

Youngstown State University
2017 Summer Honors Institute
June 12-16, 2017 (Commuter Option)
June 11-16, 2017 (On Campus Resident Option)

APPLICATION PACKET

Completed Application and Payment Must Be Received By: March 3, 2017.
Course assignments will be made on a first-come, first-served basis.

Mission

Youngstown State University's Summer Honors Institute offers gifted and talented students the opportunity to explore and discover new information in a wide range of disciplines. Courses have been developed by outstanding university faculty with the dual purpose of introducing students to a specific discipline that is not available to them in a high school setting and providing activities designed for more in-depth study. Courses are also designed to provide a high degree of student interaction using a variety of hands-on activities. Appropriate alternative learning experiences are also utilized.

Eligibility

The YSU Summer Honors Institute is open to students who are completing 9th through 11th grades during the current (2016-17) academic year, and who have been formally identified as gifted and talented (Ohio Administrative Code 3301-51-15 or the state criteria for gifted identification in the state in which the student resides). Students who meet the admission requirements of the YSU Honors College (minimum high school GPA of 3.5 and minimum composite score of 26 ACT or 1260 SAT) are also eligible to apply. A building principal, gifted coordinator, guidance counselor, school psychologist, or other administrator who can verify eligibility must also recommend the student (see Student Eligibility Confirmation Section of application packet). The signature of the authorized school official certifies this determination.

Commuter & Residential Options

The YSU Summer Honors Institute offers two paths for participation. The *commuter* option (\$100) is for participants who prefer to commute to and from campus each day. Commuter students must provide their own transportation. Those who drive to campus will incur a daily charge for parking. The *residential* option (\$385) provides participants with the opportunity to stay on campus for the week in Cafaro House, the Honors Residence Hall, and take part in additional evening programs and activities. Both options are available on a limited basis with qualified applicants being accepted in the order their applications are received until all slots are filled.

Residential Option

Evenings for residential students will be filled with opportunities to expand upon the students' learning in a variety of ways. Participants will check in to Cafaro House on Sunday, June 11 starting at 5 p.m. Families will be welcomed, and students checked into their rooms. Learning topics during the evenings will include: Networking 101, Fine Tuning Social Skills to Enhance Success; YSU 101, Building Keys to Academic Success by YSU Deans and Faculty; Youngstown 101: Hidden Gems of the City, a cultural exploration; and Leadership 101: Profiles in Leadership. Last year was our third residential offering. Previous residential participants have described their experience as:

- * "Challenging"
- * "Brought me out of my comfort zone"
- * "Awesome, don't think, just do it!"
- * "It was so much fun being able to experience what living in a dorm is like before going to college."
- * "You get so much more out of the residential program compared to being a commuter."
- * "It was the best week ever!!"

The Academics

Each participant will be enrolled in two classes (one morning; one afternoon). At the conclusion of the week, participants will have an opportunity to demonstrate their learning in each class at what we call the *Friday Celebration* and receive their certificate of completion. The *Friday Celebration*, held in the afternoon from 1-4, showcases student learning to parents, faculty, and special guests. Participants do not receive college credit for these courses. However, they will learn valuable content, while being taught by experienced faculty on the campus of Youngstown State University. And for those who worry more about grades and less about concept mastery, SHI removes that concern. Participants report the learning environment is:

- * "Enjoyable"
- * "Fun with other gifted and talented students. We challenge each other."
- * "Well worth the time spent at YSU."
- * "Faculty invest in us for the week!"

Cost of Participation

A limited number of spaces exist for both the commuter and residential option. Therefore, applicants will be assigned to courses on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Payment must be received by the application deadline date of March 3, 2017** and can be made online by visiting www.ysu.edu/honors and clicking on the link for Summer Honors Institute. You may also pay by check or money order (made payable to Youngstown State University) and submit it with the application to the address listed below. Parking is a separate fee and is payable as a daily rate through YSU Parking Services.

Application fees for the commuter option (\$100) are nonrefundable. The fee for students applying to the residential program is \$385 (includes housing, linens and meals for the week).

Refund Policy for Residential Option

A student who is accepted but is unable to participate in the residential option will be entitled to a refund according to the following schedule:

Cancellation received by May 15, 2017: 85%

Cancellation received by May 29, 2017: 50%

No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after May 29.

Note: Cancellations must be made by completing the Cancellation/Refund Request Form available on our web site.

Submit completed form via fax (330/941-4743) or scan and submit via email to sfees@ysu.edu. Cancellations may not be made over the phone.

Send completed applications and payments to:

Dr. Amy Cossentino, Program Director
YSU Summer Honors Institute
c/o Honors College, Fok Hall
One University Plaza
Youngstown, OH 44555
330/941-4741

YSU Summer Honors Institute Arrival/Dismissal Policy

Arrival 8 a.m. Students are expected to arrive each day by 8 a.m. Please report to **Wendy's** on the lower level of Kilcawley Center to check in and receive announcements. Due to the ongoing construction project on Wick Avenue, we will communicate details regarding the drop-off and pick-up location at a later time.

Dismissal 4 p.m. Parents/guardians should pick up students by 4 p.m. at the same location as drop-off. Students who have not been picked up by 4:15 p.m., will be escorted to the YSU Police station (located on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Wood Street) for pick up. Parent identification will be required. Please enter the YSU Police station by the south door facing Wood Street.

Emergency Contact

Parents who need to reach their son or daughter during the Institute may do so by contacting the YSU Police Department at 330/941-3527. The YSU Police will have a complete roster of all students registered including their class schedule, class locations, and driver's information if applicable.

***These procedures have been established to provide a safe and enjoyable week for everyone.
We appreciate your cooperation.***

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Eligibility Confirmation/Recommendation Form

(To be completed by a coordinator of gifted education, guidance counselor, or other school official)

To be eligible to participate in the YSU Summer Honors Institute, students must be enrolled in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade during the current (2016-17) academic year and must be identified as gifted in one or more areas of identification according to state criteria OR have a high school GPA of 3.5 or above AND a minimum composite ACT score of 26 or a minimum composite SAT score of 1260.

Name of Student: _____ Current grade: 9th 10th 11th
ACT Composite Score: _____ SAT Composite Score: _____ HS GPA: _____ Gifted ID: Y N

I certify that the student named above meets the state criteria for gifted identification or minimum criteria for admission to the YSU Honors Program (high school GPA of 3.5 or above AND a minimum composite ACT score of 26 or a minimum composite SAT score of 1260).

Name of School Official (printed): _____

Signature of School Official: _____

Gifted Coordinator Counselor Principal Gifted Intervention Specialist Other _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

**Recommendation for Participation in the
YSU Summer Honors Institute Residential Program
(To be completed by a school official ONLY for students who are applying for the Residential Option)**

The residential component of the YSU Summer Honors Institute is intended to foster continued student development beyond the learning taking place in courses during the day through a variety of evening activities. In order to ensure a positive experience for all, we welcome students who are motivated to contribute to their own learning and the learning of their fellow SHI participants. Those who reap the greatest benefits are open to quickly making new friends, willing to step outside of their normal comfort zone to interact with others sharing similar learning values, and motivated to get the most out of the experience. Students should not be recommended for participation in the residential experience if they have difficulty working with others or following rules, show disrespect for teachers and/or fellow students, or have any other behavioral issues that will detract from the overall positive learning experience for all participants.

A teacher, guidance counselor, principal or other school official must provide his/her support for applicants to the residential component of the YSU Summer Honors Institute. Please use this form to support the participant's application.

Your recommendation is valuable. By signing this form you are attesting to no known prior disciplinary or behavioral problems and supporting the student's application to the YSU 2017 Summer Honors Institute Residential program.

Name of Student Applying to Residential Program: _____

Recommender's Name (printed): _____ Title: _____

School: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

I am not aware of any prior disciplinary or behavioral problems involving the applicant named above and support his/her application for admission into the YSU 2017 Summer Honors Institute Residential program.

Recommender's Signature: _____

Thank you for your assistance with the first step towards ensuring a positive experience for all of our YSU Summer Honors Institute participants.

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SCHEDULE REQUEST FORM

Classes meet June 12—16, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with lunch from 11:45-12:30 p.m. Students are required to attend ***all day, every day***. We regret that we cannot accommodate late arrivals or early departures.

Each student will be enrolled in one morning **and** one afternoon class. Please indicate below your preference for a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for morning **and** afternoon classes. We will make every attempt to accommodate your first choice selections. However, class size and availability may require us to assign you to a second or third choice.

Student Name _____

Morning Classes

- _____ Acoustic Ecology
- _____ Crime Scene Investigation
- _____ Engineering: Rapid Prototyping
- _____ International Business
- _____ Native Americans
- _____ The City of You

Afternoon Classes

- _____ Audition & Monologue
- _____ Coding Python
- _____ Documentary Filmmaking
- _____ Electronic Music
- _____ Healthcare for the 21st Century
- _____ Harry Potter

Students will be notified of their acceptance status on or before March 31, 2017.

**Youngstown State University Summer Honors Institute
Waiver and Release**

In consideration of the opportunity afforded me to participate in the YSU 2017 Summer Honors Institute (SHI) and recognizing the possible risk to which I voluntarily subject myself in participating in certain activities, including but not limited to Acting, Acoustic Ecology, Coding Python, Crime Scene Investigation, Documentary Filmmaking, Electronic Music, Healthcare, International Business, Harry Potter, Native Americans, Rapid Prototyping, and The City of You hereby knowingly, freely and voluntarily, for myself and for my heirs, executors, administrators and personal representatives, waive any claim, demand or cause of action, of any kind whatsoever, arising from or related to any SHI activity from which any liability might accrue to the State of Ohio and Youngstown State University and its employees, officers, trustees, agents or representatives from any such liability. In further consideration, I grant permission to Youngstown State University and its employees, officers, trustees, agents or representatives to use photos of participants and/or their work, student projects, surveys, and other materials developed during my participation in the YSU 2017 SHI for the purpose of publicity (SHI web site/brochures), etc.

Code of Conduct for YSU Summer Honors Institute Participants

The Summer Honors Institute has a zero tolerance policy for misconduct. Participants are expected to follow the same rules of conduct as YSU faculty, staff and students (e.g., no abuse of alcohol, drugs, etc.) In addition, participants are expected to:

1. Sign in upon arrival, lunch, and dismissal. No one may sign in for you.
2. Wear your I.D. badge while on campus so that you may be identified as a participant in the Summer Honors Institute.
3. Attend all assigned classes while on campus.
4. Follow all instructions of the director, faculty, and staff.
5. Maintain courtesy toward fellow students and other individuals at the Summer Honors Institute.
6. Leave campus only with explicit permission from the director.
7. Maintain appropriate dress for the Institute, (e.g., shorts, t-shirts or casual tops—no bathing suit or similar tops).
8. Disregard for any of the above rules will be sufficient for dismissal from the Institute at the discretion of the director.

I/we have read and reviewed the *Waiver and Release, Code of Conduct, Arrival/Departure Policy* and agree to abide by these guidelines. Signature of **BOTH** the student and parent are required.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

To be completed **ONLY** by students residing outside the local area:

While attending the YSU Summer Honors Institute, I will be staying with the following family member or adult individual:

Name _____

Local Phone _____

Local Address _____

**Youngstown State University's Emergency Medical Authorization
for the Summer Honors Institute Participants
(Please print legibly with black ball point pen.)**

Last name _____ First name _____

Street address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Purpose: To enable parents and guardians to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for children who become ill or injured while under the Institute's authority when parents or guardians cannot be reached.

NOTE: Part I or Part II must be completed.

PART I: Consent for Treatment

In the event reasonable attempts have been unsuccessful to contact me/us at the emergency phone numbers listed below, I/we give consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by the following:

Preferred physician: Dr. _____ Phone: _____

Preferred dentist: Dr. _____ Phone: _____

or in the event the designated practitioner is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist, and (2) the transfer of the child to:

Name of hospital: _____ or any hospital reasonably accessible.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in the necessity for such surgery, and obtained prior to the performance of such surgery.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone: _____

Facts concerning the child's medical history including allergies, medications being taken, and any physical impairments such as heart condition, diabetes, epilepsy, etc., to which a physician should be alerted.

Medical condition: _____ Medications _____ Procedures _____

Required: _____
Signature of parent/guardian Date

PART II. Refusal of consent for treatment. Do not complete Part II if you completed Part I.

I do not give my consent for emergency medical treatment of my child. In the event of illness or injury requiring emergency treatment, I wish the school authorities to take no action or to:

Required: _____
Signature of parent/guardian Date