

**APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION/  
OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY/  
OAK RIDGE ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES**

**2014 MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SCIENCE ACADEMY**

**Criteria for Participant Selection**

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC), Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) and Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) have established the following criteria for selecting participants for the Middle School Summer Science Academy. Appalachian states have the flexibility to add criteria, provided they do not conflict with those given below.

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Student participants must be between 12 and 14 years old on July 13, 2014.
- All participants must be U.S. citizens. (Required to obtain necessary security clearance to enter ORNL facilities.)
- Student participants must attend a public school in a designated Appalachian county (<http://www.arc.gov/counties>) and plan to enroll in a public school in an Appalachian county for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Children of employees of Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Oak Ridge Associated Universities are not eligible to participate.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Schools Represented. States are encouraged to nominate two participants plus two or three additional students from the same school as "alternates." Selecting students from the same school facilitates travel arrangements and enhances the experience; alternates are selected when one of the participant nominees is unable to attend or there are other openings.
- Participation in Other Programs. Students who have not had an opportunity to participate in previous Oak Ridge or similar math and science programs will be given priority.
- Academic Requirements. ARC has not established academic requirements for participation. Students who show potential in math and/or science and are not currently taking higher-level classes, but may consider taking such classes with additional encouragement. Priority is given to students who would be first-generation college-going. There is no minimum grade point average required for participation.

*Program is dependent upon availability of funding.*