



NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION STEP PROGRAM Big Thicket Summer Research Program Application

The Summer Institute is a time intensive commitment and involves a trip to the Big Thicket Research Station in rural Saratoga, Texas from June 7-17, 2008. Transportation will be limited and accommodations will be shared single sex dormitories rooms.

Instructions: Complete the form below. In order for your application to be considered you must include all the items listed at the bottom of this form. Applicants will be notified of application outcome via email or personal letter. Final selections will be based on strength of application and personal interview.

Application materials must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, April 18.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

(PLEASE PRINT or TYPE)

Name _____ Date _____

Date of Birth _____ Age: _____

Student ID or Social Security # _____ Email Address _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Cell Phone or Alternate # _____

Gender: Female Male Ethnicity _____

Citizenship: U.S. Citizen Permanent Resident # A- _____

Birthplace _____

Parent's or Guardian's Highest Level of Education:

Mother _____ Father _____ Other _____

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

School in which you are currently enrolled _____
(name and city)

Current Academic Classification: Freshman Sophomore Other _____

Last High School Attended _____
(name and city)

Major _____ Cumulative GPA (HS) _____

College(s) Attended: _____
(name and city)

Major _____

Degree(s) you plan to pursue _____

Cumulative GPA _____ Expected Date of Graduation _____

IV. PERSONAL STATEMENT

In essay style, describe yourself and discuss each of the following. You are NOT limited to these areas: (1) Why do you want to participate in this field experience activity, (2) How would this experience contribute to your academic development and future career goals, (3) Why are you interested in biodiversity, (4) Describe your experience with laboratory equipment and computer technology, (5) Describe experiences or interests that may be related to this field study summer program. You may attach separate sheets of paper if desired, but do not exceed two pages of double spaced text.

V. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

The following documentation must be submitted **with** your application to be considered complete. Failure to include these documents will prohibit the applicant from being considered for the program.

1. Submit a copy of your most recent transcript with this application. (*Applicants who are college freshmen may submit a high school transcript if they have not accumulated college hours*).
2. Attach **two** letters of recommendation from science faculty/teachers which address:
 - (a) Length of time the teacher has known you
 - (b) Level of motivation exhibited and academic performance in his/her classes
 - (c) Intellectual curiosity – interest in learning
 - (d) Commitment to educational endeavors and quality of work
 - (e) Reliability- intellectual and personal integrity, promptness, conscientiousness
 - (f) Personal character and maturity
 - (g) Likelihood of succeeding in a science related program.

Letters of recommendation must be verifiable and may be submitted on letterhead or include contact information of the faculty member making the recommendation.

VI. AGREEMENTS, AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I understand that if selected for The Big Thicket Research Summer Program I must remain in the program during its entire duration (Flexible scheduling for students in Summer 2). I also understand this summer research program involves outdoor fieldwork and that I may be required to work under various weather conditions. Finally, I understand that I will be required to present what I learned once the program is completed (e.g. poster presentation).

I authorize Eastfield College and STEP program staff to obtain information necessary to the execution and mandatory reporting of the program.

The information in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Please submit completed applications to: **Eastfield College NSF-STEP Office, Room C 123, at 3737 Motley Drive, Mesquite, TX, 75150**, For more information, please contact:

Norma Mendoza at: normamendoza@dccc.edu, Phone: 972-860-7389.

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