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ABOUT INSIGHTS...

*Insights* is a tool to assist parents, educators, and students in locating special programs and activities for the summer, as well as providing various scholarship applications for identified gifted students. TAGT produces this directory as a public service to the gifted community. The summer programs listed are a sample of the many opportunities available to gifted students. We neither imply nor intend an endorsement of any individual program.

The *Insights* directory also includes applications for the TAGT Outstanding Teacher, Parent, Rising Star, and Advocate of the Gifted awards, Grants for Excellence awards, and Parent/Educator Scholarships. Application procedures and deadlines vary for different awards, so please refer to individual applications for specific information. If you have questions or comments, please contact a TAGT Board Member or the TAGT office. Addresses and telephone numbers can be found on the back cover of this directory.

### 2012 TAGT Scholarships and Grants

Permission is given to copy and distribute the scholarship applications in this guide, as well as the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented membership application on the inside back cover. All scholarships are based upon merit, not financial need. The application deadline for all scholarships is March 1; all applicants will be notified of their status by April 15.

#### TAGT Summer Scholarships

These scholarships are designed for identified gifted students who are currently participating in a gifted program, and who want to attend academic or artistic programs during the summer months. The scholarships have a maximum of $400 and are available for students, K-12. The highest-scoring elementary student and secondary student applicants are chosen, respectively, as the Carole Vermillion and Ann Shaw Scholars and receive $500 each. Scholarship winners must complete and return the necessary paperwork by June 15 or the award will be forfeited. Please note that for accounting purposes scholarship checks are made payable to both the program and the scholarship winner.

**Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship**

One graduating gifted and talented high school senior is awarded the Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship, a university scholarship of $2,500. The winner of this annual award must demonstrate outstanding leadership.

**Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship**

One graduating gifted and talented high school senior is awarded the Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship, a university scholarship of $2,500. This award is given to a student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, possesses a strong sense of purpose and clearly defined goals, and has a long-term plan for achieving these goals.
Please read these instructions carefully prior to completing the application.

We encourage you to apply for a summer scholarship for a child or for yourself. All applications are included in this directory. **Please note that applying for a scholarship through TAGT does not constitute application to a specific program; you must make application to the summer program of your choice directly; TAGT does not run a summer program.** TAGT awards and scholarships are contingent upon acceptance into the program. Scholarship checks are made payable to both the program and the scholarship winner for accounting purposes.

- **Students applicants in public schools must be currently identified as gifted and participating in a gifted program.** Students in private schools or home-schools may be eligible to apply. Those parents should contact the TAGT Associate Director for additional information.
- A current TAGT member must sign as a sponsor.
- Student applications may be typed or handwritten, but must be the work of the student. Any typed portion of the scholarship application must be in a font size of at least 12 points.
- Applicants must adhere to the space limitations.
- Applicants must not submit samples of their work or any portfolio items. Information of this type will be removed from applications prior to evaluation.
- Submit only the required number of recommendations. Any additional letters of recommendation will be removed from the application prior to evaluation.
- The best written responses discuss the strengths of the applicant and give detailed examples. They are specific to the individual and help the evaluators understand the personality of the applicant.
- Incomplete applications are not considered. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application packet is complete. See each application for a complete list of required materials.
- No more than one summer scholarship is awarded to an individual within a three-year period.
- The maximum amount for a summer scholarship award is $400.

For More Information Contact your nearest TAGT Board Member
(See last page for a directory of the TAGT Board)

Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX 78704
(512) 499-8248
# TAGT Scholarship Scoring

## How TAGT Scholarship Applications Are Scored
Written responses on the applications are evaluated holistically. Three different readers use the following rubric to evaluate the applications, with slight variations for the various scholarship awards:

**8-Superior:** This response answers the questions very thoroughly and completely. Wording is clear and precise, leaving no doubts about the intended meaning. There are detailed and elaborated responses, providing specific and appropriate examples about the applicant.

**7-Between Superior and Commendable.**

**6-Commendable:** This response is clear, thorough, and to the point. It leaves no doubt about the intended meaning. There are somewhat detailed and elaborated responses to the questions, and specific and appropriate examples about the applicant are given.

**5-Between Commendable and Acceptable.**

**4-Acceptable:** This response is clear and straightforward, with little doubt about the intended meaning, but is not as thorough as the responses above. Examples are provided, but with less detail or elaboration. It has some elements of a 4 or 5, but lacks the same depth or quality.

**3-Between Acceptable and Limited.**

**2-Limited:** This response is vague and lacks a clear focal point. The writing relates to the topic, but contains few specific examples. There is very little detail or elaboration in the response and does not fully answer the question.

**1-Inadequate:** This response is very weak. It does not address the question in any meaningful way. It lacks any specific examples. This response also may be off-track and not relevant to the application.

## History of TAGT Scholarships and Grants

### ANN SHAW STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP
The Ann Shaw Student Scholarship was established in 1992. Ann Shaw was a founding member of TAGT and the first director of the Division of Gifted and Talented for the Texas Education Agency. For nearly two decades, she was one of the strongest voices of advocacy for the gifted and talented in Texas.

### ADELLE MCCLENDON YOUNG LEADER SCHOLARSHIP
In 1995, TAGT set up the Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship, in memory of the late Adelle McClendon, a noted leader in gifted education whose long service to TAGT included being president of the organization in 1991.

### LAURA ALLARD FUTURE VISION SCHOLARSHIP
Established in 2007, this award of $2,500 is given to a graduating gifted high school senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, possesses a sense of purpose and clearly defined goals, and has a long-term plan for achieving them.

### CAROLE VERMILLION SCHOLARSHIP
The Carole Vermillion Scholarship, established in 1989, was originally an award for adults. It became a student award in 2011. Carole Vermillion contributed to the passage of state legislation for gifted students and the creation of an office of gifted education within the Texas Education Agency. She later helped establish TAGT.
TAGT Summer Scholarship Application
General Information Page

Student Name ___________________________________________ Girl ____ Boy ____ Age ______
Current Grade _____ In what grade when identified as gifted? _____
School District ____________________________ School ____________________________
Are you eligible for free or reduced lunch? Yes _____ No _____ (This is for data collection only.)
NOTE: If you won a summer scholarship in 2009 or 2010, you are not eligible to apply this year.

Parent/Guardian Name ______________________________________________________________________
Home Address ______________________________________________________________________________
Street/Box    City   Zip Code
E-mail address of parent/guardian ______________________ Region (see map, p. 17) __
Home Phone ________________________________ Work Phone _________________________________
Are you currently a TAGT member? Yes ___ No ___ Is a membership enclosed? Yes ___ No ___
(TAGT membership is appreciated but not required for this scholarship application.)

You must apply to the summer program for admission. This application is only for a TAGT scholarship.
Name of Summer Program ____________________________
Address __________________________________________
Street/Box    City   Zip Code
Phone______________ Program Website _____________
Program Cost __________ Amount of scholarship requested ($400 maximum) __________
If you are requesting more than the program cost, what are the additional expenses?

IMPORTANT: A current TAGT member must sign below as the scholarship sponsor. TAGT will verify
the sponsor’s membership; applications without a current member as sponsor may be
disqualified. It is permissible for a parent to join TAGT and be the sponsor, but it is not required.
Printed Name of TAGT Member __________________________
Signature of TAGT Member _____________________________
Email Address ___________________________ Phone ___________

Please sign below to verify that the work on student responses #1A and #1B is the work of the student applicant.

Student Applicant Signature ____________________________ Parent Signature ____________________________
TAGT Summer Scholarship Application

Student Response #1A

Instructions to the applicant:

Please answer the following question. Your response should include information about you personally, as well as some of your interests and accomplishments. This part is extremely important in the selection process. You may only use pages 7-8 to answer the question.

1A. What would you like the TAGT Scholarship Committee to know about you?
1A (continued). What would you like the TAGT Scholarship Committee to know about you?

Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered. A complete application includes:
- General Information Page
- Student Summer Scholarship Application, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form, Part 2
- Adult/Professional Recommendation Form, Part 3

• Staple all parts of the application together and mail to:

  Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
  1524 South IH 35, #205
  Austin, TX 78704

Applications must be postmarked by March 1. Students will be notified of their status by April 15. Scholarship awards are mailed 10 to 14 days after receipt of Summer Scholarship Confirmation Form.
Student Name ______________________________________________________
Summer Program ________________________________________________

Instructions for the applicant:

Please answer the following question. Your response should include information about some specific interests you have and how this summer program will help meet your needs. This part is extremely important in the selection process. You may use only pages 9-10 to answer this question.

1B. Why do you want to attend this summer program?
TAGT Summer Scholarship Application
Student Response #1B (continued)

Student Name ______________________________________________________
Summer Program ___________________________________________________

1B. Why do you want to attend this summer program?

Incomplete or faxed applications **will not** be considered. **A complete application includes:**
- General Information Page
- Student Summer Scholarship Application, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form, Part 2
- Adult/Professional Recommendation Form, Part 3

• **Staple all parts of the application together and mail to:**

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  1524 South IH 35, #205
  Austin, TX 78704

**Applications must be postmarked by March 1. Students will be notified of their status by April 15. Scholarship awards are mailed 10 to 14 days after receipt of Summer Scholarship Confirmation Form.**
TAGT Summer Scholarship Application
Parent / Guardian Recommendation Form

Student Name ______________________________________________________

Instructions for the parent/guardian:

To give a strong recommendation for your child, elaborate on your responses, focusing on your child's strengths. Be sure to include specific examples. The TAGT Scholarship Committee is especially interested in supporting evidence outside of the school environment. You may use only pages 11-12 to answer the question.

What would you like the TAGT Scholarship Committee to know about your child?
What would you like the Scholarship Committee to know about your child?
TAGT Summer Scholarship Application

Adult / Professional Recommendation Form

(To be filled out by an educator, mentor, community member, or adult other than the parent.)

Student Name: ____________________________________________________________

Name of School: __________________________________________________________

Name of person making recommendation: _________________________________

Email Address __________________________ Phone ________________________

Relationship to student (i.e. teacher, mentor, coach, etc.) ____________________

If teacher, for what class? (Please note subject area, grade, and whether it is a class for gifted):

________________________________________________________________________

Instructions for the adult / professional:

A strong student application is enhanced by a strong adult recommendation. To make a strong recommendation of a student elaborate on your responses focusing on the strengths of the applicant. Include examples, if possible. If you are making recommendations for more than one student, please individualize your responses. You may use only pages 14-15 to answer the question.

What makes this student deserving of a TAGT scholarship?
Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered. A complete application includes:
- General Information Page
- Student Summer Scholarship Application, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation Form, Part 2
- Adult/Professional Recommendation Form, Part 3

• Staple all parts of the application together and mail to:

Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX 78704

Applications must be postmarked by March 1. Students will be notified of their status by April 15. Scholarship awards are mailed 10 to 14 days after receipt of Summer Scholarship Confirmation Form.

TAGT Summer Scholarship Application
Adult / Professional Recommendation Form (continued)

Student Name ______________________________________________________

What makes this student deserving of a TAGT scholarship?
Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship Application

The Adelle McClendon Young Leader Scholarship honors the memory of an exemplary educational leader and former TAGT Board President. This $2,500 scholarship is awarded to a graduating gifted and talented high school senior who has demonstrated outstanding leadership. Students interested in this scholarship should complete the following application, remembering to attach required items. You may only apply for one of the two university scholarships.

Name:_________________________________________________________________________________
Address:_______________________________________________________________________________
Street     City   State   Zip
Phone:_______________________ Regional Educational Service Center # _____ (see map on p. 17)
E-mail Address:_________________________________________________________________________
High School Name:_______________________________ School District:______________________
Please list the university you plan to attend:____________________________________________
Name of Parent(s):______________________________________________________________________
Printed Name of Current TAGT Member Sponsor:________________________________________
Signature of TAGT Member:_____________________________________________________________
Are you (or have you been) in a gifted program? _____ Describe:_______________________
________________________________________________________________________________________

A complete application includes the five items below.

__ 1. A two-page, printed essay describing the following: (Please use at least a 12 pt. font)
   • How you have exhibited leadership
     • Areas in which you have decision-making experience
     • Your aspirations and goals related to the university you plan to attend
     • Your community service experience
     • Some unique experience and/or obstacle you have overcome
__ 2. A one-page composition about a leader whose philosophy, contribution, and/or style has inspired you
__ 3. A resume of activities, awards, accomplishments and public service experiences during high school
__ 4. One, and only one, letter of recommendation from a **current** TAGT member
__ 5. One, and only one, letter of recommendation from another adult (not a family member).

Mail completed application and all attachments to:
Adelle McClendon Young Leaders Scholarship
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX 78704

Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered.
Applications must be postmarked by March 1. The winner of this scholarship will be notified by April 15.
The Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship is a $2,500 scholarship awarded to a graduating gifted and talented high school senior who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, possesses a strong sense of purpose and clearly defined goals, and has a long-term plan for achieving these goals. Students interested in this scholarship should complete the following application, remembering to attach required items. You may only apply for one of the two university scholarships.

Laura Allard Future Vision Scholarship Application

Name:________________________________________________________________________________________
Address:______________________________________________________________________________________
Phone:______________________ Regional Educational Service Center # _____ (see map on p. 17)
E-mail Address:_______________________________________________________________________________
High School Name:__________________________________ School District:_________________________
Please list the university you plan to attend:__________________________________________________
Name of Parent(s):____________________________________________________________________________
Printed Name of Current TAGT Member Sponsor:______________________________________________
Signature of TAGT Member:___________________________________________________________________
Are you (or have you been) in a gifted program? _____ Describe:_____________________________
______________________________________________________________________________________________

A complete application includes the five items below.

__ 1. A two-page, printed essay describing the following: (Please use at least a 12 pt. font)
   • Your area(s) of outstanding academic achievement
   • Your plan for future studies involving this academic discipline(s) at the university level
   • Your long-term aspirations and goals in this area(s)

__ 2. A one-page composition about a leader or mentor in this field who has inspired you

__ 3. A resume of activities, awards, and accomplishments during high school

__ 4. One, and only one, letter of recommendation from a current TAGT member

__ 5. One, and only one, letter of recommendation from another adult (not a family member).

Mail completed application and all attachments to:
Future Vision Scholarship
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX 78704

Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered.
Applications must be postmarked by March 1.
The winner of this scholarship will be notified by April 15.
TAGT/SMI Scholarship Application

The Summer Math Institute (SMI) is a 3-week residential program with an intense focus on mathematics. Students enroll in a single class and have the opportunity to complete one year of high school mathematics in this self-paced program. It is sponsored by the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at the University of North Texas. If you receive this scholarship, you have the chance to live on a college campus and meet other gifted students who share your passion for mathematics.

Thanks to the generosity of Summer Math Institute, the Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented (TAGT) is offering two full scholarships to the SMI program, valued at $2,300. The program runs from July 8-28, 2012.

This application is separate from all other SMI applications. An application for the TAGT / SMI scholarship does not constitute an application to the SMI program at the University of North Texas; it only applies to this particular scholarship.

Students currently in grades 6-10 are eligible to apply for this scholarship. Visit the SMI website at http://tams.unt.edu/academics/summer-math-institute.

Instructions
You must complete all parts of the application and send them to the address below. Incomplete applications will not be considered. A complete application includes:

- Application Information
- Student Responses, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation, Part 2
- Math Teacher Recommendation Form, Part 3 (in a sealed envelope)

The winner of the TAGT / SMI scholarship must complete some additional paperwork prior to admittance to the SMI program.

Mail the entire application to:
TAGT / SMI Scholarship
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX 78704

Applications must be postmarked by March 1. Applicants will be notified of their status by April 15. You may call 512-499-8248 x205 if you have questions.
TAGT / SMI Scholarship Application Information

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please type or PRINT clearly in pen)

Name: ____________________________________________________________ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Name you prefer to be called: ____________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________

                                      Street & Number                  City   State   Zip Code

Home Phone: ________________________________ Date of Birth: _________________________________

Ethnic Description: (this is used only for statistical purposes)

☐ American Indian  ☐ Hispanic  ☐ Asian  ☐ White  ☐ Black  ☐ Other _______

Please check which course you are applying for enrollment in (Please check only one):

☐ Algebra I       ☐ Algebra II  ☐ Geometry  ☐ Precalculus

Current Grade: _______   Current Age: _________

Current School:  ____________________________________________________________________________

School Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

School Phone: _____________________________________________________________________________

Name of teacher completing Teacher Recommendation Form: ___________________________________

Have you ever attended SMI before? ☐ No ☐ Yes    If yes, when? _________________________

Are you currently in an academic program for gifted students? ☐ Yes    ☐ No

Are you currently taking honors/advanced courses? ☐ No    ☐ Yes

If yes, what courses? ________________________________________________________________________

Have you ever attended a summer program? ☐ No    ☐ Yes

If yes, what program and when did you attend? _________________________________________________

Were you a participant in a TIP Talent Search? ☐ Yes  ☐ No    If yes, when? ’08-’09   ’09-’10   ’10-’11

*PSAT Scores: Math _______ Verbal _______ Writing _______ Date Taken ________________

*SAT Scores: Math _______ Verbal _______ Writing _______ Date Taken ________________

*ACT Scores: Math _______ Verbal _______ Date Taken ________________

*If you haven’t taken the PSAT, SAT, or ACT, please provide evidence of your mathematics ability (off-level test scores, awards, contests won, or grades or classes skipped, etc).
PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

With whom do you live? □ Father  □ Mother  □ Both Parents  □ Other _________________

Father’s/Male Guardian’s Full Name________________________________________

Home Address___________________________________________________________________________________

Street & Number  City  State  Zip Code

Occupation__________________________________________ Business Telephone________________________

E-Mail Address ________________________________________________________________________

Mother’s/Female Guardian’s Full Name_________________________________________________

Home Address__________________________________________________________________________________

Street & Number  City  State  Zip Code

Occupation_________________________________________ Business Telephone_____________________

E-Mail Address _______________________________________________________________________

I have reviewed the above information. My signature below indicates that all the information contained in my application is correct and honestly represented. If accepted to the SMI via this scholarship, I understand that I will be required to attend classes 6 hours per day during the week and 3 hours on Saturday mornings. I further understand that I will be required to attend a 1 hour study/tutorial session on weekday evenings. Special Message to Parents: Since this is a 3-week residential camp that requires students to be in class for 6 hours a day on Mondays-Fridays and 3 hours on Saturday mornings, this program is designed for students who truly enjoy math and have a strong desire to learn more math. Therefore, we ask that parents please discuss this with their child before applying.

__________________________  _________________________  ____________________________
Student Signature  Date  Parent/Guardian Signature  Date

Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered. A complete application includes:
- Application Information
- Student Responses, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation, Part 2
- Math Teacher Recommendation Form, Part 3 (in a sealed envelope)

Mail the entire application to:
TAGT / SMI Scholarship
Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX  78704

Applications must be postmarked by March 1.
Students will be notified of their status by April 15.
TAGT/SMI Scholarship Application
Part 1A
Student Response #1A

Student Name: ________________________________________________________

Instructions for the applicant:

Please answer the following question. Your response should include information about you personally, as well as some of your interests and accomplishments. This part is extremely important in the selection process. You may use only these two pages to answer the question.

1A. What would you like TAGT’s Scholarship Committee to know about you?
Student Name: ________________________________________________________

1A. What would you like the TAGT Scholarship Committee to know about you?

Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered. A complete application includes:
- Application Information
- Student Responses, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation, Part 2
- Math Teacher Recommendation Form, Part 3 (in a sealed envelope)

Mail the entire application to:
TAGT / SMI Scholarship
Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX  78704

Applications must be postmarked by March 1.
Students will be notified of their status by April 15.
TAGT/SMI Scholarship Application
Part 1B
Student Response #1B

Student Name: ________________________________________________________

Instructions for the applicant:

Please answer the following question. Your response should include information about your specific interest in mathematics you have and how attending the SMI program will help meet your needs. This part is extremely important in the selection process. You may use only these two pages to answer the question.

1B. Why do you want to attend this summer program?
TAGT/SMI Scholarship Application
Part 1B
Student Response #1B (continued)

Student Name: ________________________________________________________

1B. Why do you want to attend this summer program?

Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered. A complete application includes:
- Application Information
- Student Responses, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation, Part 2
- Math Teacher Recommendation Form, Part 3 (in a sealed envelope)

Mail the entire application to:
TAGT / SMI Scholarship
Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX  78704

Applications must be postmarked by March 1.
Students will be notified of their status by April 15.
TAGT/SMI Scholarship Application
Part 2
Parent/Guardian Recommendation

Student Name: ________________________________________________________

Instructions for the parent/guardian:

To give a strong recommendation for your child, elaborate on your response, focusing on your child’s strengths. Be sure to include specific examples. The TAGT Scholarship Committee is especially interested in supporting evidence outside of the school environment. You may use only these two pages to answer the question.

2. What would you like the TAGT Scholarship Committee to know about your child?
TAGT/SMI Scholarship Application
Part 2
Parent/Guardian Recommendation (continued)

Student Name: ________________________________________________________

2. What would you like the TAGT Scholarship Committee to know about your child?

Incomplete or faxed applications will not be considered. A complete application includes:
- Application Information
- Student Responses, Parts 1A and 1B
- Parent/Guardian Recommendation, Part 2
- Math Teacher Recommendation Form, Part 3 (in a sealed envelope)

Mail the entire application to:
TAGT / SMI Scholarship
Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented
1524 South IH 35, #205
Austin, TX  78704

Applications must be postmarked by March 1.
Students will be notified of their status by April 15.
TAGT/SMI Scholarship Application
Math Teacher Recommendation Form: Part 3

The student who gave you this recommendation form is applying to an accelerated summer mathematics program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS) at the University of North Texas. The Summer Math Institute (SMI) is a fast-paced, three-week residential program for mathematically talented middle and high school students. Participants enroll in a single class and generally complete the content of one year of high school mathematics. Participants may enroll in Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, or Precalculus. Classes meet daily Monday through Friday and on Saturday mornings. The instructors are certified public high school teachers or mathematics teachers from the University. Each class is limited to 20 students and assigned one teaching assistant who is a mathematically talented student from TAMS. Individual, small-group, and large-group instruction is used and instruction and practice are matched to the student’s needs. Your assistance will help us discern the applicant’s readiness for our program. Please complete the form and return it to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature written across the seal as soon as possible.

Applicant’s Name: ________________________________________________

Teacher’s Name: ________________________________________________

School Name/District: _____________________________________________

School Address: _________________________________________________

How long have you known the applicant?

Describe the student’s self-motivation and self-direction in mathematics.

Considering the student’s maturity level, level of self-responsibility, and his or her work ethic, do you believe this student will benefit from a challenging academic program where good study habits are essential for success?

How does this student’s math skills and work habits compare to other mathematics students you have taught this year or in the past?
What are his/her strengths and weaknesses?

For Texas residents, most recent TAKS scores:

For non-Texas residents, most recent state required standardized test scores:

Please check the set of words that best describe the SMI applicant:

Self-motivation
___Always is responsible
___Usually is responsible about working and turning in assignments
___Generally is reliable but needs parent or teacher help to start and finish assignments
___Requires much attention from the teacher or parent to finish or hand in work

Work Habits
___Works independently for long periods of time
___Occasionally works independently for long periods of time
___Works independently but tends to become easily distracted
___Needs to be monitored to stay on task

Math Ability
___Possesses an extremely high level of math aptitude
___Possesses an above average level of math aptitude
___Possesses an average level of math aptitude
___Possesses a below average level of math aptitude

Recommendation
___I highly recommend this student to SMI
___I recommend this student to SMI
___I recommend this student with some reservations to SMI
___I cannot recommend this student to SMI

If you are unable to recommend this student or have reservations, please explain:

I recommend this student for (circle one):  Algebra I    Algebra II    Geometry    Precalculus

Teacher’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Please return this evaluation form to the student in a sealed envelope with your signature written across the seal. If you have questions, please feel free to contact TAGT at (512) 499-8248 x205.
TAGT Area Awards
Outstanding Teacher, Parent, Advocate, Rising Star Teacher, and Administrator

General Information and Nomination Procedures
TAGT is seeking nominations of educators, parents, and community advocates to receive recognition for service, contribution, and commitment to gifted education. Area Awards are given to Outstanding Teachers of the Gifted, Outstanding Parents of the Gifted, Outstanding Advocates of the Gifted, Rising Star Teachers of the Gifted, and Outstanding Administrators of the Gifted. Potential honorees can be self-nominated or nominated by others.

1. These awards are presented annually in each of five geographic areas with a valid nominee.

2. TAGT is soliciting nominations though April 30; the TAGT Membership and Parent Involvement Committee will determine the award recipients from each of the five geographic areas, using the selection criteria noted. Winners will be announced in August 2012.

3. Those submitting nominations for these awards should be familiar with the selection procedure and criteria. Depending on the category, two or three letters of recommendation and possibly a résumé may need to be submitted. Specific examples of the nominee’s service, contribution, and commitment to gifted education should be cited in supporting documentation. Letters should be limited to approximately 500 words and be printed or written legibly. If printed, please use a font size of at least 12 points.

4. Recipients of the Area Awards are eligible for consideration for TAGT State Awards in each of these five categories.

5. All Area Award winners are recognized at the TAGT Annual Conference. While not required to attend, they are encouraged to do so. Please note that TAGT does not pay for registration, travel, hotel, or other related expenses for Area Award recipients.

TAGT State Awards
Teacher, Parent, Advocate, Rising Star Teacher, and Administrator of the Year

Members of the TAGT Membership and Parent Involvement Committee will review the nomination materials of all Area Award winners. From that pool, the TAGT State Award Winners are selected in all five categories.

All State Award winners are honored at the TAGT Annual Conference. They receive a plaque, a two-day complementary registration, and two nights of hotel accommodations. The TAGT Teacher of the Year receives a $1,000 award from the Association. The TAGT Parent of the Year, Advocate of the Year, and Rising Star Teacher of the Year each receive a lifetime membership to TAGT, valued at $500. The TAGT Administrator of the Year receives an award determined by the sponsor, the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science.
TAGT Geographic Areas

Panhandle / South Plains: ESC Regions 9, 14, 16, 17
Piney Woods / Prairie: ESC Regions 7, 8, 10, 11
Hill Country: ESC Regions 6, 12, 13, 20
Gulf Coast: ESC Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Mountains and Basins: ESC Regions 15, 18, 19
Nomination Form
TAGT Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted

The Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted Award is presented to one teacher from each of five geographic areas in recognition of outstanding service, contribution, and commitment to gifted education. The winners are eligible for the TAGT Teacher of the Year award.

Nominee: ___________________________________________ ESC Region: _________

Home Address: ________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________ Home Telephone: ______________________

City                                     State              Zip

E-mail Address: ___________________________ Mobile Telephone: _____________________

School: ________________________________________________________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: __________________________________________

Selection Criteria:
The Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted demonstrates a commitment to gifted education by:
• Demonstrating an ongoing commitment to professional growth.
• Developing a personal philosophy of education for the gifted that matches the characteristics of gifted and talented students.
• Impacting gifted education at the local, regional, and state level.
• Developing and implementing differentiated curriculum for gifted students.
• Serving needs of gifted students in both the cognitive and affective domains.

Please attach one page of information supporting the nominee you are recommending. Begin your recommendation as follows: (Nominee) is an outstanding teacher of the gifted because ...

NOTE: Nominee must send a brief resume (no longer than two pages) and a written personal philosophy (no longer than one page) with this nomination form. Up to three letters of recommendation also may be included--one each from a student, a parent, and an educator. See pages 29-30 www.txgifted.org/insights for general information and nomination procedures.

Nominated by: ___________________________ Telephone: (___)_____________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: __________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________ ESC Region: _________

City                                    State                                         Zip

Mail all materials by April 30 to:
TAGT Awards, 1524 South IH 35 #205, Austin, TX 78704
Selection Criteria
TAGT Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted

Nomination materials submitted for Outstanding Teacher of the Gifted indicate that the candidate:

1. Demonstrates an ongoing commitment to professional growth.

2. Has developed a written personal philosophy of education for the gifted that matches the characteristics of gifted and talented students.

3. Has impacted gifted education at the local, regional, and state levels.

4. Has developed and implemented lessons, units, and themes that differentiate the curriculum for gifted students.

5. Serves the affective needs of gifted students.

6. Has up to three strong letters of recommendation.

7. Has included a resume that details teaching experience.

Total Points___________

Additional Comments:
Nomination Form
TAGT Outstanding Parent of the Gifted

The Outstanding Parent of the Gifted Award is presented to one parent from each of five geographic areas in recognition of outstanding service, contribution, and commitment to gifted education. The winners are eligible for the TAGT Parent of the Year award.

Nominee: ____________________________________________ ESC Region: _______

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

____________________________________________________________ Home Telephone: ______________________

City                                     State              Zip

E-mail Address: _____________________________________________ Mobile Telephone: _____________________

School: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: ______________________________________________________________

Selection Criteria:
The Outstanding Parent of the Gifted demonstrates a commitment to gifted education by:

• Contributing time and effort in support of the education of gifted individuals.
• Promoting practices that benefit all gifted children.
• Impacting gifted education at the local, regional, and state level.
• Encouraging shared leadership and participation among other parents, professionals, and/or community leaders.

Please attach one page of information supporting the nominee you are recommending. Begin your recommendation as follows: (Nominee) is an outstanding parent of the gifted because …

NOTE: Up to three letters of recommendation should be included with the nomination form. See pages 29-30 www.txgifted.org\insights for general information and nomination procedures.

Nominated by: ___________________________________________ Telephone: (___)_____________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: _________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________ ESC Region: _________

City                                    State                                         Zip

Mail all materials by April 30 to:  
TAGT Awards, 1524 South IH 35 #205, Austin, TX 78704
Selection Criteria
TAGT Outstanding Parent of the Gifted

Nomination materials submitted for Outstanding Parent of the Gifted indicate that the candidate:

1. Demonstrates a contribution of time and effort in support of the education of gifted individuals. 1 2 3 4 5

2. Has promoted practices that benefit all gifted children. 1 2 3 4 5

3. Has impacted gifted education at the local, regional, and state levels. 1 2 3 4 5

4. Encourages shared leadership and participation among other parents, professionals, and/or community leaders 1 2 3 4 5

5. Has up to three strong letters of recommendation. 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points

Additional Comments:
Nomination Form
TAGT Outstanding Advocate of the Gifted

The Outstanding Advocate of the Gifted Award is presented to one individual from each of five geographic areas in recognition of outstanding service, contribution, and commitment to gifted education. The winners are eligible for the TAGT Advocate of the Year award.

Nominee: _____________________________________________________________________ ESC Region: _________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________ Home Telephone: ______________________

City                                     State              Zip

E-mail Address: _____________________________________________ Mobile Telephone: _____________________

School: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: ______________________________________________________________

Selection Criteria:
The Outstanding Advocate of the Gifted demonstrates a commitment to gifted education by:
• Providing distinguished support for gifted students among key educational administrative and policy makers
• Contributing time and effort in support of the education of gifted individuals.
• Promoting practices that benefit all gifted children.
• Impacting gifted education at the local, regional, and state level.
• Encouraging shared leadership and participation among other parents, professionals, and/or community leaders.

Please attach one page of information supporting the nominee you are recommending. Begin your recommendation as follows: (Nominee) is an outstanding advocate of the gifted because …

NOTE: Up to three letters of recommendation should be included with the nomination form. See pages 29-30 www.txgifted.org\insights for general information and nomination procedures.

Nominated by: ___________________________________________ Telephone: (___)_____________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: _________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________ ESC Region: _________

Mail all materials by April 30 to:
TAGT Awards, 1524 South IH 35 #205, Austin, TX 78704
Selection Criteria
TAGT Outstanding Advocate of the Gifted

Nomination materials submitted for Outstanding Advocate of the Gifted indicate that the candidate:

1. Provides distinguished support for gifted students among key educational administrative and policy makers
   1 2 3 4 5

2. Demonstrates a contribution of time and effort in support of the education of gifted individuals.
   1 2 3 4 5

3. Has promoted practices that benefit all gifted children.
   1 2 3 4 5

4. Has impacted gifted education at the local, regional, and state levels.
   1 2 3 4 5

5. Encourages shared leadership and participation among other parents, professionals, and/or community leaders
   1 2 3 4 5

6. Has up to three strong letters of recommendation.
   1 2 3 4 5

Total Points_______________

Additional Comments:
Nomination Form

TAGT Rising Star Teacher of the Gifted

The Rising Star Teacher of the Gifted Award is presented to one teacher from each of five geographic areas who is in his/her first three years in gifted education, has shown eagerness for learning gifted strategies, is committed to their application, and dedicated to the support of gifted students. The winners are eligible for the TAGT Rising Star Teacher of the Year award.

Nominee: _____________________________________________________________________ ESC Region: _________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________ Home Telephone: ______________________

City                                     State              Zip

E-mail Address: _____________________________________________ Mobile Telephone: _____________________

School: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: ______________________________________________________________

Selection Criteria:
The Rising Star Teacher of the Gifted demonstrates a commitment to gifted education by:
• Actively working toward gifted certification and/or is engaged in advanced professional development.
• Utilizing instructional strategies appropriate for gifted students.
• Addressing the affective needs of gifted students.
• Affiliating with gifted professional organizations.

Please attach one page of information supporting the nominee. Begin your recommendation as follows: (Nominee) is a “Rising Star” in the field of gifted education because …

NOTE: Nominee must send a brief resume (no longer than two pages) with this nomination form. Up to three letters of recommendation also may be included—one each from a student, a parent, and an educator. See pages 29-30 www.txgifted.org\insights for general information and nomination procedures.

Nominated by: ___________________________________________ Telephone: (___)_____________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: _________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

_________________________________________________________________________ ESC Region: _________

City                                    State                                         Zip

Mail all materials by April 30 to:
TAGT Awards, 1524 South IH 35 #205, Austin, TX 78704
Selection Criteria
TAGT Rising Star Teacher of the Gifted

Nomination materials submitted for Rising Star Teacher of the Gifted indicate that the candidate:

1. Demonstrates an active commitment to obtaining gifted certification and advanced professional development. 1 2 3 4 5

2. Utilizes instructional strategies appropriate for gifted students. 1 2 3 4 5

3. Addresses the affective needs of gifted students. 1 2 3 4 5

4. Shows evidence of having made appropriate affiliations with professional organizations in the field of gifted education. 1 2 3 4 5

5. Has up to three strong letters of recommendation. 1 2 3 4 5

6. Has included a resume that details teaching experience. 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points__________

Additional Comments:
Nomination Form
TAGT Outstanding Administrator of the Gifted

The Outstanding Administrator of the Gifted Award is presented to one current administrator in a school/district from each of five geographic areas in recognition of outstanding service, contribution, and commitment to gifted education. The winners are eligible for the TAGT State Administrator of the Year award, sponsored by the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science.

Nominee: _____________________________________________________________________ ESC Region: _________

Home Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City                                     State              Zip  Home Telephone: ______________________

E-mail Address: _____________________________________________ Mobile Telephone: _____________________

School: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: ______________________________________________________________

Selection Criteria:
The Outstanding Administrator of the Gifted demonstrates a commitment to gifted education by:
• Demonstrating an ongoing commitment to the education of the gifted.
• Demonstrating an ongoing commitment to monitoring the development and delivery of gifted services essential to the education of the gifted.
• Contributing time and effort in support of the education of gifted individuals.
• Providing necessary resources to help teachers meet the needs of gifted students.
• Encouraging shared leadership and participation among other administrators, professionals, and/or community leaders.

Please attach one page of information supporting the nominee you are recommending. Begin your recommendation as follows: (Nominee) is an outstanding administrator of the gifted because...

NOTE: Nominee must submit a brief resume (no longer than two pages) along with this nomination form. Two letters of recommendation should also be included—one from a teacher and one from a parent. See pages 29-30 www.txgifted.org/insights for general information and nomination procedures. See pages 29-30 www.txgifted.org/insights for general information and nomination procedures.

Nominated by: ___________________________________________ Telephone: (___)_____________________

School District/Organization/Affiliation: _________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City                                    State                                         Zip  ESC Region: _________

Mail all materials by April 30 to:
TAGT Awards, 1524 South IH 35 #205, Austin, TX 78704
Selection Criteria
TAGT Outstanding Administrator of the Gifted

Nomination materials submitted for Outstanding Administrator of the Gifted indicate that the candidate:

1. Demonstrates an ongoing commitment to the education of the gifted. 1 2 3 4 5

2. Demonstrates an ongoing commitment to monitoring the development and delivery of services essential to the education of the gifted. 1 2 3 4 5

3. Demonstrates a contribution of time and effort in support of the education of gifted individuals. 1 2 3 4 5

4. Has provided resources and/or staff development to help teachers meet the needs of gifted students. 1 2 3 4 5

5. Has encouraged shared leadership and participation among other administrators, professionals, and/or community leaders. 1 2 3 4 5

6. Has up to two strong letters of recommendation. 1 2 3 4 5

7. Has included a resume that details administrative experience and notes current administrative position. 1 2 3 4 5

Total Points__________

Additional Comments: 
Abacus and Mental Math
Where math is child's play
www.disha-learning.com
support@disha-learning.com
A program designed to help kids get faster at math and improve their memory, concentration, visualization skills.

Round Rock

AFA Summer Music Conservatory
Opportunities for 4-12th grade musicians
AFA@afatexas.org
AmandaH@afatexas.org
Held in Houston, Texas since 1995, the AFA Summer Music Conservatory is an outstanding opportunity for young musicians from throughout Southeast Texas to work with a nationally known faculty of composers, conductors, performers, and educators. The Conservatory features programs in orchestra, chamber music, choral studies, jazz, piano, and composition.

Houston

Aquatic Sciences Adventure Camp
Learn about aquatic biology and water chemistry.
earthc.txstate.edu/camp.html
LG16@txstate.edu
Learn about aquatic biology, water chemistry and water resources at Texas State University-San Marcos. Collect aquatic organisms, engage in microscope labs and perform water quality tests. Activities also include tubing, swimming, river rafting, scuba/snorkeling, and Sea World.

San Marcos

Armand Bayou Nature Center
Summer Eco Camp
Reconnecting Kids to Nature!
abnc.org
heather@abnc.org
Day campers from K-8th grades spend half or full days exploring 2500 acres of urban wilderness preserve. Fishing, canoeing, hiking, live animal demonstrations, crafts and conservation projects are all part of the fun activities offered. Campers can run, play and discover outside all while learning to be stewards of the environment. Classes are led by environmental professionals and assisted by trained teen volunteers.

Pasadena

Badgerdog Creative Writing Summer Camp
Austin's best writers lead creative writing workshops for young authors.
www.badgerdog.org
cecely.sailer@badgerdog.org
Austin's award-winning writers inspire students to write creatively and gain practice revising and editing their work during three-week workshops. Classes are small and organized by age-group. The camp culminates in the publication of a library-quality anthology and a book-release party and autograph signing for student authors.

Austin

Baylor's University for Young People (UYP)
Higher Learning at Baylor's UYP
baylor.edu/soe/ccle
CenterSupport@baylor.edu
Baylor's UYP is a summer enrichment program for rising 1st-12th graders. Primary students study interdisciplinary themes while older students take UYP courses on the Baylor campus. Primary-June 13-17 and/or June 27-July 1. Baylor campus-June 6-17 and/or June 20-July 1.

Waco

Bits, Bytes & Bots Computer Adventures
FUNdamental Technology Education
www.bitsbytesbots.com
austin@bitsbytesbots.com
Come join Bits, Bytes & Bots for fun technology education programs for children 6-14. Week-long half-day and full-day camps. Stimulate your child's creativity in exciting and engaging camps in robotics using the Lego Mindstorm NXT robots, junior robotics with the LEGO WeDo sets, computer game creation and stop motion movie making.

Austin

C3: Content ♦ College ♦ Career
Rice University - Summer Enrichment
http://www.teachers.rice.edu/C3_Layout.aspx
amy.mcclurd@rice.edu
Five-day high school student enrichment program designed for rising juniors and seniors. Rising juniors will focus on global issues as they relate to environmental sustainability and cultural understanding. The rising seniors will delve into current issues in science as well as gain an awareness of world cultures and their impact on our society. Sessions are presented by master teachers and guest speakers.

Houston

Camp Invention
A weeklong summer adventure in creativity and fun
campinvention.org
campinvention@invent.org
The nationally-acclaimed Camp Invention program is a weeklong summer adventure in creativity that immerses children entering grades one through six in exciting investigations, experiments, and engineering challenges through hands-on fun! Discounts are available; visit on the web to find a camp near you or call 800.968.4332 to register today!

Various Cities

Camp Zoofari at the Houston Zoo
Take a wildlife safari without leaving home!
www.houstonzoo.org/camp
education@houstonzoo.org
Camp Zoofari is an action-packed, hands-on, week-long day camp for kids ages 4-12. Kids learn about the natural world, wildlife conservation and the animals that call the Houston Zoo home. These educational, fun-filled camps fill quickly, so be sure to register soon!
Challenges & Solutions in Medicine in the 21st Century
Exploring new frontiers in biomedicine.
www.thehealthmuseum.org/summerconference
akapadia@thehealthmuseum.org
Over the course of this four-day program in the Texas Medical Center, high school students will have a unique opportunity to explore the challenges and solutions of modern day medicine. Hosted by The Health Museum and the University of Houston-Downtown, member institutions of the world-renowned Texas Medical Center, in partnership with Duke TIP. **Houston**

DeBusk Enrichment Center (DECATS)
Better At Does Not Mean Better Than
decats.org
jmuccia@decats.org
DECATS offers a unique opportunity for high-ability students to participate in an intensive three-week summer adventure of challenging and enriching coursework, nurturing the whole learner and fostering the leaders of tomorrow. The program provides an enriched learning environment for students who demonstrate high intellectual ability, a strong commitment to learning, and exceptional creativity. **Houston**

Fort Worth Zoo Summer Zoo Camp
A wild good time for kids ages 3 through 6th grade
http://www.fortworthzoo.org/education/camps-programs/summer-zoo-camp/
Summer Zoo Camp offers unique activities for children ages 3 to sixth grade to explore wildlife inside the Zoo and in the classroom. Summer Zoo Camp sessions are offered all summer long, Monday through Friday, and include a Summer Zoo Camp T-shirt, guided Zoo tours, Wild Wonders animal presentations, keeper chats, snacks, craft activities and more. **Fort Worth**

Girlstart
Week-long summer day camps in science, technology, engineering and math.
www.girlstart.org
camps@girlstart.org
Girlstart Summer Camps are week-long STEM programs for girls in the 4th-8th grades. The full price is $300 per camp. Early registration (with a $50 discount) begins January 2, 2012. **Austin**

Greenhill School - Summer on the Hill
Where summer learning is always fun!
greenhill.org/summer
johnsonba@greenhill.org
Summer on the Hill at Greenhill School offers a wide range of summer programs. Students ages 3-18 select from academics, arts, cooking, crafts, LEGO, dance, day camps, drama, science camps, sports camps and extended day. Children experience a summer of learning and fun in a creative and supportive educational environment. **Addison**

Houston SPCA Critter Camp
Camp for kids who love animals!
hspca.convio.net
info@hspca.org
For kids who love animals and you future veterinarians, this is the camp for you! We have Critter Camp during spring break, all summer long, and at winter break. In fact, whenever you are out of school, you can be at Critter Camp! **Houston**

iD Tech Camps
North America's #1 Tech Camp
internaldrive.com
Experience North America's most reputable and distinguished summer technology program. Over 100,000 kids and teens worldwide have learned to create 2D and 3D video games, websites with Flash®, digital movies, C++ and Java programs, iPhone® and Facebook® apps, robots, 3D models and animations with products experts use in their professions.

Various Cities

Irving Arts Center Summer Adventure Camps and Super Stars Camp
http://www.irvingartscenter.com/YouthAndFamily/Programs/SummerCamp.aspx
minman@cityofirving.org
The Arts Center will offer 10 week long summer camps for ages 6 - 14 in 2012. Also, students will work with professionals to present a full-scale youth production of Oklahoma! Details will be available in early spring. Join the e-club for special offers and early bird registration information. **Irving**

KIDS-N-CO. Production Camp
All the Summer's a Stage!
kidsnco.org
epkidsnco1@aol.com
El Paso KIDS-N-CO. was founded in 1988, as a response to the lack of continuing quality theater for the entire family on a year-round basis. The goal was to enhance school programs by offering training and performing opportunities to El Paso's young people, based on ability, not age. Children who are cast in plays learn from the older teens and adults with whom they act. **El Paso**

Leadership in Art Tour
Explore what leadership means at the Amon Carter!
cartermuseum.org
education@cartermuseum.org
Explore what leadership means using artistic examples from the Amon Carter Museum of American Art's collection. Learn about artists who were innovators in their field and discover how they contributed to American history and culture. This tour is appropriate for student groups of ten or more. Reservations are required. **Fort Worth**
Lone Star Leadership Academy  
*Instilling Spirit of Texas in Tomorrow’s Leaders*  
educationinaction.org  
admissions@educationinaction.org  
Monday-Friday, residential, experiential learning, leadership development program for outstanding 4th-8th graders. Participants experience curriculum taught in Texas classrooms through visits to historically, politically, scientifically, and environmentally significant sites. Career speakers introduce participants to a wide variety of future career possibilities. Texas teachers facilitate leadership groups, simulations and leadership activities.  
**Dallas/Ft. Worth, Austin, Houston**

Mad Science  
*Sparking Imaginative learning*  
madscience.org/austin  
msaustin@flash.net  
Mad Science offers hands on summer camps for children up to 12 years old. Check the website for full descriptions of all eight camps.  
**Austin & San Antonio**

Mathworks Honors Summer Math Camp  
*Summer math program for high school students*  
http://www.txstate.edu/mathworks/camps.html  
mathworks@txstate.edu  
HSMC at Texas State University is an intensive six-week summer program for outstanding high school students who are excited about doing mathematics-- the goal of the program is to develop talented youth of all backgrounds by providing challenging courses in a unique learning environment.  
**San Marcos**

Mathworks Junior Summer Math Camp  
*summer math program for 6th-8th graders*  
http://www.txstate.edu/mathworks/camps.html  
mathworks@txstate.edu  
The Junior Summer Math Camp Residential Program is designed for students currently in 6th-8th grade. The students stay in a residence hall at Texas State University during the two weeks, and attend classes every day.  
**San Marcos**

McKinney Roughs Summer Camp  
*Explore the outdoors and discover nature*  
http://www.lcra.org/parks/outdoor_programs/mckinney/sumercamp.html  
joanie.steinhaus@lcra.org  
With 1,100 acres of pine forests, box canyons and post oak meadows just 13 miles east of the Austin airport, McKinney Roughs is the perfect place for your child to discover nature in a safe, fun and educational group setting. Register your child for the whole summer and they will experience something new each week!  
**Cedar Creek**

Midsummer Shakespeare Camp  
*An Intensive Acting Camp wherein Participants Learn 6-Dimensional Thinking*  
www.troupedjour.com  
info@troupedjour.com  
Participants develop movement, voice, diction, text analysis, character development, improvisation, and stage combat skills. While developing characters for stage, actors learn character traits for their roles in life. Through fun activities and rehearsal process, campers embrace responsibility, deepen comprehension skills, succeed through ensemble, excel in performance, and build confidence and self-esteem.  
**Houston, Texarkana, Bandera, Beaumont**

Rice University Summer School  
*Rice Summer School 8-12 is the place for you!*  
http://www.ruf.rice.edu/~edsumsch/  
edsumsch@rice.edu  
At this six-week, commuter enrichment program, students choose from courses to prepare for next year’s course work and others that are not even offered in the typical school curriculum. Students become absorbed in laboratory work, earnest attempts at conversing in new languages, sports, computer programming, and real world problem-solving.  
**Houston**

Rising Stars GT Summer Academy  
*Summer Opportunities for GT*  
bettyeedington@hebisd.edu  
Rising Stars GT Summer Academy is a unique learning opportunity for identified gifted students entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. It provides opportunities for gifted students to learn together in a relaxed, fun environment. Classes are taught by experienced, professional educators with a passion for teaching gifted learners.  
**Hurst-Euless-Bedford**

Run On The Wind  
*Learn to become a wind scientist.*  
http://www.depts.ttu.edu/diversity/ideal/  
michelle.hamman@ttu.edu  
ROW is a hands on academic enrichment program for 7th-11th graders. Students take classes on the basics of turbine design, the interdisciplinary aspects of wind science and careers in wind science. Residential only.  
**Lubbock**

Science: It’s a Girl Thing  
*hands-on academic enrichment camp-residential only*  
http://www.depts.ttu.edu/diversity/ideal/  
michelle.hamman@ttu.edu  
SIGT is a hands on academic enrichment program for 5th-11th graders. Students have classes selected for them in the sciences. Classes may include law, theater, green engineering, nano and cyber engineering, food micro, animal science, environmental toxicology, A&P, forensics, rocketry, clinical lab at TTUSC.  
**Lubbock**
SeaCamp
Splash into Summer!
texasstateaquarium.org
rgossett@txstateaq.org
The Texas State Aquarium offers educational, entertaining, and fun summer camp programs for your child! Children can begin attending SeaCamp at the age of 4 and continue until they are entering the 9th grade. **Corpus Christi**

Shake Hands With Your Future
Hands-on academic enrichment at Texas Tech
http://www.depts.ttu.edu/diversity/ideal/
michelle.hamman@TTU.EDU
SHWYF is a hands-on academic enrichment program for 4th-11th graders. Students select classes in the sciences and humanities. Classes may include law, theater, green engineering, A&P, forensics, rocketry, clinical lab at TTUSC. **Lubbock**

SMU College Experience Program
Exceptional Minds Deserve Credit
smu.edu/CE
gifted@smu.edu
Academically talented high school students can get a head start on college and a taste of campus life during this exciting five-week summer program at SMU. The selection of college-credit subjects for morning classes includes philosophy, English, math, psychology, history, and government. **Dallas**

SMU TAG (Talented and Gifted)
College was a blast, now I'm ready for high school
smu.edu/tag
gifted@smu.edu
TAG is open to students entering grades 8-10 in 2011-12. During this three-week residential program, students participate in two stimulating classes chosen from a wide selection of SMU credit and noncredit courses, along with recreational and cultural enrichment activities. **Dallas**

Summer at the Science Center
Explore the Natural World.
riverlegacy.org
registrar@riverlegacy.org
A variety of programs offer an interactive, engaging way to learn about wildlife, ecology, the environment and science. **Arlington**

Summer Creative Writing Camp
Just write it!
www.witshouston.org
mail@witshouston.org
Summer Creative Writing Camp offers a supportive environment where children engage in writing stories, poetry, essays, and plays. Through these activities, children discover the joy in writing, the intrigue of language, and the confidence of authorship. Students work with teachers and writers, and the low teacher-student ratios ensure individual attention. **Houston**

Summer Discovery Camps
They're serious, hands-on fun for kids ages 5-13!
www.thehealthmuseum.org/camps
camps@thehealthmuseum.org
Summer Discovery camps are hands-on science experiences for kids ages 5-13. These week-long day camp programs cover a variety of topics relating to health and medical science. Camps run June through August and include perennial favorites Mini Medical School (anatomy/physiology), Super Sleuths (forensics), and Savory Science (kitchen chemistry). **Houston**

Summer Institute for the Gifted
Find your SIG-nificance at UT Austin!
giftedstudy.org
sig.info@giftedstudy.org
SIG provides academically advanced students with an interesting and challenging educational experience. The program combines remarkable academic courses with cultural, social, and recreational opportunities. Our academic program provides students with academic challenges designed to fit their abilities and interests and the opportunity to engage with other students who have similar abilities and interests. **Austin**

Summer Math Institute
Students work and play hard and go home happy!
tams.unt.edu
wendy.boyd-brown@unt.edu
SMI is three week residential program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science (TAMS). The dates for the 2012 program are July 8-28. The program provides talented students with the opportunity to advance their mathematical skills through a self-paced educational environment. Participants enroll in a single class and have the possibility to master one year of high school mathematics. Participants may enroll in Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or Precalculus. Classes are taught by certified high school teachers, and class size is about 20 students. The program also facilitates friendships among bright young men and women who are equally passionate about learning. **Denton**

Summer Wonders
No Limits to Learning
summerwonders.org
klangdon@AustinGifted.org
Summer Wonders is a full or half-day program that allows students to explore diverse subjects in a challenging, creative environment through an integrative, hands-on non-traditional approach. While topics are academic in nature, they are presented in a fun, creative manner that inspires critical thinking and enables students to solve problems and effect discovery. **Austin**
Talented & Gifted: Texas A&M University Galveston
Career-Oriented Adventure Camps!
http://www.tamug.edu/seacamp/newweb/tag.html
seacamp@tamug.edu
Talented and Gifted (TAG) at Texas A&M University at Galveston is a career-oriented summer camp program for rising grades 8-12. Programs include: Marine Biology Research, Marine Science Research, Marine Engineering Technology, Veterinary Medicine, and Pre-Med. Galveston

TAS Archeological Field School
Learn about past cultures
http://www.txarch.org/Activities/fschool/index.html
pamwheatstranahan@gmail.com
Every year the Texas Archeological Society sponsors an archeological excavation to provide training in disciplined archeological techniques. The field school is designed to last eight days and each year is located in different areas of the state. Come along and learn more about the TAS Field School. Various Locations

Technology Summer Camps
Fun and enriching technology programs for kids
www.anmol-technologies.com
support@anmol-technologies.com
The following camps are offered for kids at various Round Rock locations: Game Design, Web Design, Robotics, Animation, and Programming. Round Rock

Texas Association of Student Councils
Summer Leadership Workshops
(For student council and NHS/NJHS members)
www.tasconline.org
terry@tassp.org
TASC’s summer leadership workshops are designed to help student leaders develop skills necessary to effectively lead organizations at the campus level. Delegates gain insight into their personal leadership strengths while learning skills and techniques to improve organization operation and to make a positive impact on their school, community, and the world. Led by experienced educators with a strong commitment to youth programs, the workshop program has a 50 year history of serving leaders in Texas. Various Cities

Texas Brigades Wildlife Education Program
Educating & Empowering Texas Youth
texasbrigades.org
hholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org
The Texas Brigades’ mission is to empower high school youth with the necessary skills and knowledge in wildlife and fisheries, habitat conservation, land and water stewardship, team-building, communication, and leadership to become ambassadors for conservation in order to ensure a sustained wildlife and fisheries legacy for future generations. San Antonio

Theatre Under The Stars Musical Theatre Camp
Musical Theatre Classes for ages 4 - 18
TUTS.com
education@tuts.com
A series of weekly performing arts camps focusing on a new musical theatre topic each week. A showcase is presented to family and friends at the end of the season. Choose one or all weeks of summer camp! No auditions required. Houston

Threshold: Summer Enrichment for Gifted Learners
Half-day (K-5) and full-day (6-10) summer enrichment program for gifted learners
www.threshold.hsutx.edu
threshold@hsutx.edu
Threshold at Hardin-Simmons University is a non-residential, summer enrichment program for gifted learners. Master’s degree level teachers engage children in active learning through problem-solving and higher-level thinking in a safe, inviting environment. This year’s theme, “Systems”, will lead students to investigate several aspects of scientific, environmental, and cultural systems. Abilene

A Trinity Summer
Trinity University pre-college program for academically talented rising high school seniors.
http://www.trinity.edu/departments/academic_affairs/ATS/index.htm
ats@trinity.edu
A Trinity Summer (ATS) is a pre-college program for students who have completed their junior year of high school. This special program provides academic preparation students can take into their senior year and beyond. Students practice college-level reading, writing, and speaking in a challenging, college-level environment. Former ATS students have found that the intellectual growth they experienced in the program combined with the added responsibility of living on Trinity’s campus prepared them for the transition from high school to college. San Antonio

TX Governor’s School: Math, Science & Technology
Nano Exploration - Macro Environment FREE TUITION
web3.unt.edu/tgs
txgovschool@unt.edu
Explore how current advances impact topics such as nanotechnology or wetland biology while working with award winning college professors and teachers. Other happenings include a trial for Galileo, Claymation art, writing skills, and work on educational plans. Social times include a cook-off, UNT Research Park visit, museum tours, and more. Denton
UT Arlington Engineering Summer Camps
Come see how engineers make the world better!
http://www.uta.edu/engineering/sumccamp/engineringoutreach@uta.edu
The Engineering and Computer Science Camps are one week camps designed to provide students with a broad exposure to the variety of engineering disciplines -- aerospace, biomedical, civil & environmental, computer science, electrical, materials science and mechanical -- plus related topics in chemistry and physics. Field trips to see engineering at area businesses and team projects supplement the classroom activities. Arlington

UT Arlington Band & Strings Camps
Concert and Jazz Bands for grades 7-12.
uta.edu/music/band/sumcamps.htm
bandofc@uta.edu
String Camp for elementary to high school students
uta.edu/music/summercamps/strings/
roycecoatney@sbcglobal.net
The UTA Summer Music Camps strive to provide each student an opportunity to work with and learn from the highest quality instructional staff from around the nation. It is our desire that each student return to their own group having grown musically and personally while at the same time enjoying all the fun and excitement of summer camp life. Arlington

UTSA Archaeology Summer Camp
Archaeological Awareness Through Public Education
http://car.utsa.edu/Legacy/Legacyhome.htm
CARlegacy@utsa.edu
The Legacy: Hands on the Past Program at the Center for Archaeological Research of UTSA hosts several one-week-long summer camps for 7 to 12 year-olds that are offered throughout the summer. Topics include: Indians of North America, Ancient Egypt, Underwater Archaeology, the Ancient Maya, and more. Please contact the Legacy Program for more information at (210)458-4462. San Antonio

Wonder-Space Computer & Technology Camp
A space for your mind to wonder
http://wstechcamp.com/
info@wonder-space.com
Summer day camp where kids ages 7-17 get to explore technology. Choose from video game design, media & graphics, or engineering & programming course, and have blast learning useful skills for the future. Houston

Youth Adventure Program - Texas A&M
Put Your Future in Focus!
http://www.youthadventureprogram.com
yap@tamu.edu
The YOUTH ADVENTURE PROGRAM (YAP) is a series of one week courses designed to encourage career exploration in fields of interest to gifted and talented students. YAP is held on the College Station campus of Texas A&M University. Applicants should be highly motivated to learn, think, and solve problems and should have a strong interest in future college, university, and/or professional school attendance. Enrollment is open to students entering the 6th-12th grades in the fall of 2012. College Station

Online, Out-of-State and Abroad Summer Programs

ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars
A program where gifted students feel at home.
advance.nsula.edu
palmerh@nsula.edu
ADVANCE is a three-week residential program offering a challenging curriculum for gifted students entering grades 8 through 12 next fall. ADVANCE provides a unique learning environment and a strong residential life component so that students have a great time while learning. Students enroll in one course for three weeks of in-depth study. Natchitoches, LA

Astronomy Camp
Experience science and technology in action.
astronomycamp.org
dmvccarthy@as.arizona.edu
Astronomy Camps are weeklong immersion adventures in DOING science. Students become astronomers operating large telescopes, interacting with leading scientists, and interpreting their own scientific measurements. The Camps are held at mountaintop observatories near Tucson, AZ. Students observe and record celestial objects to learn first-hand about astronomy, physics, mathematics, and engineering. Tucson, AZ

Center for Talent Development
Challenge, friendships, fun!
ctd.northwestern.edu/summer
summer@ctd.northwestern.edu
CTD’s Summer Program offers rigorous one-, two- and three-week enrichment, honors and AP courses designed to inspire and challenge gifted students in PreK through grade 12. Courses are complemented by social activities that promote friendships and fun. Residential options begin at grade 4. Brochure and application are available online. Evanston, IL
Civic Leadership Institute at NU's CTD
Change the World. Start Here!
citd.northwestern.edu/cep/programs/cli/
cep@northwestern.edu
Civic Leadership Institute (CLI) for high school students combines an innovative service-learning curriculum with an unforgettable residential experience in the heart of Chicago. Through challenging academics, community service, guest speakers & facilitated discussions, CLI helps students develop the knowledge and leadership skills to make a positive impact on the world! Chicago, IL

Davidson THINK Summer Institute
Always THINKing
DavidsonGifted.org/THINK
THINK@davidsongifted.org
THINK is a three-week residential summer program on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno where students can earn six college credits through completion of two university courses. The 2012 Davidson THINK Summer Institute will run from July 14 through August 4. Reno, NV

DayJams Rock Music Day Camp
America's Original Rock Music Day Camp
dayjams.com
info@dayjams.com
DayJams brings an outstanding music program to younger musicians, ages 8-15, in their own communities. Our professional staff of directors, music teachers, art teachers, recreation leaders, and counselors is committed to providing a safe, fun-filled week of music and creativity. Lakeside, CT

Duke TIP Summer Studies Programs
"A year is three weeks of Duke TIP and forty-nine weeks of waiting."
tip.duke.edu
tguidry@tip.duke.edu
Duke TIP Summer Studies Programs are superb academic opportunities and dynamic residential and social experiences for 7th through 10th graders. These three-week sessions are intense and demanding; students are challenged to think critically about themselves and their world. Various locations, USA and abroad

Duke TIP Field Studies and Institutes
tip.duke.edu
tguidry@tip.duke.edu
Duke TIP Field Studies offer challenging educational adventures to motivated, dedicated and talented high school students who possess a desire to learn in a unique setting in the U.S.or internationally. Duke TIP Institutes provide high school students the opportunity to experience college life first-hand.
Various locations, USA and abroad

EF Global Citizens Scholarship Tour to PERU
Life and Social Sciences Tour to PERU June 2012
www.eftours.com/globalcitizen
education.department@ef.com
Attention Global Citizens! Earn our 2012 EF Global Citizen Scholarship and join peers from across the country to travel for free on an educational tour to Peru in June 2012! Winners will be high school students devoted to promoting global awareness. Application deadline: Feb 1, 2012. Visit www.eftours.com/globalcitizen for details. Peru

Gifted LearningLinks
Vibrant online courses!
citd.northwestern.edu/gll
gll@northwestern.edu
Gifted LearningLinks, housed at Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development, engages students in a vibrant online learning community offering accredited enrichment, honors and AP® courses. All courses are developed and taught with the gifted learner in mind, by teachers with content area expertise and experience teaching gifted students. Online

Leadership Studies Program
For students who desire to learn leadership skills
http://www.usm.edu/gifted/sfy/leadership_studies_p
gifted.studies@usm.edu
The Leadership Studies Program, a one-week residential program is designed for students in grades six through eleven, who have a desire to develop and enhance their leadership abilities. Students will be housed in dormitories on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. Tuition includes room and board, recreational activities, and limited accident insurance. Hattiesburg, MS

Northwestern University Journalism
Five week journalism program
medillcherubs.org
r-boyer@northwestern.edu
Immersion in the news media and college living. Evanston, IL
OCU Summer Music Programs
The place to come if you're serious about music.
okcu.edu/music/academy
jmoad@okcu.edu
Our intensive pre-college programs are designed for serious students who want to develop their talents and be challenged by OCU's high standards. Our programs are chiefly directed and instructed by faculty from OCU's outstanding Bass School of Music and TheatreOCU. Oklahoma City, OK

Project MEGSSS
Discovering, inspiring and developing the talents of middle school students with extraordinary gifts in mathematics.
www.MEGSSS.org
nomination@megsss.org
Project MEGSSS accepts nominations of 5th and 6th grade students for the program. Introductory summer program can lead to a three year after-school program that covers material from the Elements of Mathematics curriculum, developed 30+ years ago specifically for highly gifted students interested in mathematics. St. Louis, MO

Reasoning Mind Math
Rethinking the future of math education
reasoningmind.org
gary.cheng@reasoningmind.org
Reasoning Mind is a powerful blend of technology and world-class math education for grades 2-6. Schools can run summer programs for whole classes; parents can purchase individual subscriptions for their children. An internationally recognized math curriculum that makes learning math fun! Endorsed by NCTQ and TEA. Online

Space Camp & Aviation Challenge
Where dreams become reality!
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kamid@spacecamp.com
Space Camp and Aviation Challenge are camp programs of the U.S. Space & Rocket Center. By focusing on space, aviation and teamwork, you will learn how to become the next generation of astronauts, fighter pilots, and leaders. Get ready for a week of non-stop fun and adventure. Visit spacecamp.com for details. Huntsville, AL

Summer Enrichment Program
A motivating, challenging & fun summer camp
unco.edu/SEP
sep@unco.edu
SEP us a 2-week residential program at the University of Northern Colorado consisting of high-interest, hands-on, brains-on, courses for gifted, talented, and creative students entering grades 5 through 10. Greeley, CO

THINK Summer Institute
THINK you can handle it?
DavidsonGifted.org/THINK
THINK@davidsongifted.org
THINK is a three-week residential summer program on the campus of the University of Nevada, Reno where students can earn six college credits through completion of two university courses. The 2012 THINK Summer Institute will run from July 9 through July 30. Reno, Nevada

University of Oregon Summer Enrichment Program
A two-week residential program offering 36 classes.
uoyoouth.org
sep@uoregon.edu
SEP is a two-week program providing challenging academic coursework and a wide range of social activities for gifted and highly able 6-10 grade students. Students are encouraged to construct their own schedules while at SEP, allowing them to cultivate their interests while simultaneously promoting their sense of independence and self-assurance. Eugene, OR

USM Summer Gifted Studies program
Designed to meet the unique needs of the gifted
usm.edu/gifted
frances.karnes@usm.edu
This one-week residential program enhances the cognitive abilities of gifted students through planned enrichment/acceleration activities. Content areas are combined with processing skills to enable students to explore a wide variety of topics. Students will be housed in dormitories on the campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. Instructional activities will be conducted in classrooms and laboratories on the campus. Recreational activities and cultural events will be included, based upon availability. Hattiesburg, MS

Listings are provided as a public service by TAGT; program providers are responsible for the content of their listings. Students may apply for scholarships to programs not listed here. Programs will be reviewed for eligibility at time of application.
Texas Association for the Gifted and Talented

Membership Application

connecting and empowering educators and parents to meet the unique needs of gifted and talented individuals through awareness, advocacy and action

Please Print:
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Email (required) ____________________________________________
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School District (or School) __________________________
TEA Region __________________________
Have you been a member of TAGT before? Yes No Referred by __________________________

Demographic Information:
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Ideal for active professional educators and supporters of G/T
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Email updates on TAGT awareness, advocacy and action

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Job Title ____________________________________________
Subject Area ____________________________________________
Grade Level(s) ____________________________________________

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Ideal for those making a career-long commitment to gifted education
All the benefits of Professional/Advocate for a lifetime

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