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## **Free Summer Opportunity for Appalachian Students and Teachers**

Applications for the *2016 Appalachian Regional Commission/Oak Ridge National Laboratory Summer Math-Science-Technology Institute and Summer Science Academy* are now available. All middle school and high school students interested in math, science and technology who attend a public school in Appalachian Ohio are encouraged to apply. The Institute will take place at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, from July 9-22, 2016 for high school students and teachers; and from July 17-22, 2016 for middle school students.

“The Institute is for students who need the confidence to pursue careers in math, science, and technology,” said Jason Wilson, director of the Governor’s Office of Appalachia. “By working on real-world projects with professionals in these fields, students can see how their interests translate into tangible careers.”

Middle school participants must be between 12 and 14 years old on July 17, 2016. High school participants must be at least 16 years old by July 9, 2016. Students will be chaperoned 24 hours a day, and all major expenses, including meals, lodging, transportation to and from the participant’s home, and local transportation, will be covered. Appalachian high school teachers (grades 9-12) in the math, science and technology disciplines are also eligible to apply and will receive a stipend for their participation.

Applications are available on the [Governor’s Office of Appalachia website](#). Application materials must be submitted directly to the Governor’s Office of Appalachia and postmarked no later than **March 7, 2016**.

Students or parents with questions can call the Governor’s Office of Appalachia at (614) 644-9228.

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