

January 21, 2010

Dear Student:

The STARS Program offers academically-talented students who are entering their junior or senior year of high school and their teachers a rare opportunity to work within a laboratory research setting with top scientists at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, Saint Louis University, St. Louis College of Pharmacy, Washington University in St. Louis, and the host institution, the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

For six weeks (Monday, June 7- Friday, July 16, 2010) participants will join a community of investigators working under the supervision of practicing research scientists. More than 60 scientists who work in fields such as biology, chemistry, computer science, earth science, engineering, environmental science, mathematics, medicine, physics, and psychology will share their experiences as they and their research team direct students and teachers in research projects.

Activities include a research paper (presented at the end of the program), lectures by nationally-known scientists, field trips, career confabs, communications, and social activities.

Most of the STARS participants are rising seniors, although we do consider very outstanding rising junior level students.

If you would like to know more about the program, please feel free to access our website at www.umsl.edu/~sep/programs/stars.html.

The application dates are between Monday, March 1 and Friday, March 26, 2010.

Tuition for the 2010 STARS Program will be at least \$2,000.00 depending on the amount of corporation funding we receive. All students must pay a \$65.00 STARS application fee.

There is a limited amount of financial aid and students must present a compelling reason to be considered for assistance.

Thank you for your interest in STARS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME.

Sincerely,

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