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# Multicultural Summer Honors Program

Albuquerque Academy's Multicultural Summer Honors Program is a six-week, **full-day** summer scholarship program for academically talented and motivated African American, Native American, Hispanic, Asian American, and other students. Students currently in the third or fourth grade may apply.

Summer Honors scholarship recipients receive a full or partial **tuition-based scholarship** equaling up to the cost of seven class periods (\$1890). \*Full scholarships are granted on a needs basis. The 2022 MSHP program begins on **Monday, June 6, and ends on Friday, July 15—Monday-Friday, 8:10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

Summer Honors scholarship recipients are introduced to Albuquerque Academy through academically challenging courses that not only encourage critical-thinking and problem-solving strategies, but also enhance and refine each student's proficiency in core academic subjects. Classes are kept small to facilitate student-teacher interaction and to give students the opportunity to receive individual attention.

**Eligible students must provide their own transportation to Albuquerque Academy and agree to attend and fully participate in all aspects of the entire six-week program.**

Summer Honors Scholarship recipients are chosen by the applicable Albuquerque Academy Multicultural Parent Council. Selections are based on academic performance, character ratings, teacher recommendation(s), and the applicant's essay. **Selections for acceptance and scholarships will be announced no later than March 2, 2022.**

Parents are responsible for completing and collecting all forms, including providing the Teacher Packet to your student's teacher(s). Submit all materials in ONE PACKET. Teachers may submit the Teacher Packet electronically by email to **Summer\_Mail@aa.edu**. Applications must be submitted to the Think Academy Summer office (N103; parking lot #6) **in-person or electronically at www.aa.edu/mshp by 2 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2022.** Incomplete packets will not be accepted/considered.

## Application Checklist:

1. 2022 Application
  2. Student Paragraph and Essay (*handwritten*)
  3. Report Card: current (*copy*)
  4. Classroom Teacher Packet
    - a. Recommendation Form
    - b. Graded Writing Sample
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1. **Optional** - Teacher of the Gifted Recommendation
  2. **Optional** - A copy of 3rd or 4th grade Standardized or Standards Based Test Results, e.g., DIBELS, PARCC, SBA, Stanford, ITBS, CTP IV, etc.
  3. **Optional** - Report Card: previous end-of-year (*copy*)
  4. **\*Optional - Interested in a need-based scholarship?**  yes  no  If yes, provide proof of free/reduced-priced school lunch. (more information at [www.aa.edu/mshp](http://www.aa.edu/mshp))

## Summer Honors Course of Study

### ▶ Culture Through the Arts

Students study cultures from a unique anthropological perspective that emphasizes hands-on projects and the joy of creative self-expression. This course deepens students' awareness of their own cultures while encouraging them to grow in their understanding of other cultures.

### ▶ Math

Students receive grade and/or skill-appropriate math enrichment.

### ▶ Writing, Reading, & Literature Workshop

Students spend two periods per day in a literacy workshop based on the highly successful National Writing Project and Six Traits of Writing models. Emphasis is placed on reading and writing as integrated activities to develop independent writers.

## MORE INFO



**(A student may attend the Multicultural Summer Honors Program only once.)**

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**Submit electronically to: [www.aa.edu/mshp](http://www.aa.edu/mshp)**

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Completed application packet  
must be submitted by  
2 p.m., January 14, 2022  
(see information on previous  
page)



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Please check the applicable category (select all that apply):

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Eastern          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian/White        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic        | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial/Multiethnic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other Race/Ethnicity   |  |

### Student Information

Applicants must currently  
be in the 3rd or 4th grade

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

|                     |            |             |           |               |
|---------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| Student's Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Birthdate | Current Grade |
| Street Address      | City       | State       | Zip       | Home Phone    |

Parent(s)/Stepparents(s)/Guardian(s) with whom student lives at the above address:

|      |                           |                        |
|------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Name | Relationship to Applicant | Daytime Phone / E-mail |
| Name | Relationship to Applicant | Daytime Phone / E-mail |

Current School and Teacher Information:

|                |              |  |
|----------------|--------------|--|
| School Name    | Phone Number | Principal's Name ( <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms) |
| School Address | City         | State Zip  |

You will be asking your teacher(s) for recommendations. Please list their names and contact information below:

Current Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have other teacher(s) in addition to your classroom teacher, please list them below:

Gifted Language Arts: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Gifted Mathematics: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Agreement:** I have read this application thoroughly and understand the terms and conditions outlined herein. If my child accepts an Albuquerque Academy Multicultural Summer Honors scholarship, I will:

▶ Ensure that my student attends the entire six-week program without interruption: June 6-July 15, 2022, Monday-Friday, attending classes on child's schedule. If other obligations (e.g., a family vacation, visit to a non-custodial parent, enrollment in an athletics camp or other program) interfere with my child's attendance, I agree to notify the Think Academy Programs office before the program begins so that they may offer my child's scholarship (up a \$1890 value) to another qualified applicant.

Check your family's preference below:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> FULL DAY: periods 1-7 (8:00a.m.-3:30p.m.) | <input type="checkbox"/> HALF DAY: periods 1-4 (8:00a.m.-12:05p.m.)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HALF DAY + period 5 (ends at 1:30p.m.)    | <input type="checkbox"/> HALF DAY + periods 5 & 6 (ends at 2:30p.m.) |

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our program?  Child's School  Website  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Student Information

All student work must be submitted in the **student's own handwriting**.

Please write about one of your top passions, e.g., extracurricular activities, hobbies, or special interests. If you need more space, please attach additional page(s).

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## Student Essay

All student work must be submitted in the **student's own handwriting**.

Please describe a special cultural event or family tradition in your life and why it was meaningful to you (e.g., preparing a meal, a special holiday, a trip, or any other significant experience). If you need more space, please flip page over.

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**Teacher Recommendation**

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▶ Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must currently be in the 3rd or 4th grade

▶ Present Grade \_\_\_\_\_ ▶ School \_\_\_\_\_

▶ Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_

This student is applying for an Albuquerque Academy Multicultural Summer Honors Program scholarship, a six-week summer enrichment program valued at \$1890. The selection committee will award up to 100 merit scholarships based on candidates' academic and personal qualities. As you rate this student in the boxes below, please make candid comparisons to other same-age and grade-level students.

**I teach the candidate:**     Regular     Gifted

- Language Arts only . . . . Use the letter "L" in the applicable Ratings boxes (*below*)
- Mathematics only . . . . Use the letter "M" in the applicable Ratings boxes (*below*); complete the Mathematics Assessment (*at right*)
- Language Arts & . . . . . Use the letters "L" and "M" in the applicable Ratings boxes Mathematics (*below*); complete the Mathematics Assessment (*at right*)

**Mathematics Assessment**

Student is working above grade level

Student is working at grade level

Student is working below grade level

**Important! Language Arts teacher must include a previously graded handwritten writing sample (all samples should be written in English).**

**Academic Ratings**

Far Below Average                  Below Average                  Average                  Above Average                  Excellent

|                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Cognitive Ability                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Motivation                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Listening skills                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Study habits/organization           |  |  |  |  |  |
| Academic independence               |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to express ideas in writing |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to express ideas orally     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Completes work on time              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to stay focused on a task   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Attendance                          |  |  |  |  |  |

**Character Ratings**

Far Below Average                  Below Average                  Average                  Above Average                  Excellent

|                             |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Concern/respect for peers   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-confidence             |  |  |  |  |  |
| Respected by others         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ability to work in a group  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity                    |  |  |  |  |  |
| Personal initiative         |  |  |  |  |  |
| Reaction to criticism       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Respects opinions of others |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cooperation                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Self-discipline             |  |  |  |  |  |

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**Teacher Recommendation** (page 2)

▶ Which adjectives would you use to describe the candidate academically and personally? (Please limit to six adjectives.)

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▶ What makes this child different from others you teach? What makes this child special?

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▶ In what areas could this student improve?

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▶ Please include other information, anecdotes, or extenuating circumstances that may be helpful to us in evaluating this candidate:

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Occasionally, we would like to discuss a recommendation with a teacher. Since it is often difficult to reach you at school, please complete the information below. Be assured that all contact information will be kept confidential.

If necessary, please contact me at: home or cell \_\_\_\_\_ from (hours) \_\_\_\_\_  
work \_\_\_\_\_ from (hours) \_\_\_\_\_  
e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you would like us to call you about this particular recommendation.

**Teacher forms are CONFIDENTIAL**

- ▶ Please keep a copy for your records.
- ▶ Submit your completed recommendation to Summer\_Mail@aa.edu.

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Teacher's Name \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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