



Future Stars in Smithsonian Science

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What is the SI future Stars Program?

The future star program introduces qualified senior high school and freshman college/university students pursuing careers in the biological and conservation sciences to the scientific activities, facilities and scientists at the Smithsonian Institution.

What will Participants experience?

Applicants will spend the first week of the program touring Smithsonian science facilities in the Washington, D.C. area, meeting scientists, curators and science educators, and learning about scientific activities and internship opportunities at the Smithsonian Institution. The program will include organized social events and special activities such as lectures and behind-the-scenes tours at Smithsonian Institution museums, research, and conservation facilities. Students will live together in dormitory-style accommodations provided by the Smithsonian Institution.

Applicant will spend the second week of the program in residence at the Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Virginia where they will learn basic biological monitoring and data analysis skills, effective verbal and written communication skills, and the research and writing skills required to find and apply for science internships at the Smithsonian Institution.



Requirements

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age to participate. Applicants 16-18 years of age must complete and submit Parent/Guardian Consent to Treatment Form (attached) signed by parent or guardian.

Applicants must be legal residents of the United States who is either a senior in high school already accepted to college or university or a college/university freshman. Proof of acceptance or status must be provided with the application (e.g., copy of acceptance letter or college/university transcript; proof of legal resident status such as driver's license or passport).

Two letters of recommendation from someone familiar with the applicant's academic abilities and career interests (e.g., teacher, professor, academic advisor, etc).

Applicant must submit a two-page essay stating why he/she is interested in learning about Smithsonian Institution science and pursuing a career in the biological and/or conservation sciences.

Applicants must submit a statement indicating that they can reside in Smithsonian provided housing for the two week program duration.

Minority applicants are encouraged to apply.

The program is open to a maximum of 12 participants.

Cost

The Smithsonian Institution will pay for and provide the following for all participants: Transportation and accommodations.

Program Dates

August 9th through August 23rd



Questions or Inquiries

If you have any questions about this program or application procedures, please contact:

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