

Opportunity Title: ARC/ORAU Middle School Virtual Summer Science Academy (Student) 2021

Opportunity Reference Code: ARC-ORAU-MSS-21

Organization Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

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How to Apply A complete application consists of:

- An online application form
- A recommendation submitted by a teacher, school counselor, school administrator, or community member (The application asks for contact information for your recommender. The recommender cannot be a family member.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: On the question asking about your degree, please enter the following on the indicated questions

- **Education Status** - enter "In Progress"
- **Degree** - enter "High School Diploma/GED"
- **Institution** - enter the high school you will likely be attending
- **Dates** - enter the approximate dates you will begin and graduate high school
- **GPA** - enter your current GPA


***If you are homeschooled:** For any question asking for your school name, please enter "Homeschool" or the name of your homeschool organization or coop.


If you have questions, send an email to ARC-MS@orau.org.

Application Deadline 4/2/2021 11:59:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Description The ARC/ORAU Middle School Summer Science Academy is a one-week, fully funded, hands-on learning experience for Appalachia's middle school students. Hosted by Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the program is a gateway to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in the Appalachian region. Many participants come from economically distressed counties and often gain increased exposure to applied science and STEM education through this experience. Middle school students conduct virtual, guided STEM research projects with master teachers. The program culminates in a final virtual group research presentation where participants showcase their work.



- Qualifications**
- Must be a U.S. citizen
 - Must currently attend public school or homeschool (in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade **at the time of application**) in a designated Appalachian county (see <http://www.arc.gov/counties>)
 - Must plan to enroll in a public school or homeschool in a


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designated Appalachian county for the 2021-2022 school year

- Must be willing to follow all program and safety instruction
- Must be able to participate in all virtual activities for the full virtual program period, June 19-July 2, 2021 (ALL necessary equipment and supplies will be sent to selected participants)

**Eligibility
Requirements**

- **Citizenship:** U.S. Citizen Only
- **Degree:** Any degree .
- **Discipline(s):**
 - **Business** (11 )
 - **Chemistry and Materials Sciences** (12 )
 - **Communications and Graphics Design** (6 )
 - **Computer, Information, and Data Sciences** (17 )
 - **Earth and Geosciences** (21 )
 - **Engineering** (27 )
 - **Environmental and Marine Sciences** (14 )
 - **Life Health and Medical Sciences** (46 )
 - **Mathematics and Statistics** (10 )
 - **Other Non-Science & Engineering** (13 )
 - **Physics** (16 )
 - **Science & Engineering-related** (1 )
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (29 )

Affirmation

I certify that I am a U.S. citizen, am willing to follow all program and safety instructions, am able to participate in all virtual activities for the full virtual program period of June 19-July 2, 2021, currently attend a public school or homeschool (in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade) in a designated Appalachian county, and plan to enroll in a public school or homeschool in a designated Appalachian county for the 2021-2022 school year.