

GENERAL

- **How long will students be staying on campus?**
Students will be on campus for three weeks: Northern Kentucky University - July 7-26 - but will be spending weekends at home.
- **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. 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 Academy will be staffed with adults at all times that students are on campus. Staff will be spending the night in dorm rooms and will be available at any time throughout the day. Someone will be on call at all times, day and night.
- **How many students will be selected to attend Summer Academy?**
There will be 40 students selected to attend the NKU Academy.
- **Will students be coming home on the weekends?**
Students will be coming home on the weekends. Students will be transported home on Friday afternoon and transported back to campus on Sunday afternoon.
- **Can students be taken off-campus on weekdays?**
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 during the evenings 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 and provided in the Summer Academy Student Handbook.

TRANSPORTATION

- **How will students get to and from 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. On the other days that students depart and return to campus, we will require all students to be transported by GUK-provided transportation at designated drop-off and

pick-up locations. For those students whose families cannot do opening and closing day activities, we will provide transportation and work with you to get that scheduled.

HOUSING

- **Will students have roommates?**
Yes; each student will be sharing a room with at least 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 will have accommodations. Food-related accommodations can be noted on the acceptance packet; GUK will work with families needing accommodations.

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 acceptance 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 GUK lead staff on duty 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?**
Medications and desired administration times can be noted in the acceptance packet materials. Students who take daily medication will be given their medication at the appropriate times throughout the day.
- **What if my student is selected & I can't attend the Virtual 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 Virtual Family Orientation. Family member participation in Virtual Family Orientation is a must for all Summer Academy participants. Please note that students aren't required to attend this, but it is strongly encouraged.