

2006 ATOMS Scholars Program Student Application

Parents and Students: Please complete all items in Parts I and II.

December 20, 2005

After completion of Parts I & II, forward this application to your child's teacher. Send the application early enough to allow for completion of Part III and receipt at the IU8 by the deadline. The school will forward the completed application to the IU 8. Acceptance into this program is competitive and receipt of an application does NOT indicate admission. All information is entered into a database and scored by computer. The math and science percentages as well as, values assigned to the student paragraph, extra curriculars such as the Science Fair, C-mites, Scouts, etc... and Part III information, are combined to achieve a total score. Selections are based upon the student's total score and the number of slots available. Any student meeting the criteria can apply for admission.

Part I (Must be typed or printed neatly)

Student's Name: _____ Grade Level: 2005-06 yr. _____

Address: _____ Boy _____ Girl _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home School District/Diocese: _____ Building: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name (Please Print): _____

Daytime phone number where parent can be reached: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

If your child is selected, are you interested in carpooling with others from your area? Yes _____ No _____

Has this child attended the ATOMS Scholars Program during the past three years? _____ Yes _____ No

List any extracurricular interests & honors received by this child in regards to Math/Science (Science Expo, etc.) _____

Applicants (NOT PARENTS): In the space provided, print or type a paragraph on why YOU want to attend this program. _____

Program Choices: (Please indicate your **1st** and **2nd** choice for sites. **DO NOT MAKE CHECKMARKS.** *If you can only attend one site, mark only that location.*) Unless your teacher has told you to, do not apply for a program you are not qualified to take.

ATOMS Mini: These are 3 full-day or 4 half-day hands-on, high level, intensive science and math laboratory experiences for students in grades 2-8 who demonstrate high ability, achievement, and motivation in those areas. Students must have consistently maintained a grade average of 90% or higher in Math and Science for admission into these sessions or scored as proficient on the PSSA. Students will also need a teacher recommendation. Total tuition cost is \$58 (\$22 acceptance fee + \$36 program fee) and includes classroom materials and supplies. Transportation, snacks, and lunch (unless noted otherwise) are NOT included.

_____ Northern Cambria H.S. (Barnesboro, PA)	June 7, 8, 9	8:45 AM – 2:30 PM
_____ Rockwood High School (Rockwood, PA)	June 13, 14, 15	8:45 AM – 2:30 PM
_____ Blacklick Valley H.S. (Nanty Glo, PA)	June 20 – 23	8:45 AM – 12:40 PM
_____ Penn Cambria Middle School (Gallitzin, PA)	June 27 - 30	8:45 AM – 12:40 PM
_____ Northern Bedford High School (Loysburg, PA)	July 11 – 14	8:45 AM – 12:40 PM
_____ Spring Cove (Central) H.S. (Martinsburg, PA)	July 18, 19, 20	8:45 AM – 2:30 PM
_____ Shade/Central City Elem. School (Cairnbrook, PA)	July 25, 26, 27	8:45 AM – 2:30 PM
_____ Tyrone Area High School (Tyrone, PA)	July 31 – August 3	8:45 AM – 12:40 PM

ATOMS Basic: These are 5 full-day hands-on, high level, intensive science and math laboratory experiences for students in grades 2-8 who have consistently maintained a grade point average of 95% or higher in Math and Science or scored as advanced on the PSSA. High ability, high motivation, a serious attitude, and a favorable teacher recommendation are necessary for participation in this program. Total tuition cost is \$88 (\$32 acceptance fee + \$56 program fee) and includes classroom supplies and materials. All sites have a 30 minute lunch period. Transportation, snacks, and lunch (unless noted otherwise) are NOT included.

_____ Hollidaysburg Area H. S. (Hollidaysburg, PA)	June 19 - 23	8:20 AM – 3:00 PM
_____ Bedford Area Middle School (Bedford, PA)	June 26 – 30	8:20 AM – 3:00 PM
_____ Berlin Brothersvalley Middle School (Berlin, PA)	July 10 – 14	8:20 AM – 3:00 PM
_____ Westmont Hilltop High School (Johnstown, PA)	July 17 - 21	8:20 AM – 3:00 PM
_____ Conemaugh Township Jr/Sr H.S. (Davidsville, PA)	July 24 – 28	8:20 AM – 3:00 PM

Students will be notified, by mail, during the the month of April if they have been selected for participation in this year's ATOMS Scholars Program. Upon receipt of the acceptance letter, all students are requested to submit at least the non-refundable acceptance fee. The balance of the tuition must be paid by June 2, 2006. **DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY WITH THIS APPLICATION.**

I give my permission for _____ to apply for the 2006 ATOMS Scholars Program. I understand that selection for this program is competitive and my childs receipt of an application does not guarantee admission.

SIGNED: _____

Part II - Financial Aid - See Back (Must be completed by parent or guardian. **Note: Income proof required**)

Application Deadline is: Wednesday, February 22 at 4 PM. (Must be postmarked by 2/21/06.)
Late applications will be accepted but, they will automatically be placed on the alternate list.

Student's Name (Please Print): _____ Grade Level: 2005-06 yr. _____

Part II: FINANCIAL AID (Parents/Guardians: Please read and complete the following paragraph.)

There are scholarships available for students with a financial need. If you are requesting financial assistance, you must provide proof of your household income when submitting this application. Financial aid is determined based on the income guidelines set for the free and reduced rate lunch programs. Forms that will be accepted as proof of income are: a copy of your lunch program form indicating your eligibility or a copy of your 2004 or 2005 income tax form indicating the number of dependents and your household income. Please check the appropriate line:

_____ No Aid Needed _____ Yes*, Full Program Fee Scholarship (student pays acceptance fee only) _____ Yes*, Half Program Fee Scholarship (student pays acceptance fee + 1/2 program fee)

*If Yes, include proof of income. Applications requesting aid without proof will be disqualified for financial aid.

Part III: (THIS SECTION IS TO BE COMPLETED BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL.)

Teachers: (Please read the following paragraph before completing Part III.)

Please complete all required information as accurately as possible. DO NOT leave the ► sections incomplete because the computer will score that section with a zero. It is beneficial if you or some other school personnel include comments concerning this child's eligibility or unsuitability for this program. Many times it is the teacher comments that determine a student's placement in the program. Comments are a necessity if the student's percentages are below the criteria for admission into a program (90% for Mini Programs, 95% for Basic Programs.) Please complete all the sections. *All comments are always confidential.*

► **Testing Percentages for Math and Science:** Standardized test score percentages are preferred but if not available, enter the PSSA achievement level or the percentage obtained when you average together the marking period percentages and the student's present grade percentage for this marking period. If no science score is available, put the math score in the science space also.

Total Math Percentage: _____% or PSSA Level _____ Total Science Percentage: _____%

► Check one: _____% are from a standardized test given on _____.
_____ Math % is from a standardized test or PSSA and the Science % is the classroom grade.
_____ % are from averaging the report card and present scores for Math and for Science

If the Math and/or Science % is less than required, please comment on why this student should still be considered. _____

► **Exceptionalities:** (Please check all that apply.)

_____ This student has been identified as gifted according to PA State Code.
_____ Disabled (Please list disability if it affects student's classroom needs) _____
_____ Economically Disadvantaged _____ Learning/Emotional Support
_____ Minority Race: (Please circle the appropriate race [Information needed by PA Department of Education])
Native American African American Hispanic/Latino Middle Eastern
Mixed Race / Bi-Racial Asian/Asian Indian Other: (Please List) _____

► **Teacher Comparative Ratings:**

Rate this student's **Ability** in mathematics as compared to other bright students with whom you have worked.
Circle one: 99 97 95 93 91 below 90below 80below 70

Rate this student's **Motivation** in mathematics as compared to other bright students with whom you have worked.
Circle one: 99 97 95 93 91 below 90below 80below 70

Rate this student's **Ability** in science as compared to other bright students with whom you have worked.
Circle one: 99 97 95 93 91 below 90below 80below 70

Rate this student's **Motivation** in science as compared to other bright students with whom you have worked.
Circle one: 99 97 95 93 91 below 90below 80below 70

Rate this student's **Attitude** toward serious academic learning as compared to other bright students with whom you have worked.
Circle one: 99 97 95 93 91 below 90below 80below 70

Rate this student's **Ability** to work cooperatively in groups as compared to other students with whom you have worked.
Circle one: 99 97 95 93 91 below 90below 80below 70

► **Teacher Recommendation:** (If you didn't rate the student high in the above, then don't give the student an excellent recommendation in this part.)
_____ Very highly recommend _____ Recommend with reservation
_____ Highly recommend _____ Do not recommend - Comment:
_____ Recommend

Teacher Comments: _____

► School Personnel Signature: _____ Position: _____

Date Form Completed: _____

School Personnel please return this form to:

Appalachia IU 8, ATOMS Program
4500 Sixth Avenue
Altoona, PA 16602
Fax: (814) 949-0984

Note: To see an overview of the ATOMS Program check out our website at www.iu08.org and then click the Curriculum, Training and Development link.

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