



**Appalachian  
STEM  
Academy**  
at Oak Ridge

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How much does it cost to participate in the Appalachian STEM Academy?**

A: The Appalachian STEM Academy is a no-cost opportunity. There is no application fee or tuition. Participant travel, meals, and lodging are also covered by the program. Most participants will bring some money for incidentals or souvenirs, but that is not required.

**Q: I live in an ARC county, but I am homeschooled. Am I eligible to apply?**

A: Yes! All students who live and attend school in [Appalachia](#) are eligible to apply. That includes public, charter, private, and homeschool students.

**Q: I'm currently in 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Am I eligible to apply?**

A: Unfortunately, if you are currently a senior, you are not eligible to apply.

Middle School program applicants need to currently be in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade. High School Student applicants need to currently be in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade. High School Teacher applicants need to teach in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Q: Where do the participants stay?**

A: Housing is provided in Oak Ridge, Tennessee at local hotels. Each program is headquartered at a different hotel. The Appalachian STEM Academy has long-standing relationships with these properties and there are counselors and security staffed 24/7.

**Q: Will there be extracurricular activities as part of the program?**

A: Yes! In addition to lessons and group activities, participants will take part in several extracurricular activities during their time in the program. Depending on the age of the participants, these may include a riverboat cruise on the Tennessee River, an escape room, and even a trip to Dollywood! Accommodations are available for all activities for students who need them.

**Q: I'm a parent or teacher who would like to talk to someone about the program. Is there someone I can talk to?**

A: Yes! Feel free to reach out to the ARC team at [academies@arc.gov](mailto:academies@arc.gov) and we will be happy to set up a time to talk about this program.

**Other questions? Email us at [academies@arc.gov](mailto:academies@arc.gov).**

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