

**APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION/
OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY
OAK RIDGE ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES**

2009 MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER MATH-SCIENCE-TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE

Criteria for Selecting Participants

The Appalachian Regional Commission, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Oak Ridge Associated Universities have established the following limited criteria for selecting participants for the Middle School Summer Math-Science-Technology Institute. Appalachian states have the flexibility to add criteria, provided they do not conflict with those given below.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- Student participants must be between 12 and 14 years old as of June 1, 2009.
- All participants must be U.S. citizens. (Required to obtain necessary security clearance to enter ORNL facilities.)
- Student participants must attend public school in a designated Appalachian county and plan to enroll in a public school in an Appalachian county for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Children of employees of Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Oak Ridge Associated Universities are not eligible to participate.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- Target Schools/Counties. States are encouraged to select participants from distressed counties and distressed areas of other Appalachian counties.
- Schools Represented. Students should be from the **same school**. States are encouraged to nominate one or two additional students from the same school as "alternates" in case one of the nominees is unable to attend.
- Participation in Other Programs. Students who have not had an opportunity to participate in previous Oak Ridge or similar math and science programs will be given priority.
- Family Income. The ARC has not established income levels for participation. However, the ARC requests that recruitment of participants focus on those students whose families do not have the financial means to send their sons or daughters to such a program.
- Academic Requirements. The ARC has not established academic requirements for participation. However, the ARC requests that recruitment focus on "middle-tier" students, students who show potential in math and/or science, students who are not currently taking higher level classes but may consider taking such classes with a bit of encouragement. There is no minimum grade point average required for participation.

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All applications are to be *submitted through the ARC State Program Managers* and must be received no later than **April 30, 2009**. Faxed copies of application materials are acceptable if all information is legible. Contact your State ARC Program Manager for the deadline and application procedures for your state. For a list of all ARC State Program Managers, please visit:

<http://www.arc.gov/index.do?nodeId=13>

Application forms and further information are available at: <http://www.arc.gov/index.do?nodeId=59>

Program is dependent upon availability of funding.