

Summer Opportunities – 2025

Listed below are numerous summer opportunities and are sorted into the following categories:

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- **Writing / Literary Studies**

Accounting / Business / Entrepreneurship / Finance

IN – Indiana University Kelley School of Business – Kelley Women's Leadership Institute

The Kelley Women's Leadership Institute introduces young women to the college experience and business career opportunities.

Cost: For in-person sessions, participants need to cover transportation to and from Bloomington along with their housing and personal expenses.

Program dates: Virtual and in-person options

Application deadline: Various

More information: <https://kelley.iu.edu/programs/undergrad/pre-college/ywi.html>

IN – Indiana University Kelley School of Business – MEET Kelley

MEET Kelley (Meet, Educate, Experience, Transition) is a unique pre-college summer program for high-ability students to get introduced to the Kelley School of Business, learn about the opportunities available, experience a professional business case competition, and ultimately consider transitioning to Kelley after high school.

Cost: Free (student covers travel costs and spending money)

Program dates: June 8 – 13 and June 22 – 27

Application deadline: March 23, 2025

More information: <https://kelley.iu.edu/programs/undergrad/pre-college/meet-kelley/index.html>

IN – Saint Mary's College – Business & Marketing Summer Institute

Spark your marketing mind and earn college credit! This week-long residential summer program will help students understand the latest marketing tools and techniques. Students will learn important concepts for building a marketing plan in a digital universe, creating a brand, and developing engaging content from Saint Mary's College faculty.

Cost: \$799 (financial assistance may be available)

Program dates: July 20 – July 25

Application deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.saintmarys.edu/camps/business-marketing-summer-institute>

KY – Sullivan University – Culinary and Baking and Pastry Arts Camps

Designed for students who have taken at least one year of culinary training at the high school level, the Advanced Baking and Pastry track focuses on strengthening baking and pastry skills and fine-tuning individual cooking technique

Cost: \$895

Program dates: June 15 – 20, 2025

Application deadline: See website

More information: [Baking & Pastry](#)

KY – Sullivan University – Hospitality Camp

Hospitality and Event Management Camp gives you the opportunity to explore the exciting world of hospitality management. Opportunities for management careers in America's hotels and restaurants increase every year as people spend more and more time away from home. In the hotel industry alone, there are large numbers of new jobs being created each year. You'll work with Sullivan University's instructors in our Hospitality and Event Management dept. to participate in unique, hands-on activities that will help you pursue your passion.

Cost: \$545

Program dates: June 15 – 20, 2025

Application deadline: See website

More information: [Hospitality Camp](#)

KY – Western Kentucky University – Personal Financial Summer Camp

Learn from the experts at this exciting, hands-on, and engaging 5-day residential camp hosted by the WKU Department of Finance and WKU's Center for Financial Success. Throughout the camp, you will gain the necessary knowledge you need to successfully manage your money, regardless of career and major choice. You will learn key financial tips to help you succeed in college and beyond.

Cost: \$299 until April 15th; \$399 after (need based scholarship available)

Program dates: June 15 – 19, 2025

Application deadline: not listed

More information: <https://www.wku.edu/finance/personal-financial-planning-camp/index.php>

OH – University of Dayton – Female Aspiring Business Scholars (FABS) Summer Program

FABS is a four-day, overnight camp offered by UD's School of Business Administration that provides young women hands-on learning through team projects, leadership experience, career exploration and mentorship. Campers will build skills essential for success in college and business, connect with peers, and experience life as a UD student. This camp is designed for rising juniors and seniors. We invite campers of all identities, backgrounds and experiences to participate.

Cost: \$300 (financial assistance may be available; must indicate on registration form)

Program dates: June 22 – 25, 2025

Application deadline: May 16, 2025

More information: [FABS](#)

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PA – Lebanon Valley College – Actuarial Science Camp

The Actuarial Science Summer Camps are week-long intensive programs for rising high school seniors designed to help them decide if they're interested in actuarial careers.

Cost: \$950

Program dates: June 22 – 27, 2025 and July 6 – 11, 2025

Application deadline: Applications accepted until spaces are full

More information: <https://www.lvc.edu/about/camps-community-programming/actuarial-science-camp/>

The Arts / Design

CA, FL, NY – Grammy Camp

GRAMMY Camp is a seven-day non-residential music industry program for high school students interested in careers in music.

Cost: \$3000 (scholarships may be available)

Program dates: Various

Application deadline: March 31, 2025

More information: <https://grammymuseum.org/education/grammy-camp/>

CA – California College of the Arts – Pre-College Program

For rising juniors, seniors, and college freshmen, this program allows students to study art, design, or creative writing and earn 3 college credits.

Cost: Varies (scholarships may be available)

Program dates: Varies depending on program selected

Application deadline: June 10, 2025 (priority app deadline is February 24th)

More information: <https://www.cca.edu/academics/pre-college/apply/>

DC – Catholic University of America – Experiences in Architecture

This intense three-week workshop is for students interested in architecture or other design-related fields. Students are exposed to both the academic and the professional sides of the architecture arena.

Cost: \$2,570

Program dates: July 7 – 18, 2025

Application deadline: May 31, 2025

More information: <http://architecture.cua.edu/other-programs/experiences-in-architecture-overview.cfm>

FL – Ringling College of Art + Design – PreCollege 2025

PreCollege is immersive, rigorous, and fun. All students are enrolled in a full-time program of immersions in the majors as well as courses in art and design. You will strengthen your ability to think critically and creatively.

Cost: \$7,200

Program dates: June 22 – July 19, 2025

Application deadline: First come, first served or May 1, whichever is first

More information: <https://www.ringling.edu/PreCollege>

GA – The Savannah College of Art and Design – Pre-College programs at SCAD

Explore new avenues of artistic development and spark your imagination at The University for Creative Careers. SCAD offers pre-college programs during the summer and throughout the year for high school students of all ages to pursue art and design disciplines while working alongside peers from all over the world — and offer ideal opportunities for artists at all levels to create, learn, and grow.

Cost: Varies (scholarships available)

Program dates: Varies

Application deadline: May 30, 2025

More information: <https://www.scad.edu/academics/pre-college-programs>

IN – Ball State University – Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning

High School Camps and Workshops

Ball State offers three programs: Interior Design Summer Workshop, DesignWorks, Architecture + Planning Camp @CAP: Indy, and the Urban Planning Workshop

Cost: See website

Program dates: Online and in-person options available, various dates

Application deadline: See website

More information: [Ball State Summer Program](#)

IN – South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestra Summer Camp

The South Bend Youth Symphony Orchestra (SBYSO) and Saint Mary's College present a summer camp designed for musicians ages 12-22, seeking a fun and enriching opportunity to make great music with like-minded students. Enjoy recreational activities between rehearsals on the lively Saint Mary's College campus.

Cost: \$449 (financial assistance may be available)

Program dates: June 16 – 20

Application deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.saintmarys.edu/sbyso-orchestra-summer-camp>

MD – Maryland Institute College of Art – Pre-College Studio Residency Program

Experience a challenging and rewarding opportunity for young artists and designers; three sessions offered - three different sets of dates. Students can earn college credits.

Cost: \$3,660-\$7,320 depending on program selected

Program dates: Varies

Application deadline: April 30, 2025

More information: [Maryland Institute Summer Camp](#)

MI – University of Michigan, Stamps School of Art and Design – Pre-College Program

Summer Pre-College Programs include virtual and residential sessions of Portfolio Prep, offered to current high school students (grades 9 – 11) interested in building new skills for their creative pursuits. Students will receive personalized training and advice from Stamps faculty and staff on building a competitive portfolio.

Cost: See website

Program dates: Varies depending on the program (scholarships may be available)

Application deadline: March 1, 2025

More information: <https://stamps.umich.edu/pre-college/summer>

NY – Pratt University – Pre-College Program

Are you on a path to becoming an artist, designer, or architect? With options ranging from one-day workshops, 1-credit Saturday classes during the school year, to a 4-week, 4-credit immersive in-person summer program, Pratt Pre-College aims to meet students where they are in their creative and academic journey.

Cost: See website

Program dates: Varies based on program

Application deadline: Varies

More information: [Pratt Pre-College](#)

OH – Columbus College of Art and Design – College Preview

Ready to experience life as an art & design student? CCAD's College Preview is the perfect opportunity to learn, create, and explore on our beautiful campus located in thriving downtown Columbus, Ohio.

Open to high school students in grades 10-12 who are considering a future in art and design, this program will introduce you to the art & design school experience. You'll customize your experience by choosing a major area of study, such as animation, game art and design, or photography.

Cost: \$3,950

Program dates: July 7-27, 2025

Application deadline: May 19, 2025

More information: [Columbus College of Art and Design](#)

OH – Denison University – Summer TUTTI

Summer TUTTI Performing Arts Camp at Denison University offers talented high school dancers, musicians, and theatre-makers a chance to deepen their skills while collaborating with professional artists and ensembles and peers from across the country, such as Available Light Theatre, ETHEL, and Third Coast Percussion.

Cost: \$1,500

Program dates: June 14 – 22, 2025

Application deadline: March 1, 2025

More information: <https://summertutti.denison.edu/>

Various Locations – US Performing Arts Camps

Designed for the serious performing arts student. Multiple locations, dates, and concentrations are available. Check website for more details.

Cost: See website

Program dates: Varies based on campus selected

Application deadline: See website

More information: www.usperformingarts.com

Communications / Journalism / Media

MA – Boston University – BU College of Communication Summer Journalism Academy

The Summer Journalism Academy at Boston University gives high school students the opportunity to expand their skills and prepare for college, either through a residential experience on campus or through remote instruction from home.

Cost: \$1,500 (online); \$6,200 (residential)

Program dates: Virtual and in-person options

Application deadline: On-campus app deadline – April 19, 2025 (later for online programs)

More information: <https://combeyond.bu.edu/offering/summer-journalism-academy-bu/>

NC – Elon University – Emerging Journalists Program

For students curious about what it means to be a journalist, reporting and producing news that informs communities, the Emerging Journalists Program at Elon University provides the ideal platform to explore their media interests.

Cost: Free

Program dates: July 16 – 26, 2025

Application deadline: Rolling

More information: [Emerging Journalists Program](#)

NY – Columbia University – Columbia Scholastic Press Association Summer Journalism Workshop

Presented by CSPA and hosted by Columbia University, the annual Summer Journalism Workshop is a week-long conference offering sequences focused on either writing, editing, management or advanced design.

Cost: Residential (\$2,199 includes housing and meal plan); Virtual (\$999)

Program dates: Virtual and in-person options

Application deadline: See website

More information: [Journalism Workshop](#)

NJ – Princeton University – Summer Journalism Program

The Princeton Summer Journalism Program (PSJP) is the only program of its kind offering a free, year-long college preparation and journalism program for high school juniors from limited-income backgrounds.

Cost: Free

Program dates: The multi-week summer intensive will begin with online classes in mid-July and will culminate in a residential experience at Princeton from late-July through early-August.

Application deadline: February 24, 2025

More information: [Princeton Summer Program](#)

GENERAL / PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

AL – University of Alabama – UA Early College

Through the University of Alabama Early College program, you can take college courses online or on campus while still in high school, earning up to 30 credit hours.

Cost: Not yet posted

Program Dates: See website, several sessions available

Application deadlines: See website, several sessions available

More Information: <https://uaearlycollege.ua.edu/index.php>

AL – Samford University – Summer Programs

Samford University offers high-quality academic programs for children, teens and adults during the summer.

Cost: Varies based on program selected

Program dates: Varies

Application deadline: Varies depending on the program

More information: <https://www.samford.edu/programs/summer-programs/>

CA – Stanford University – Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes

Stanford Pre-Collegiate Summer Institutes is a summer enrichment program that provides passionate and intellectually curious students with intensive study in a single course. Our program covers advanced subjects rarely taught in high school, offering students a chance to challenge themselves by diving deep into cutting-edge topics.

Cost: \$3,080

Program dates: Online, varies

Application deadline: March 20, 2025

More information: <https://summerinstitutes.spcs.stanford.edu/admissions>

CA – University of Southern California – USC Summer Programs

USC Summer Programs extends a tradition of excellence to outstanding high school students through a diverse offering of four-week summer courses. As a “Summer Trojan,” you will balance academic and campus life as you prepare for college — and earn college credit.

Cost: \$11,347

Program dates: June 15 – July 12, 2025

Application deadline: May 2, 2025

More information: <https://summerprograms.usc.edu/>

GA – Emory University – Pre-College Program

An academic program for rising juniors and seniors gives students a glimpse of academic and campus life at a top-ranked national university.

Cost: \$5,137-\$10,274

Program dates: In-person and virtual options available

Application deadline: Beginning May 9, 2025

More information: <http://precollege.emory.edu/>

IL – The University of Chicago – Summer Session 2025

The University of Chicago's Summer Session brings together a global community of thinkers who are excited by interesting questions and seek to engage new ideas. Discover diverse program opportunities designed to challenge and engage curious high school students this summer across a variety of subject areas and disciplines. Within a supportive community, pre-college students are given the chance to take intellectual risks, dive more deeply into subject matter, and discuss questions that go beyond the realm of their high school curriculum, while experiencing a dynamic campus situated in scenic Hyde Park in the city of Chicago during the best season of the year — summer!

Costs: Varies

Program dates: 9 different program options

Application deadline: Beginning March 5, 2025

More information: <https://summer.uchicago.edu/pre-college/pre-college/>

IN – Northwestern University – College Prep Program

This summer program is designed for high school students who are ready for academic challenges and the experience of real college life. Students can take college courses and earn college credit.

Cost: Varies

Program dates: In-person and virtual options available

Application deadline: April 1, 2025

More information: <https://sps.northwestern.edu/college-preparation/>

IN – University of Notre Dame – Summer Scholars

Summer Scholars participants spend two intensive weeks on Notre Dame's campus taking a challenging college-level course taught by Notre Dame faculty. We keep the classes small and the personal attention from Notre Dame faculty high. The coursework is a true preview of college academics—it is both rigorous and rewarding, and students could earn one transferable college credit upon the completion of a program track. Students collaborate on coursework outside designated class times as they would in any college setting. There is also ample time to enjoy the social facets of college life, especially those unique to Notre Dame.

Cost: See website – costs vary depending on program selected

Program dates: June 7 – 21, 2025 and June 28 – July 12, 2025

Application deadline: February 19, 2025

More information: <https://precollege.nd.edu/summer-scholars/>

KY – Bellarmine University – Camp Valor Summer Programs

Camp Valor Summer 2025 is just around the corner! This Summer we are offering over 100 camp sessions in a wide range of subjects! Camps will be offered June 2 through August 1 for Mini Knights (Pre-K through second grade), Junior Knights (third grade to eighth grade), and Squires (high school). Camp tuition covers all materials as well as Camp Valor Swag: T-shirt and water bottle. We also have lunch options at our University Dining Hall (UDH) for campers staying for a morning and afternoon camp.

Cost: Various

Program dates: Various

More information: <https://www.bellarmino.edu/ce/youth-camps/>

KY – Western Kentucky University – VAMPY

A three-week residential camp held in June and July, VAMPY offers high-ability students who have completed grades 7–10 the chance to focus on one course during six class hours each weekday plus a nightly hour-long study hall. Classes are taught by highly motivated WKU faculty and high school teachers who are thrilled to have equally highly motivated students.

Cost: \$3,900; limited financial aid is available

Program dates: June 22 – July 12, 2025

Application deadline: See website

More information: <http://www.wku.edu/gifted/vampy/index.php>

MA – Boston University – High School Programs

BU's long-running Summer Term pre-college offerings include a choice of one-, two-, three-, and six-week programs that prepare you for success in college. With five exciting and challenging pre-college summer programs to choose from, you can earn college credit, discover a new subject area, perform cutting-edge research in University labs, or immerse yourself in hands-on learning.

Cost: Check website for cost of each program.

Program dates: Five program options

Application deadline: Varies; check website

More information: www.bu.edu/summer/highschool

MA – Andover – Phillips Academy Summer Program

Phillips Academy's flagship summer program, an intensive five week on-campus residential experience, is designed to prepare students for the rigors of the nation's top high schools and colleges, as well as the challenge of leading and serving in this complex world.

Cost: See website for information

Program dates: July 1 – August 3, 2025

Application deadline: Rolling admission

More information: <https://www.andover.edu/summer>

MA – Smith College – Pre-college Program for High School Girls

Smith College Pre-college Summer Programs offer intellectually stimulating and unique opportunities for high school girls who wish to pursue their academic interests in the classroom and beyond.

Cost: ranges from \$2,726-\$9728

Program dates: Five programs with various dates

Application deadline: May 1, 2025

More information: www.smith.edu/summer

MA – Tufts University – Summer Study 2025

Choose from a variety of 1 to 3-week summer programs designed for high school students to explore relevant topics taught at a college level by Tufts faculty.

Cost: See website

Program dates: Several programs offered

Application deadline: May 1, 2025

More information: <https://summer.tufts.edu/high-school>

MD and NM – St. John's College – Summer Academy

This summer program for high school students (ages 15-18) is modeled after St. John's discussion-based, interdisciplinary method of teaching the great books. The program offers a hands-on introduction to college life, helps students hone reading, critical thinking, and discussion skills.

Multiple sessions take place on choice of the Maryland or New Mexico campuses.

Cost: \$1,400 per session

Program dates: Varies depending on the program and site selected.

Application deadline: May 1, 2025

More information: <https://www.sjc.edu/summer-academy/sessions>

MN – Carleton College – Summer Liberal Arts Institute (PreCollege)

The Summer Liberal Arts Institute (SLAI) creates a summer learning community for high school students to explore the liberal arts at a small, top 10, private, residential liberal arts college in Northfield, Minnesota. Through SLAI, Summer Carls will discover dedicated faculty, supportive peers, and rigorous college-level academics. Students will learn from top-ranked faculty and earn college credit while building research, discussion, and presentation skills.

Cost: \$4,900 (financial aid may be available)

Program dates: July 12 – August 1, 2025

Application deadline: March 3, 2025

More information: <https://www.carleton.edu/summer/>

MO – Washington University in St. Louis – High School Summer Programs

Summer programs offer highly motivated students the opportunity to experience WashU in the classroom and beyond.

Cost: Varies depending on program

Program dates: Various program options will be offered for Summer of 2025

Application deadline: Varies

More information: [Wash U Summer Program](#)

NC – Duke University – Summer Academy and Summer College

Duke University offers two summer programs: Summer College and Summer Academy. Each program has a different focus. More information about the focus, time frame, and cost can be found at the link below.

Cost: Varies depending on program

Program dates: Virtual and in-person options available

Application deadline: See website for more info

More information: [Duke Summer Program](#)

NC – Wake Forest – Pre-College Residential Programs

The Wake Forest Summer Immersion Program empowers high school students to manifest their goals. Through meaningful real-world experiences, robust academics, an inclusive campus culture, networking and mentorship, students are able to discover their passions and clarify their future pathway.

Cost: \$3,200 - \$3,400. Scholarships may be available.

Program dates: Various options available for summer of 2025. See website.

Application deadline: Rolling basis until all spots are filled

More information: [Wake Forest Summer Program](#)

NC – North Carolina State – Pre-College Programs

These pre-college programs give students the opportunity to develop academic skills, conduct research, investigate careers, build a portfolio, experience college life and ultimately prepare for college enrollment. Colleges, departments, athletic teams and other units across campus come together to put on a wide range of program offerings that serve a variety of interests.

Cost: Varies

Program dates: Various options from June – August

Application deadline: Varies

More information: <https://precollege.ncsu.edu/>

NY – Columbia University – Pre-College Programs

Enjoy your summer with events, special activities, and co-curricular activities while staying sharp with challenging courses.

Cost: varies depending on the program

Program dates: varies – both online and in-person

Application deadline: March 2 through April 2, 2025

More information: <https://precollege.sps.columbia.edu/admissions>

NY – Marist College – Summer Pre-College

For over fifteen years, Marist has created a top Summer Pre-College program that gives students a sense of college life, provides a taste of a college major, and allows students to earn college credit all while still in high school. With more than 20 unique courses, this summer's sessions will take place over two weeks, with start dates of June 29, 2025, and July 13, 2025.

Cost: \$3,650 - \$6,570

Program dates: Session I (in-person): June 29 – July 12, 2025; Session II (in-person): July 13 – 26, 2025

Application deadline: Acceptance into the Summer Pre-College Program is on a rolling, space-available basis per program

More information: www.marist.edu/precollege

NY – Cornell University – Summer College 2025

Cornell University's precollege programs give high school students the chance to benefit from an Ivy League education before they apply to or attend college. Whether you're participating in our Summer Residential Program, Summer Commuter Program, or Summer/Winter Online Program, you'll experience what sets our offerings apart—studying with top Cornell instructors, learning in regular undergraduate-level courses, and earning real college credit for your work.

Cost: Varies

Program dates: Varies

Application deadline: Varies depending on session selected.

More information: <https://sce.cornell.edu/precollege/about>

NY – Syracuse University – Pre-College Programs

For more than 60 years, Syracuse University has been providing high school students with the unique opportunity to explore potential college majors and careers in credit and noncredit courses. Whether online or in-person, you will learn what it's like to be a college student, take a deep dive into a subject that interests you, meet like-minded students from around the world, and leave the program with more clarity about your future.

Cost: Varies depending on program selected

Program dates: On-campus, online, and on-location options available

Application deadline: See website

More information: <https://precollege.syr.edu/info-for/prospective-students/>

NY – New York University – Precollege Summer Programs

Whatever your academic interests or goals, NYU has a program for you. Led by NYU faculty, our high school programs are designed to introduce students to college-level concepts and scholarship and empower them to forge exciting academic pathways in a variety of fields. Plus, students get to experience first-hand what it's like to be an NYU student. High school students can choose from programs, workshops, and courses offered in the summer and throughout the academic year in every academic subject. Start exploring programs in your favorite area of study.

Cost: The cost of NYU Precollege can vary depending on the number of courses and credits a student registers for and whether or not they choose to live on campus in the summer.

Program dates: See website for program dates

Application deadline: See website

More information: <http://www.nyu.edu/admissions/precollege.html>

NY – Fordham University – Summer Leaders Academy

Fordham's Summer Leaders Academy is an immersive pre-college program that combines innovative academic courses and college application preparation on our beautiful 85-acre campus with activities in the most exciting classroom of all, New York City! With on-campus housing available, this pre-college program is crafted to redefine your summer and set the stage for your future success.

Cost: \$1,258 – \$5,885

Program dates: See website for program dates

Application deadline: April 15, 2025

More information: <https://www.fordham.edu/summer-session/pre-college-programs/summer-leaders-academy/>

OH – Miami University – Summer Scholars Program

This program provides a total college experience for academically talented, rising high school juniors and seniors during a two-week, summer term.

Cost: \$1,080

Program dates: Session 1: July 6 – July 11; Session 2: July 13 – July 18

Application deadline: As of February 2025, the application had not posted. Check website for details.

More information: <http://miamioh.edu/admission/high-school/summer-scholars/>

PA – Carnegie Mellon Summer – Pre-College Programs

The mission of the Carnegie Mellon University Pre-College Programs is to provide high school students with a life-changing immersive college experience both inside and outside of the classroom.

Cost: Varies based on program selected

Program dates: See website for more info

Application deadline: March 1, 2025

More information: [Carnegie Mellon Summer Program](#)

RI – Brown University – Pre-College Programs

Brown Pre-College Programs are designed for high school students to explore the challenges and opportunities of the college experience. You'll enjoy the excitement and responsibility that comes from balancing rigorous academics and enriching social activities—without the pressure of formal grades.

Cost: Varies depending on program selected.

Program dates: You can choose to study on campus, online or at a variety of domestic and international locations.

Application deadline: May 9, 2025

More information: <http://www.brown.edu/academics/pre-college/>

SC – Clemson University – CU Summer Scholars

This academic summer experience for gifted students provides opportunities for challenging courses, fun, and friendship. Students can study everything from communications to engineering to architecture to journalism.

Cost: \$1,300 + fees

Program dates: See website for info on specific programs

Application deadline: Varies depending on program selected

More information: <http://www.clemson.edu/summer/summer-science/index.html>

LEADERSHIP

DC – 2025 ACLU National Advocacy Institute

Gathering in Washington, D.C., high school students (ages 15-18) from across the United States will participate in a week-long learning experience for the next generation of social justice advocates.

Cost: Tuition for the In-person Program is \$2,700 per student. This fee covers lodging, food, all experiential learning activities, and social events.

Program Dates: Session 1: July 13 – July 19; Session 2: July 20 – July 26; Session 3: July 27 – August 2

Application Deadline: March 3 (Early Decision); April 14 (Regular Decision)

More information: <https://www.aclu.org/issues/aclu-advocacy-institute>

IL – Loyola University Chicago – World Leadership Congress 2025

World Leadership Congress is a weeklong program designed to empower high school juniors and seniors to become mature, cognizant leaders and active global citizens. Students leave the WLC feeling empowered and equipped with the leadership skills they need to reach their goals and make meaningful contributions to society.

Cost: \$1,995

Program dates: July 19 – July 26, 2025

Application deadline: July 4, 2025

More information: <https://www.hoby.org/programs/world-leadership-congress/>

KY – Young Leaders Academy – University of Louisville

Kentucky students, rising 11th and 12th graders, are eligible to apply for the Young Leaders Academy, a summer residential leadership conference at the University of Louisville. The McConnell Center offers this annual program to outstanding high school students to help hone their leadership skills and further their understanding of American history.

Cost: Each participant receives a scholarship.

Program dates: July 15 – 19, 2025

Application deadline: March 28, 2025

More information: <http://louisville.edu/mcconnellcenter/programs/hs-students/yla>

MILITARY

CT – United States Coast Guard Academy – Academy Introduction Mission (AIM)

The Academy Introduction Mission (AIM) is a one-week summer program where you'll immerse yourself in Academy life. AIM is exclusively for students entering their senior year of high school and is regarded as the most realistic of the service academy summer orientation programs.

Cost: \$750 (in-person); \$0 (Virtual)

Program Dates: Multiple sessions, all take place in July 2025

Application Deadline: April 1, 2025

More Information: <https://uscga.edu/admissions/aim/>

NY – U.S. Military Academy West Point – Summer Leaders Experience

Led by current cadets, Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) is a week-long immersion into the academic, military, and social life of a West Point cadet. At SLE, you will explore West Point from all angles, including our high-tech educational facilities, team-building athletic activities, and realistic military training. SLE gives you a taste of the character, determination, commitment to excellence, and leadership required to be a cadet at the U.S. Military Academy (USMA).

Cost: \$625 (need-based scholarships available)

Program Dates: Session 1: 31 May to 6 June 2025; Session 2: 7 June to 13 June 2025

Application Deadline: March 15, 2025 (priority deadline); April 15, 2025 (final deadline)

More Information: <https://www.westpoint.edu/admissions/summer-program>

SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY / ENGINEERING / MATH (STEM)

AL – Auburn University – Engineering Summer Programs

The Samuel Ginn College of Engineering wants to expose students to the world of engineering through our summer programs. The programs will be conducted by faculty, staff and students from the College who will ensure students receive a broad overview of the engineering profession by participating in several hands-on activities.

Cost: Depends on program

Program dates: Varies based on program selected

Application deadline: TBD, see website

More information: <http://eng.auburn.edu/outreach/k-12/engineering-summer-camp/index.html>

AL – Samford University – McWhorter School of Pharmacy Camp

Samford's McWhorter School of Pharmacy invites current high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to apply for its Bulldog Pharmacy Camp this summer to learn about careers in pharmacy. Campers will engage in hands-on lab demonstrations, participate in unique service projects, gain essential patient assessment skills and tour local health care facilities and pharmacies.

Cost: \$675

Program dates: June 22 – 27, 2025

Application deadline: March 28, 2025

More information: <https://www.samford.edu/pharmacy/bulldog-pharmacy-camp>

IN – University of Notre Dame – DNA Learning Center Summer Programs

All programs are perfect for students curious about science—no previous knowledge required! Explore hands-on molecular biology experiments led by a professor and experience life at the University of Notre Dame

Cost: varies

Program dates: vary

Application deadline: Registration will close three weeks prior to the start of the camp or once all spots are filled, whichever comes first.

More information: <https://dnacenter.nd.edu/summer-camps/>

KY – Sullivan University – Cybersecurity Camp

Cybersecurity camp gives you the opportunity to explore the techniques to detect and investigate cyber threats, the use of ciphers, and more. You'll work with Sullivan University's instructors in our Cybersecurity Department to participate in unique, hands-on activities that will help you pursue your passion.

Cost: \$545

Program dates: June 15 – 20, 2025

Application deadline: See website

More information: [Sullivan Cybersecurity Camp](#)

KY – University of Kentucky Stanley and Karen Pigman College of Engineering – Summer Engineering Exploration Kamp (SEEK)

The University of Kentucky Department of Civil Engineering is hosting three one-week residential Kentucky camps (i.e., kamps!) for rising high school seniors. The Summer Engineering Exploration Kamp (SEEK) will feature hands-on learning opportunities, guest speakers from engineering companies, and field trips to active project sites. Students will stay in dorms on UK's campus along with civil engineering college students who will serve as mentors for the kamps. Throughout the week, kamps will engage in activities to learn the fundamentals of civil engineering by participating in hands-on experiential learning activities. The kamp's emphasis is learning by doing!

Cost: \$50 (scholarships may be available)

Program dates: Various

Application deadline: April 25, 2025

More information: [SEEK](#)

KY – University of Louisville Student Physician-Scientist Accelerated Research and Clinical Training Program

SPARC is a six-week summer program designed to introduce high school juniors and seniors to the physician-scientist career path by immersing them in hands-on biomedical research, clinical shadowing, and professional development. Hosted by the University of Louisville (UofL) MD/PhD Program, this initiative provides early exposure to the intersection of medicine and scientific discovery, equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and mentorship to pursue careers as physician-scientists. Students will work on mentored research projects in cutting-edge laboratories at UofL, shadow clinicians and physician-scientists, and attend career development workshops focused on leadership, scientific communication, and the transition to college and professional training. By the end of the program, students will present their research findings at a scientific symposium, gaining valuable experience in scientific communication. This 2025 program will accept only 6 students.

Cost: Free (students receive a stipend)

Program dates: June 16 – July 25, 2025

Application deadline: March 28, 2025

More information: [MD/PhD Program](#)

IN – Saint Mary's College – Forensic Science Summer Institute

On the first day, participants arrive at a staged murder scene. Teams of investigators will gather physical evidence, such as fingerprints, fiber, and hair samples, in their quest to find the murderer. The teams solve the mystery by interviewing culprits and applying biology, chemistry, mathematics, and deductive reasoning.

Cost: \$995 (financial assistance may be available)

Program dates: Two sessions: July 13 – 18 or July 20 – 25

Application deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.saintmarys.edu/camps/forensic>

IN – Saint Mary's College – Healthcare Summer Institute

This six-day residential summer program is designed for girls interested in understanding what it means to have a career in the health sciences. Saint Mary's College faculty will lead participants in our newly renovated Center for Integrated Healthcare Education, providing a best-in-class, high-tech atmosphere for learning and engagement in many healthcare disciplines.

Cost: \$995 (financial assistance may be available)

Program dates: Two sessions: July 13 – 18 or July 20 – 25

Application deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.saintmarys.edu/camps/healthcare-summer-institute>

IN – Saint Mary's College – Sustainable Living Summer Institute

Change the world! This new summer program provides hands-on experience at the Saint Mary's College Sustainable Farm on campus. Participants will learn about the environment and real-world applications of sustainable practices. Imagine the next generation knowing the next steps towards a greener future before us. Saint Mary's environmental studies professors are masters in botany, biology, and bees and will guide participants through the week!

Cost: \$799 (financial assistance may be available)

Program dates: July 20 – 25

Application deadline: Rolling

More information: <https://www.saintmarys.edu/camps/sustainable-living-summer-institute>

KY – Sullivan University – MedCamp

Med Camp gives you the opportunity to experience a variety of popular healthcare careers. You'll work with Sullivan University's instructors in our medical labs to participate in unique, hands-on activities that will help you discover the medical career that inspires you most.

Cost: \$545

Program dates: June 15 – 20, 2025

Application deadline: See website

More information: [Sullivan Med Camp](#)

KY – Youth Community Agriculture Program

Sponsored by the Food Literacy Project at Oxmoor Farm, the Youth Community Agriculture Program, or YCAP for short, is a 7-week summer employment opportunity during which participants will learn more about growing, harvesting, and selling fresh vegetables; learn culinary skills from local chefs at restaurants as well as cooking activities on the farm; and learn more about local food system issues through activities on the farm and through field trips to community organizations around Louisville. Students work 4 days a week, 30 hours a week.

Cost: See website

Program dates: See website

Application deadline: See website

More information: [YCAP Summer Program](#)

KY – University of Kentucky – Kentucky Forest Leadership Program

Are you interested in the environment and want to know more about forests, trees, insects, water and wildlife; in short, Kentucky's natural resources? Then consider the Kentucky Forest Leadership Program where you can explore the many aspects of forestry and related fields. If you like hands-on learning in the great outdoors, then this program is for you. This week-long, residential program is designed for high school students.

Cost: \$500, scholarships available

Program dates: June 1 – 6, 2025

Application deadline: April 11, 2025

More information: <https://kflp.ca.uky.edu/>

KY – University of Louisville – Louisville Science Pathways

Louisville Science Pathways (LSP) is a paid research internship program for Jefferson County high school students at the University of Louisville. This program offers students a hands-on 6-week summer internship with research scientists on the Belknap and Health Sciences Campuses.

Cost: this is a paid internship

Program dates: June 16 – July 25, 2025

Application deadline: April 1, 2025

More information: <https://spogatuofl.weebly.com/louisville-science-pathways---students.html>

NJ – Stevens Institute of Technology – Pre-College Summer Programs

The Stevens Summer is a pre-college experience that challenges and promotes discovery and exploration. Explore majors and interests from engineering to cybersecurity to medicine to multimedia. The program is designed for rising high school juniors and seniors.

Cost: \$3,150-\$4,700

Program dates: Varies depending on the session; most are 7 days programs

Application deadline: March 1, 2025

More information: <https://www.stevens.edu/admission-aid/pre-college-programs/summer-pre-college-programs>

OH – University of Dayton – Summer Engineering Experiences at UD (SEE-UD)

SEE-UD camps offered by our School of Engineering provide students with an opportunity to explore the diverse fields of engineering and learn more about engineering at UD through interactive modules and hands-on lab experiences. At our three daylong camps on June 16, 17 and 18, participants will learn about a specific discipline of engineering while striving to solve problems our world faces today.

Cost: \$100 per day

Program dates:

- June 16: Choose from Mechanical Engineering or Chemical Engineering
- June 17: Engineering Technology
- June 18: Choose from Electrical and Computer Engineering or Civil Engineering

Application deadline: when capacity is reached

More information: [SEE-UD](#)

PA – University of Pennsylvania – Summer Academy

The Engineering Summer Academy at Penn (ESAP) welcomes highly motivated and talented students to explore engineering at the college level, combining sophisticated theory with hands-on practical experience in cutting-edge technologies. Work with leading faculty, live on Penn's historic campus, and connect with new friends.

Cost: \$9,000 + \$90 application fee

Program dates: July 6 – 25, 2025

Application deadline: March 1, 2025

More information: <http://www.seas.upenn.edu/saast/index.html>

PA – Waynesburg University – CSI Camp

Waynesburg University's CSI Camp provides an irreplaceable hands-on experience for high school students interested in careers in forensic science and criminal justice.

Cost: TBD

Program dates: TBD

Application deadline: TBD

More information: <https://www.waynesburg.edu/community/community-learning/camps/csi-camp>

PA – Waynesburg University – STEAM Academy

Waynesburg University's STEAM Academy, powered by EQT, promotes learning in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics and is open to high school students. The cost includes instruction, activities, lodging in Waynesburg University's upperclassmen residence halls and hot, buffet-style meals throughout the week. No refunds will be issued within one month of the academy's start date.

Cost: TBD

Program dates: TBD

Application deadline: TBD

More information: <https://www.waynesburg.edu/community/community-learning/camps/steam-camp>

PA – Waynesburg University – Space as Place - Adventure Greene County

Students will reside on the Waynesburg University campus from July 13 through August 1 to attend class, learn how to use tools in the Makerspace, investigate areas of interest, read transformative texts and travel to places connected to Greene County, such as Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg.

Cost: Free

Program dates: July 13, 2025 – August 1, 2025

Application deadline: June 30, 2025

More information: see this [site](#)

Summit STEM Fellowship – Virtual

The Summit STEM Fellowship (SSF) is a summer fellowship for ambitious students entering 9th through 12th grade in Fall 2025. The fellowship selects for self-motivated students who are passionate about both STEM and making a meaningful impact in the world. Through Summit STEM, students receive mentorship from accomplished young professionals who share actionable guidance to help shape their high school journeys. The fellowship is a 3-week flexible commitment, and students may attend alongside other summer programs. All fellowship events take place during the evenings or on weekends, and students are expected to commit 10-15 hours to the program each week.

Cost: Free

Program dates: Session I: June 23 - July 11, 2025 and Session II: July 14 - August 1, 2025

Application deadline: February 28, 2025 (Early); April 15, 2025 (Regular); May 31, 2025 (Late)

More information: <https://www.summitstemfellowship.org/>

STUDY AROAD / TRAVEL

MI – Hillsdale College Summer Study Domestic and Abroad

Open to sophomore, junior, and senior students. Participants can earn college credit and either study abroad during three different trips or study domestically during one trip.

Cost: Varies depending on the program

Program dates: Four programs offered in the US and abroad

Application deadline: See website

More information: <http://www.hillsdale.edu/admissions/high-school>

Oxford Royale Academy Summer School 2025

Inspirational cultural and academic courses available in June, July, and August.

Cost: Varies

Program dates: Multiple options

Application deadline: Rolling admissions until all programs are full

More information: <https://www.oxford-royale.co.uk/summer>

THEOLOGY / MINISTRY / MISSION WORK

IN – Marian University – Missionary Disciples Institute (MDI)

The Missionary Disciples Institute (MDI) is a great opportunity for you (rising sophomores to rising seniors) to live on Marian University's park-like campus and join a community of other high school leaders from around the country. You will spend a week of your summer with other students who are passionate about living their faith and are seeking new ways to serve as missionaries in their communities through the church. Limited to only 75 participants, MDI will surround you in intentional community to grow as a leader.

Cost: Not listed

Program dates: June 9 – 13, 2025

Application deadline: Rolling

More information: www.marian.edu/mdi

KY – Georgetown College – Faithways Academy

Our program develops leadership skills in students who are ready to work for change. Spanning from April to November, the 2025 cohort will have three major components: a virtual weekend retreat, a week-long summer camp, and optional participation in a weekend civil rights trip with Georgetown College faculty, staff, and students. The 2025 cohort will be made of up to 35 high school students (current 9th–12th graders).

Cost: \$300

Program dates: Spring retreat (April 24 – 25, 2025 + Summer Camp (June 15 – 20, 2025)

Application deadline: March 1, 2025

More information: [Georgetown College Summer Program](#)

WRITING / LITERARY STUDIES

CA & MA – Thomas Aquinas College –Summer Great Books Program

This 2-week program is open to rising seniors and encourages insightful thinking through the reading and discussion of “great books.”

Cost: \$975 for two-week programs, \$600 for one-week programs

Program dates: July 13 – 26, 2025 (New England) & July 6 – 19, 2025 or July 27 – August 3, 2025 (California)

Application deadline: Rolling admission

More information: www.thomasaquinas.edu/summerprogram

OH – John Carroll University – Young Writers Workshop

This is a summer program in creative writing for rising juniors and seniors.

Cost: \$1,000 (residential); \$500 (day)

Program dates: July 14 – 18, 2025

Application deadline: March 15, 2025

More information: <https://www.jcu.edu/summerintheheights>

OH – Denison University – The Jonathan R. Reynolds Young Writers Workshop

The Reynolds Young Writers Workshop at Denison is an energizing 8-day program for motivated high school students (rising juniors and seniors) who love to write. For nearly 30 years, the Reynolds Workshop has brought together young writers who are passionate about writing and eager to connect to a close-knit community of writing friends. The workshop is held each June on the beautiful campus of Denison University, a leading liberal arts college, in the village of Granville, Ohio.

Cost: \$1,500

Program dates: June 14 – 21, 2025

Application deadline: March 1, 2025

More information: <https://reynolds.denison.edu/about/>