



SOUTH CAROLINA
GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
FOR SCIENCE
& MATHEMATICS

2010 SUMMER PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH INTERNS

SCHOLAR APPLICATION

Deadline: January 27, 2010

The Summer Program for Research Interns (SPRI) is a statewide outreach program designed to provide academically talented rising high school seniors with an opportunity to conduct research under the supervision of scientists (mentors) located in research and development labs across South Carolina. During a focused 6-week period, students work on new or existing research projects. Since this application is designed to showcase a candidate's academic achievement, interest in science and mathematics, potential to conduct research as well as personal achievements and goals, it is very important that all the information requested is accurately completed.

The application includes four parts. The first part of the application must be completed by the student and parent/guardian. The second part of the application must be completed by the student, but it should be reviewed by a parent/guardian. This section requires signatures from the student and parent. The final parts of the application must be completed by two mathematics or science teachers who know the candidate and his/her scholastic record. Each part of the application will contain specific instructions for completing the section. The applicant must follow these instructions.

An official high school transcript that shows courses and credits earned through the first semester of the candidate's junior year must be included with the application packet.

Each student's application must include the following:

- The applicant's personal essay and a list of activities and honors that show interest in science and/or mathematics and goals related to these subject areas
- Two 2010 SPRI Scholar Teacher Recommendation forms from mathematics or science teachers
- An official high school transcript that lists courses and credits earned through the first semester of the 2009/2010 school year
- PSAT/SAT or PLAN/ACT scores

Mail a complete set of applications materials to GSSM, SPRI Scholars. Your application must be postmarked on or before **January 27, 2010**. All parts of the application must be submitted before the application will be considered. **Incomplete applications WILL NOT be considered for a 2010 SPRI Scholar position.**

2010 SPRI Important Dates

January 27, 2010:
Application deadline

February 17, 2010
Scholars will be notified

June 6, 2010
SPRI begins

July 17, 2010
SPRI ends

The 2010 SPRI Scholars application should be mailed to the following address:

GSSM
SPRI Scholars
401 Railroad Avenue
Hartsville. SC 29550



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PART I: This section must be completed by the student and a parent/guardian. Please type or print neatly.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial Prefer to be called

Mailing Address: _____
Street

City State Zip County

Gender: Male _____ Female _____ **Birthdate:** ____/____/____ **Current Grade Level:** _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ **Cell Phone:** (____) _____ **E-mail:** _____

Are you a SC resident? Yes _____ No _____ **Are you a US citizen?** Yes _____ No _____

***Ethnicity:** Caucasian African American Asian Hispanic Other

Standardized test scores:

In the spaces provided, record the scores for the test(s) you have taken.

PSAT Math PSAT Verbal PSAT Writing SAT Math SAT Verbal SAT Writing

PLAN English PLAN Math PLAN Reading PLAN Science ACT English ACT Math ACT Reading ACT Science

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
(Mr., Ms., Dr.) First Last

Daytime Phone Number(s): _____ **E-mail:** _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of School: _____

Address: _____
Street City Zip

Guidance Counselor: _____
Name Phone Number E-mail

* NOTE: NO STUDENT WILL BE DENIED PARTICIPATION BECAUSE OF RACE, GENDER, RELIGION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN



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PART II: This section must be completed by the student, reviewed by a parent/guardian, and signed by both.

Please respond to items 1-4 on separate paper. Either type or print neatly. Providing specific details about your interest in science and mathematics as well as your potential to conduct supervised scientific research is important. If you are selected as a 2010 SPRI Scholar, the information will be used in the matching you with a research mentor.

1. What are your college and career goals?
2. List and describe any extracurricular and community activities in which you have participated.
3. List and describe any academic honors and awards you have received.
4. On a separate sheet of paper, write a personal essay on why you are applying for SPRI and what you hope to gain from the experience.
5. Review the list of research categories. In the spaces provided, list your top three research category preferences with number one being your first preference.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| - Astronomy | - Earth Sciences | - Microbiology |
| - Behavioral Sciences | - Engineering | - Physics |
| - Biochemistry | - Environmental Science | - Plant Sciences |
| - Cell & Molecular Biology | - Materials Science | - Zoology |
| - Chemistry | - Mathematics | - Other (please specify) |
| - Computer Science | - Medicine & Health | |

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

6. What is your choice in research internships? Residential Commuter
7. There is a limited amount of financial assistance available. Will you require financial aid? Yes No
(If yes, you must complete the financial aid application.)

SIGNATURES

For the applicant:

I, _____, hereby affirm that all the information on this application is correct and that all written responses are my original work.

Student Signature

Date

For the Parent or Guardian:

My child has my permission to apply to the South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Summer Program for Research Interns. I attest that all information in this application is correct. If my child is selected as a 2010 SPRI Scholar, I agree to support his or her full participation in 2010 SPRI. This includes full payment of all program fees before **June 1, 2010**.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



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TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

How would you distinguish this student's academic performance from that of other students?

What characteristics do you feel qualify this student as a candidate for a research internship?

Overall, I recommend this student (please circle a rating from 10 to 1; with 10 being the highest and 1 being the lowest).

10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
Highly recommended Recommended Recommended
with some reservations Not recommended
(please explain any reservations been)

Print Name of Teacher Completing this Form

Signature

Date

High School

Office Phone

E-mail



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