

2017 MISSOURI SCHOLARS ACADEMY
Explanations and Directions for Completing Nomination Forms

Only Missouri residents who are high school sophomores and who attend eligible Missouri schools may apply. All areas of the application must be completed in order for the student to be considered. Applications must be typed and confined to space provided. Web application is set to a default font and cannot be changed. It is vital to return all appropriate pages of the application. Nomination forms should be submitted electronically to MOScholarsAcademy@missouri.edu by 5:00pm on February 10, 2017.

PART I. STUDENT INFORMATION

SECTION A. Identification

Verify accuracy of personal information about student. Use complete names for school district and high school. The name of the public school district should be omitted if nominee is from a private school but the county name must be provided for all schools. Providing information about race is voluntary.

SECTION B. School Record and Test Information

1. The student's grade point average for three semesters for all courses must be based on a four-point scale as follows: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1. There are no provisions for giving extra weight to "accelerated" or "honors" courses. Plus and minus grades are not to be counted in the computation. **In order to have a standardized method for computing GPAs from schools throughout the state, all schools must use this method, regardless of what scale the school normally uses.** Do not send transcripts. *(Maximum of 30 points)*
2. **A student will not be considered for selection if the necessary test information is not provided.** There can be no substitutions. Scores will be equated so there should be no penalty or benefit for a student who takes a given test in a category. **A scan or photocopy of the scoring page for the I.Q. test record form must be included with the nomination packet. GAI will be used ONLY if FSIQ value is not available.** *(Maximums of 60 points for intelligence test score and 60 points for scholastic aptitude test score)*

PART II. STUDENT NOMINATION FORM

SECTION A. & B. Student Essays

It is important for students to express their ideas to the best of their ability. Rubrics that will be used for scoring are enclosed with the nomination form. Students may type their essays in a Word document and the school may insert essays in the nomination form. *(Maximum of 30 points from each of 3 readers)*

SECTION C. Letters of Recommendation

The selection committee requires two (2) letters of recommendation from persons familiar with your academic abilities and personal character. One of the recommenders must be a teacher.

PART III. PARTICIPATION AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT

This section is necessary to assure Academy officials that students and parents/guardians understand their responsibilities for potential Academy participants.



PART I. STUDENT INFORMATION

SECTION A. IDENTIFICATION *(To be completed by the school; see directions)*

Nomination forms must be submitted electronically to MOScholarsAcademy@missouri.edu no later than 5:00pm on February 10, 2017.

STUDENT'S NAME LAST FIRST MIDDLE MALE BIRTHDATE

FEMALE

NON-BINARY

HOME ADDRESS STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

STUDENT'S RACE

COMPLETION OF THIS ITEM IS VOLUNTARY

PUBLIC SCHOOL

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL

Asian

Black

Hispanic

Indian

Native American

White

Other

STUDENT'S PERMANENT NON-SCHOOL EMAIL (required):

NAME OF SCHOOL DISTRICT (PRIVATE SCHOOLS MAY OMIT)

STUDENT'S PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL (required):

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

COUNTY WHERE SCHOOL LOCATED (REQUIRED FOR ALL SCHOOLS)

NAME AND TITLE OF SCHOOL CONTACT PERSON

CONTACT PERSON'S SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER

CONTACT PERSON'S SCHOOL EMAIL

SECTION B. School Record and Test Information (See Explanations and Directions)

1. **STUDENT'S GRADE POINT AVERAGE FOR THREE SEMESTERS FOR ALL COURSES** _____

(30 points). Grade point averages must be computed on a 4-point scale regardless of what scale the school uses. See directions regarding weighted grades, plus and minus grades, etc.

2. **INTELLIGENCE TEST (List only one test)** *(60 points)* Required test data: Applicant must have test scores within the past three years on one individual intelligence test and one scholastic aptitude test. (It should be to the student's advantage to have taken the scholastic aptitude test during their sophomore year.) Other tests cannot be substituted. *Photocopy or scan of the scoring page for the I.Q. test record form must be attached.*

NAME OF TEST

DATE OF TEST

FULL SCALE I.Q./INDEX SCORE

WISC-V

GAI*

WAIS-IV

BINET V

*GAI may only be used if FSIQ not available

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST (List only one test) *(60 points)*

NAME OF TEST

DATE OF TEST

COMPOSITE RAW OR STANDARD SCORE

PLAN

COMPOSITE SCORE

PSAT

SELECTION INDEX

ASPIRE

COMPOSITE SCORE

ACT

COMPOSITE SCORE

NOTE ➡ **THESE ARE NOT PERCENTILE SCORES**

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PART II. SECTION B. STUDENT ESSAY #2 (PLEASE TYPE IN LEGIBLE FONT) *(Maximum of 90 points for both essays)*

STUDENT'S NAME

(LAST)

(FIRST)

(MIDDLE)

COUNTY

There are many issues facing society that require the attention of smart, conscientious people. Pick one current issue and, in 200-300 words, describe why that issue matters and how you propose we bring about change.

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PART II. SECTION C. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (I) *(Maximum of 60 points for both letters)*

STUDENT'S NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE) COUNTY

This letter must be written by a teacher familiar with your academic abilities.

To the Recommender: Missouri Scholars Academy is an intensive three-week enrichment program for the top 0.5% of Missouri's rising high-school juniors. The activities and atmosphere inherent in the Academy require a high level of intellectual curiosity, maturity, and the ability on the part of the participants to be self-directed in a variety of endeavors. Including specific examples of these characteristics is most helpful for the selection process. Please limit remarks to available space.

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PART II. SECTION D. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (II)

STUDENT'S NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE) COUNTY

The second recommendation letter can come from a teacher, counselor, coach, or other adult familiar with your academic abilities and/or personal character. The recommender may not be a member of your family.

To the Recommender: Missouri Scholars Academy is an intensive three-week enrichment program for the top 0.5% of Missouri's rising high-school juniors. The activities and atmosphere inherent in the Academy require a high level of intellectual curiosity, maturity, and the ability on the part of the participants to be self-directed in a variety of endeavors. Including specific examples of these characteristics is most helpful for the selection process. Please limit remarks to available space.

RETURN ALL PARTS OF COMPLETED NOMINATION FORMS TO:

MOScholarsAcademy@missouri.edu

OR

The Honors College | 210 Lowry Hall | Columbia, MO 65211



**PART III. PARTICIPATION AND PERMISSION AGREEMENT FOR THE ACADEMY
(June 11 – July 1, 2017)**

**Nomination forms must be submitted electronically to MOScholarsAcademy@missouri.edu
by 5:00pm on February 10, 2017.**

As a parent or guardian of , I hereby grant permission for his/her name to be placed in nomination for appointment to the Missouri Scholars Academy. I also agree to the following, pertaining to the above---named student.

1. I understand that, if selected, my son/daughter may not leave the Academy for any other activity during the three weeks (except for medical emergencies).
2. I understand that because the Academy is supported by public funds, the names, addresses and school affiliation of students completing the program will become a matter of public record.
3. I understand that transportation to and from the University of Missouri must be arranged by the student and/or family. I further understand that in case of problems of illness, disruptive behavior or other unforeseen circumstances, I will be responsible for transportation home at any time when Academy officials deem such dismissal necessary for the benefit of the student or others in the Academy.
4. I understand that in case of accident or illness, the family or family's insurance provider has primary responsibility for payment of medical expenses. I consent for emergency treatment of my son/daughter for any emergency event which might arise during his/her stay at the Academy.
5. Permission is given for release of all pertinent school data to the University of Missouri for purposes of selecting students to attend the Academy.
6. Consent is given for the above-named student, if selected to attend, to provide opinions about various aspects of the Academy (e.g., the curriculum, the quality of instruction, the facilities, and the effects on student). These data will be helpful in planning future Academies and other special programs for gifted students.
7. I understand that my son/daughter may be interviewed and/or photographed or filmed as part of news coverage or promotion of the academy.
8. If my son/daughter is selected but chooses not to attend the Academy, I will immediately notify the University of Missouri so that another student may participate.

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

EMERGENCYPHONE

SIGNATURE PARENT/GUARDIAN

DATE

I certify that the information in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the essays are my original work. I also agree to the above stipulations regarding commitment and participation.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE