

The Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University, through a cooperative arrangement with the Duke Talent Identification Program, is pleased to offer the Summer Program for Verbally and Mathematically Precocious Youth (VAMPY), a three-week residential summer program for very bright students held on WKU's campus. VAMPY is designed to provide a balance of educational, cultural, and recreational experiences for high-ability seventh through tenth graders.

How is the learning environment structured?

Learning at VAMPY is conducted in a fast-paced, challenging format. Classes meet six hours each weekday and are taught by outstanding teachers. Teachers incorporate a variety of projects, field trips, and lectures into their curriculum. Each teacher has a teaching assistant who works with students in study hall in the evenings. Class size is limited to 16 students, and learning experiences are planned to be appropriate for high-ability students. Class options are listed inside this application.

Where will I stay, and what will I do when I'm not in class?

The residential component is an integral part of the learning experience at VAMPY. You will live in an air-conditioned residence hall with residential counselors who will be involved in activities with you and your fellow campers when you are not in class. In the evenings and on weekends, you will participate in a variety of cultural, educational, and recreational activities which include cookouts, dances, and a talent show as well as optional individual and team sports, games, and creative adventures. There will be many opportunities for you to enjoy getting to know young people with similar abilities and interests.

How much does the program cost?

The basic registration fee of \$2,950 includes room and board, the instructional program, books, and most activities outside of class. Please see the class descriptions for any additional fee. A limited amount of financial assistance is available to students on the basis of need. Your VAMPY application must have been submitted with a deposit to apply for financial assistance. Financial assistance applications are due on or before May 1, 2017. Contact The Center for Gifted Studies to request a financial assistance application.

How do I apply?

1. You must **(a)** be completing the 7th-10th grade this year and **(b)** have earned SAT or ACT scores as a seventh grader (or comparable scores for an older student) qualifying you for the class selected.
2. You must submit **(a)** the completed application form, **(b)** a photocopy of your SAT or ACT report, and **(c)** a \$300 deposit that is not refundable once you are accepted. Make checks payable to The Center for Gifted Studies. The balance of your registration will be due on or before June 1, 2017.
3. VAMPY is planned for 220 participants. Qualified participants will be accepted in the order applications are received, according to class preference.

Learn more about the VAMPY experience at www.wku.edu/gifted/vampy



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Other Opportunities

Camp Explore

June 5 - 9, 2017

This hands-on, minds-on day camp is open to first through third graders with advanced ability and high interest in learning.

SCATS

June 11 - 23, 2017

In the Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students, sixth through eighth graders take four courses from a wide array of choices. Students can be residential or nonresidential.

Camp Innovate

July 10 - 14, 2017

This hands-on, minds-on day camp is open to fourth and fifth graders with advanced ability and high interest in learning.

Travel with The Center

Italy — March 31 - April 9, 2017

Greece — September 29 - October 8, 2017

These travel/study tours provide opportunities for eighth grade and high school honors students and interested adults to experience and learn about history, culture, and people.



Send applications and requests for more information to

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