning as you are, alongside students just as engaged as you.

<https://precollege.brown.edu/programs/summerbrown>

SOUTH CAROLINA

Furman University Summer Scholars - Ready to be challenged? Whether you're interested in leadership or pre-health, Summer Scholars offers you the opportunity to discover what it's like to study at Furman. Each session, our students have the ability to choose their favorite course. To pick your course, simply rank your top two choices in the application, and we'll place you in a class. We assign our students to classes based on academic records and space availability. So be sure to apply early to land your desired course. Our classes are held Monday through Friday for approximately five hours each day. Some courses require evening meetings and outside assignments. Our Summer Scholar counselors will accompany students to class to help them with assignments as needed. Check back for 2026 dates and information. Visit:

<https://www.furman.edu/summer-programs/youth-programs/academic-programs/>

TENNESSEE

Lipscomb University - Summer Scholars - July 10-17, 2026 - Summer scholars is an 8-day experience specifically designed to set you up for success in college and beyond by allowing you to take a college course and explore Nashville. High achieving rising seniors who **apply by April 15, 2026**, have the opportunity to earn three college credit hours, *(will not go on Bishop Hartley transcript, but you can use it for college)* kick-starting your college career while still in high school. If you are accepted into Summer Scholars, you are guaranteed admission to Lipscomb University. For more information please visit: lipscomb.edu/summer-scholars

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Vanderbilt University Summer Academy - Together, students enjoy learning and connecting with peers and engage in on-campus and community activities in the heart of Music City. VSA students take accelerated courses with instructors drawn from the wealth of talented scholars here at Vanderbilt University and from within the Nashville community. [VSA courses](#) are designed to be accelerated to meet the needs of gifted and high-ability students. With up to six hours a day devoted to academic learning, this program provides for a satisfying level of focus and depth. Because courses are accelerated, we ask applicants to submit [eligibility materials](#) to determine if an accelerated course would be a good academic fit for the student.

While Vanderbilt Summer Academy is academically focused, additional recreational programming offers organized activities for social-emotional balance. Outside the classroom, VSA students participate in a variety of evening activities, explore extracurricular enrichment activities, and enjoy free time to make new friends. Learn more about life outside of class on the [Residential Life page](#). <https://pty.vanderbilt.edu/for-students/vsa/>

University of the South- Sewanee- Young writers Conference - The SYWC is a summer conference for high schoolers passionate about creative writing. Here in Sewanee, at the southern end of the Cumberland Plateau, you'll spend two weeks reading, cultivating your writing, and forming a community with other young writers near and far. **June 28 - July 11, 2026**
sywc.sewanee.edu

TEXAS

Texas - Rice University Pre College Online Program - Rice University is now offering online courses in some of their most popular subjects. Motivated high school students get a world class learning experience from professors and experts in today's most sought after industries. This is a great opportunity from one of the nation's top 20 Universities, as ranked by U.S. News and World Report. All courses are 100% online, allowing students to study at their own pace. Plus, they'll be guided by mentors from related fields and earn a Certificate of Completion from Rice University.
https://precollege.rice.edu/?utm_campaign=RU%3A%20Program%20Announcement&utm_medium=email&_hsmi=247379799&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9thPTrpyoZvhJ6Q7ZAq9QKWbHSVQPSqDH-NRiOUIhE4Xf8G5heOB1vU2zPHDL7Rm2OP37mi7WxHOapUx6QYFiSJYPuvPrZHKfJOp3_gNJJsKXXL3oE&utm_content=247379799&utm_source=hs_automation.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY - Clark Scholars Program - The Clark Scholars Program is designed to attract gifted students from around the nation and globe. The program allows students the opportunity to work hand-in-hand with outstanding faculty on the general academic campus and the Health Science Center in a research intensive setting. The seven-week program also includes weekly seminars, discussions, and field trips. The students are afforded an atmosphere designed to develop their critical thinking abilities and career interests with faculty and other students like themselves. Students are selected on the basis of their academic accomplishments, teacher recommendations and career objectives. Each year, applicant pools are very competitive. For example, the average SAT score for the 12 participants each summer is usually in the 99th percentile. <https://www.depts.ttu.edu/clarkscholars/>

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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS at AUSTIN - Academy for All - Experience programming, teamwork, and real-world applications in this week-long residential program for high school students. Choose from Arduino microcontrollers in the Standard Edition or Python in the Machine Learning Edition. Along the way, experience campus life, connect with current UT students, and form friendships that last well beyond the week.

<https://www.cs.utexas.edu/engage/k-12-outreach/academies/all>

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS at AUSTIN - Academy for Women - Explore coding, project management, and teamwork through C++ and collaborative projects. Learn from UT faculty and current students while discovering the impact of women in tech. Live on campus, grow your skills, and connect with peers who share your curiosity and ambition.

<https://www.cs.utexas.edu/engage/k-12-outreach/academies/women>

VIRGINIA

George Mason University - Washington Youth Summit on the Environment - The Washington Youth Summit on the Environment! Each summer, we welcome high school student leaders from all over the country as National Youth Delegates to hear from the leading experts in the environmental and conservation fields. <https://wyse.gmu.edu/>

George Mason University - Students can gain hands-on experience, learn new skills, and get a head start on their college journey. Discover more about exciting programs below. [Academic Camps – Camps and Youth Programs](#)

Virginia Tech College of Science – Registration is now open for the Science Camps at Virginia Tech in the summer of 2026. Campers will get a sneak peek at college life and a chance to explore a variety of up-and-coming science careers. The camps will be super interactive, fun, and informative. Campers will get to hang out with like-minded peers and talk with advisors and faculty about college and career options. Scholarships are available!

<https://www.science.vt.edu/get-involved/camps.html>

William and Mary College – Pre-College On-line Program The on-line pre-college programs help students 13 and over explore their interests. Through participating in our courses, students can discover if an interest could lead to a college major or even a future career. The application process is now open.

https://precollegeonline.wm.edu/?utm_campaign=WM%3A%202023%20Summer%20Announcement&utm_medium=email&_hsmt=243133300&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-U781_uomFKmEvH7PYIAJNvAoML-vzypMMWFuhe7JiKj0i_rVgTPI7kyybUR0IUrXGj5S3X9uoX8qI7B6P0-3eiDfAFA&utm_content=243133300&utm_source=hs_automation

William and Mary College - CLCT has developed a series of introductory law classes for high school and university students. This program gives students the opportunity to experience classes in the comfort of their homes using an interactive video conferencing platform. Classes last from 4 to a maximum of 14 hours and are designed for students who are keen to explore what studying law entails, and for those who have a passion for government studies.

- **Introduction to Law and the U.S. Legal System, June 22-26; Aug 3-6**
- **Introduction to Artificial Intelligence & Rising Legal Issues, June 16 & 17**
- **Introduction to Search & Seizure, July 29 & 30**

<https://www.legaltechcenter.net/courses-training/law-related-education/>

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WASHINGTON

GONZAGA UNIVERSITY - SEAS SUMMER IMMERSION PROGRAM (SSIP) - SSIP introduces high school students with an interest in math and science to higher education and professional possibilities in engineering and computer science. The upcoming program, July 5-10, 2026, will feature projects, tours, and an opportunity to learn what the life of a professional engineer or computer scientist is like. <https://www.gonzaga.edu/school-of-engineering-applied-science/ssip>

WISCONSIN

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN MADISON - Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) - The Accelerated Learning Program (ALP) admits high school students from Wisconsin, across the United States, and around the globe to engage in three immersive weeks of fast-paced, rigorous, and hands-on learning at the top-ranked University of Wisconsin–Madison. Through a single, non-credit course, students explore advanced academic content while participating in experiential education that fosters critical thinking, collaboration, and real-world application. ALP is designed to elevate each learner's academic journey. Students may be able to coordinate with their schools to earn high school credit upon successful completion of the program. Limited need-based scholarships are available on a rolling basis to help ensure access for all qualified participants

This year, the Wisconsin International Precollege Academy will become a part of the Accelerated Learning Program as an academic track. This means students participating in WIPA would be a part of the ALP Program in the international college readiness track.

<https://precollege.wisc.edu/accelerated-learning-program/>

WASHINGTON DC

The Catholic University of America – APPLIED MATH IN ACTION – PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM - Live on our beautiful campus for a week and have fun learning about applied mathematics and STEM careers while exploring Washington, D.C.! Visit NASA, the national monuments, the National Air and Space Museum, and more.

Who? High school and pre-college students interested in mathematics.

For more information, visit the Department of Mathematics at math.catholic.edu/applied-math-in-action.

Georgetown University - At Georgetown, we believe that you're more than a mind. You're an individual with unique talents, dreams, and passions. Our long-held Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis* means "care for the whole person," and our goal in creating these courses is to provide a holistic experience for you. If you are intrigued by certain subjects and would like to explore them in-depth before college, here is your chance. Georgetown University now offers both enrichment and college credit* pre-college online courses for high school students ages 13 and older. Each features dynamic video lessons by renowned Georgetown faculty and access to support. The program is available year-round, and the online format enables you to study anywhere, anytime, at your own pace. This flexibility allows you to take multiple courses and discover a variety of academic areas of interest. Choose from college credit and non-credit courses, or opt for a combination of both to kick off your college planning right.

https://georgetown.precollegeprograms.org/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=qu_counselorleadsmonthly&utm_content=may

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard and Stanford University

The Summit STEM fellowship (SSF) seeks ambitious, self-motivated students driven to make a meaningful impact in the world. Students entering 9th through 12th grade in Fall 2025 are eligible to apply for the program. Applicants should demonstrate a strong passion for STEM, in addition to academic excellence, leadership skills, and self-discipline. The fellowship understands that not all students have equal access to opportunities in STEM, and the selection committee puts particular emphasis on admitting students who demonstrate strong future potential.

The Summit STEM Fellowship (SSF) is a culmination of the guidance and resources our team of 50+ mentors wish we had during our own high school years. Drawing from personal experiences and lessons from mentoring thousands of students, we designed the fellowship to equip students with the skills, mindsets, and opportunities they need to thrive in high school, college, and beyond. Ultimately, we hope to show students they can achieve incredible things, work on meaningful projects, and create real impact, even while in high school. Mentors and fellowship alumni have started nonprofits featured on global news outlets, conducted groundbreaking research at the world's top universities, and created real impact in diverse fields—all during their high school years. We strive to help every student dream big, achieve their fullest potential, and turn their aspirations into reality.

The fellowship is a 3-week flexible commitment, and students may attend alongside other summer programs. All fellowship events take place during the evenings or on weekends, and students are expected to commit 10-15 hours to the program each week.

The program fee for the 3-week summer fellowship is \$875. Fees are used to cover the costs of running the program and bring together top mentors and speakers. Additionally, the fellowship provides generous need-based financial aid (up to full-tuition financial assistance) for families who cannot afford program fees.

To apply for financial assistance, please fill out the [financial aid application](#) and email it to finaid@summitstemfellowship.org within one week of submitting your application. For any questions related to financial aid, please email info@summitstemfellowship.org.
<https://www.summitstemfellowship.org/mission>

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Students must apply directly to the summer program for admission and financial aid, if applicable. Make sure to identify yourself as a Joyce Ivy applicant, and check with each program about their deadlines.

Scholarships are awarded based on merit and financial need.

<https://joyceivyfoundation.org/summer-scholars/>

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