Get to Know
Arkansas Governor’s School
An Introduction
to One of Arkansas’ Most Prestigious
Academic Traditions

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AGS: Celebrating 40 Years of Inspiring Critical Thought

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”
—Benjamin Franklin

“What is important is to keep learning, to enjoy challenge and to tolerate ambiguity. In the end there are no certain answers.”
—Matina Horner

“Never let formal education get in the way of your learning.”
—Mark Twain
What is Arkansas Governor’s School?

AGS is a four-week summer residential program for gifted and talented students who are upcoming high school seniors and residents of Arkansas. State funds provide tuition, room, board and instructional materials for each student who attends the program on the site of a residential college campus.

Arkansas Governor’s School is a non-credit program that seeks to create a unique experience for a select group of Arkansas’ best students — the potential leaders of the 21st century. Both inside and outside the classrooms, AGS provides highly motivated, creative students with an intellectual atmosphere impossible to sustain in ordinary academic settings.

The excitement of intellectual and artistic pursuits and the expectation of significant conceptual gains permeate all aspects of the experience.

Who is Eligible to Attend AGS?

Nominees should have demonstrated:
- Creativity in academic or creative fields.
- Above average ability in the nominated discipline area (Area I).
- A high degree of self-motivation required to satisfy the program’s demanding requirements.
- The intellectual, social and emotional maturity required to thrive in an environment that emphasizes theoretical and process-related learning.

All students showing exceptional promise in visual art, choral music, instrumental music, drama, English/language arts, mathematics, natural science, social science and computer science (Area I) should be considered for nomination.

Visit www.atu.edu/ags for more.

How Do I Apply for Governor’s School?

Interested students will need to be nominated by their high school to attend Arkansas Governor’s School (AGS).

Complete the AGS Student Application Forms at www.atu.edu/ags/apply.php and submit it.

Students wishing to apply in drama, choral music, instrumental music and visual art must include a recorded presentation/audition. Instructions for preparing and uploading audition videos can be found here: https://bit.ly/2T3sUAf.

Select an educator to submit a teacher recommendation who is familiar with your interests and ability in the specific subject area. If a student applies in two subject areas, then one teacher recommendation may be submitted for each area.