
CLOSING THE GAPS (GIRLS AREN'T PURSUING SCIENCE): A SUMMER INSTITUTE TO FOSTER WOMEN SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS

APPLICATION | SUMMER 2016

Congratulations! You're making the first step to your future in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)! Closing the GAPS (Girls Aren't Pursuing Science) offers a week-long day camp targeting female participants entering 9th -11th grades in high schools from the Rio Grande Valley area. All accepted participants will receive scholarships to attend this camp without any cost to them or their families. The camp will take place from June 13 – June 17, 2016, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Use this list to make you are eligible and your application is complete.

- I am a female student who is at least 14 years old and not older than 21 on the first day of the summer institute.
- I am starting 9th, 10th, or 11th grade in the 2016-2017 academic year
- I am a U.S. citizen or noncitizen authorized to work in the United States...
- I have a minimum grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.0 in high school math and science courses.
- I have completed the Closing the GAPS application.
- I have completed the parent/guardian information, and permission slips.
- I have submitted a Nomination Form from one of my current or former mathematics/science teacher or school counselor.
- I have submitted my final report card from the previous academic year (final grades)
- I have submitted a 100-200 word essay responding to the following prompt: Why do you want to attend the "Closing the GAPS Summer Institute"?

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 17, 2016

Once your application is complete, mail the entire packet to:

TSC STEM Division-GAPS Summer Institute
Attn: Martha Casquette
80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, TX 78520

Or hand deliver to (before 4:00 pm):

TSC STEM Division-GAPS Summer Institute (Attn: Martha Casquette),
SETB 2.342, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, TX

Instructions:

1. Please type answers
2. Answer all questions
3. Deadline: Completed applications must be hand delivered or postmarked by May 17, 2016

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name		First Name	
Home Address	City	State	Zip
County	Home Phone	Cell Phone	
Email Address	Date of Birth	Gender <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other	
Full Name of Current School			
2016-2017 Grade Level		<input type="checkbox"/> 9 th	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 th <input type="checkbox"/> 11 th
T-Shirt Size (Adult Sizes)		<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> XXL

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name		Relationship to Student	
Home Address (If different)		City	State Zip
Email Address		Home Phone	Cell Phone

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name		Relationship to Student	
Home Address (If different)		City	State Zip
Email Address		Home Phone	Cell Phone



PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

Please initial to show that you agree with each of the following statements

- _____ I am the parent/legal guardian of the student named in this application.
- _____ I give my child permission to attend Closing the GAPS Summer Institute
- _____ I understand there is a maximum of one (1) excused absence for illness or bereavement only.
- _____ I understand my child must strictly follow all Closing the GAPS Summer Institute and host institution rules
- _____ I understand Closing the GAPS has a zero tolerance policy for noncompliance with all Closing the GAPS and/or host institution's rules and policies. In the event of a violation, the site director may dismiss my student from the program.

Does this student reside with you? Yes No

Signature of Parent, Managing Conservator, or Guardian:

_____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Parent, Managing Conservator, or Guardian:

For TSC use only:

RECEIVED INITIALLY ____/____/____	<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> INCOMPLETE	MISSING	DATE COMPLETED ____/____/____
MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	AVERAGE
ESSAY: YES NO	SCHOOL NAME		

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RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT | SUMMER 2016

Staff of Closing the GAPS Summer Institute provides a safe and constructive learning environment for all participants. To ensure this, students must follow rules. In addition, the following behaviors will not be tolerated during the summer institute.

- Angry or vulgar language including swearing, name-calling and shouting.
- Using language which is offensive, sexist, or racist.
- Physical contact with another person in any aggressive or threatening way.
- Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language, name-calling or any other menacing behavior towards instructors, fellow classmates or others involved in the camp activities.
- Horseplay of any kind.
- Failure to follow safety procedures, as directed by the instructor.
- Actions that make it difficult for instructors and others to deliver their presentations.
- Behaviors include, but not limited to, talking out of turn, interrupting, sleeping, listening to music, or text messaging.
- Behavior that intends to or results in the theft or destruction of property.
- The sale, possession, distribution of any illegal controlled substance.
- Cigarettes, or any tobacco products, alcohol, non-prescribed drugs, weapons and pornographic material are prohibited from campus.

Any breach of the Rules or the Code of Conduct will initiate disciplinary action. Texas Southmost College reserves the right to suspend or dismiss a student's participation in camp activities, if such disciplinary action is required.

Agreement

I have read and agree to adhere to the above Rules and Code of Conduct of *Closing the GAPS: A Summer Institute to Foster Women Scientists and Engineers*. My child and I fully understand the Rules and Code of Conduct as detailed above, and I agree to disciplinary consequences if they should breach them.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Child Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Child Name: _____

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NOMINATION FORM | SUMMER 2016

This student is applying to the Closing the GAPS Summer Institute at Texas Southmost College. In order to apply, students must submit a recommendation form from math/science teacher or school counselor. Please complete this form and return to the student. It must be attached to the rest of their application and submitted by May 17, 2016 (before 4:00 pm).

PART 1 – To be completed by the student

Legal Name:

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle _____

2015/16 Grade Level: 8th 9th 10th 11th School District: _____

Current School: _____

PART 2 – To be completed by the math/science teacher or school counselor.

Please give us your honest assessment of this student's desire and ability to learn. She is being considered for admission to the Closing the GAPS Summer Institute.

A. Check the appropriate column for each characteristic listed.

CHARACTERISTIC	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Academic performance				
Conduct in class				
Willingly participates in class				
Respects others and property				
Ability to follow instructions				
Completes assignments on time				
Analytical thinking skills				
Maturity				
Punctuality				
Eager to learn new things				



B. Please provide comments on motivation, behavior, personality, strengths or weaknesses that you feel are pertinent to the student's performance in the Closing the GAPS Summer Institute. If the student fails to satisfy some academic requirements, please explain in detail. Additional comments may be written on a separate sheet.

C. Teaching Assignment (grade level & discipline): _____

Teacher's Printed Name/Title: _____ Email: _____

Teacher's Signature: _____ Date: _____