

## ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL GENERAL INFORMATION

The Arkansas Governor's School (AGS) is a six-week summer residential program for gifted and talented rising high school seniors. The school is operated by the Arkansas Department of Education through a grant to Hendrix College and is supervised by the Office of Gifted and Talented Education. The thirty-sixth annual session will be conducted for approximately 400 students from June 14 through July 25, 2015, on the campus of Hendrix College in Conway. Students who attend AGS must be nominated by their local high schools and selected by the State Student Selection Committee designated by the Department of Education. The committee works to ensure that every area of the state is represented. The program is designed to give gifted students the opportunity to develop and expand their powers to conceptualize, to theorize, and to explore the latest progress and problems of various academic and artistic fields. The curriculum is designed to focus on contemporary topics and issues and to encourage curiosity and a spirit of inquiry. Tuition, room, board, books, and instructional supplies are furnished for students from funds appropriated by the Arkansas General Assembly. Students are responsible for travel to and from Conway and for any personal expenses. More information about the program including an overview and videos can be found at [www.hendrix.edu/AGS/](http://www.hendrix.edu/AGS/).

### ELIGIBILITY:

1. Only students who are residents of Arkansas and who are presently in junior classes at public or private high schools are eligible for nomination and selection.
2. Nominees should have demonstrated:
  - a. **creativity** in academic or creative fields,
  - b. **above average ability** in the nominated discipline area (Area I),
  - c. a high degree of **self-motivation** required to satisfy the program's demanding requirements,
  - d. the **intellectual, social, and emotional maturity** required to thrive in an environment that emphasizes theoretical and process-related learning.
3. **Nominees must be willing to commit to the entire program.** Students who would like to participate in other programs or activities that run concurrent to AGS should not be nominated.
4. All qualified students should be considered for nomination regardless of socioeconomic status, cultural, or language differences.

### NOMINATION DOCUMENTS:

Schools should notify students as soon as they have been nominated. **All forms and documents related to the nominations must be submitted by Tuesday, January 20, 2015.** Individual schools may set earlier internal deadlines in order to allow for school processing time. All nomination documents and online links can be found at [www.hendrix.edu/ags](http://www.hendrix.edu/ags) under the "Student Nomination Packet" link. The following forms and documents must be submitted to complete the nomination in order for the student to be considered by the State Student Selection Committee.

For each student being nominated:

1. **Student Application** – to be completed and submitted online by the student
2. **Student Audition Video** – to be uploaded into a private YouTube file by the student if he/she is nominated for an Area I Arts discipline (Choral Music, Drama, Instrumental Music, or Visual Arts); must be reviewed by a school official
3. **Parent-Student Signatures Assurance Form** – to be printed, signed by the parent and the student, and submitted to their school official

4. **Teacher Recommendation** – to be completed and submitted online by a teacher
5. **School Recommendation** – to be completed and submitted online by a school official

For each school nominating students:

1. **School Composite Form** – to be completed and submitted online by a school official
2. **School Signatures Assurance Form** – to be printed and signed by several school personnel: the principal, each teacher who submitted a **Teacher Recommendation**, each school official who submitted a **School Recommendation**, and each school official who reviewed **Audition Videos** for Area I Arts nominations
3. **Student Transcript** – Public schools do not have to submit student transcripts because they can be access through the Department of Education system. Private or parochial school officials must upload the transcripts of nominated students to a Dropbox account and share the files with [mary.stein@arkansas.gov](mailto:mary.stein@arkansas.gov).
4. The school official must mail the School Signatures Assurance Form with all of the Parent-Student Signatures Assurance Forms in one packet to AGS postmarked by the deadline.

State Student Selection Committee  
Arkansas Governor's School Office  
Hendrix College  
1600 Washington Avenue  
Conway, AR 72032

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Tuesday, January 20, 2015 – all student nomination forms and documents must be submitted

Tuesday, March 31, 2015 – student selection results will be emailed to schools and students

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 – accepted students must submit online registration form

Sunday, June 14, 2014 through Saturday, July 25, 2014 – AGS session

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION:**

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