

GENERAL

- **How long will students be staying on campus?**
Students will be on campus for three weeks: EKU - June 12-July 1; MSU - July 10-29.
- **What is the cost associated with this Summer Academy?**
\$0! This academy is FREE for students! However, students will be expected to bring some items, such as proper clothing, bedding, towels, toiletries and other items listed on the "What to Bring" list that will be provided in acceptance packets.
- **Should students bring money for non-covered costs, such as extra field trips or off-campus experiences?**
All meals and academic related supplies, as well as the cost of any activities listed on the Academy schedule, will be provided by GEAR UP Kentucky. Students do NOT need spending money but may want to bring some to buy souvenirs or snacks in the campus bookstore. Staff are not liable for any valuable belongings brought to the Academy, including spending money.
- **How much adult supervision will students have?**
Summer Academies will be staffed with adults 24/7. Adults will be spending the night in the dorm and will be available at any time throughout the day.
- **How many students will be on each campus?**
There will be 30 students attending each academy (30 per campus, EKU and MSU).
- **Will students be coming home on the weekends?**
Students will not be coming home on the weekends. Students may bring cell phones and are free to contact family members during their free time and may also send/receive mail.
- **Can students be taken off-campus on the weekends?**
We are unable to accommodate requests for students to leave the Academy for non-medical-related reasons. Summer Academy is intended to be a fully immersive experience; even a short absence puts students at a disadvantage of missing activities and coursework (which counts toward the college credit they are earning). The Academy will also include extracurricular activities and field trips on the weekends to enrich students' experiences.
- **Is there a dress code?**
Yes; there will be a dress code similar to school dress codes; this will be shared in advance of the Academy.

TRANSPORTATION

- **How will students get to campus?**
Families are encouraged to bring their students on move-in day and participate in the welcome activities as well as pick them up on the final day of the Academy to participate in the closing activities. We will work with those families who need assistance with getting their student to and from campus on the first and last day of the Academy.

HOUSING

- **Will students have roommates?**
Yes; each student will be sharing a room with one other student.
- **What happens if roommates do not get along?**
One of the goals of the Academy is for students to get to know other students from all walks of life. The Academy Site Director is equipped to facilitate issues arising between roommates.

FOOD

- **What will students be eating?**
All students will be eating on campus for free. The campus cafeterias and local vendors will be catering and available to our students during breakfast, lunch, and dinner - as well as snacks throughout the day. Students may also bring their own snacks to keep in their room.
- **What if a student has a food allergy or a special diet?**
Students with food allergies or a special diet will have accommodations. We will work these out with the student, parent/guardian, and the campus food coordinator.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

- **What if a student gets homesick?**
Students may bring cell phones and are free to contact their family members by text, phone calls or video call during their free time. Students may also send and receive mail.
- **What if a student has a previously scheduled medical appointment?**
Pre-existing medical appointments should be communicated via the Medical Information form in the student's registration packet. You will be responsible for transporting your student to/from their appointment.
- **What if there is a family emergency?**
Family members will be provided with a phone number to contact the Academy Site Director in case of family emergency, in which case GUK staff will take any necessary action to assist the student and family in meeting their immediate needs.
- **What if a student needs to take medication on a daily basis?**
Students who take daily medication will be given their medication at the appropriate times throughout the day. Families will receive medical forms to fill out and Academy staff will have a process for administering medication during the Academy.
- **What if my student is selected and I can't attend the Family Orientation?**
While we understand that conflicts come up, it is strongly recommended that you find a representative to go in your place to the Summer Academy Family Orientation. Family member participation in Orientation is a must for all Summer Academy participants. Please note that students aren't required to attend Orientation, but it is strongly encouraged.