2017 Summer Transportation Institute Information Sheet

Benedict College will host the 2017 Summer Transportation Institute (STI) “A Journey to New Heights: Building 21st Century Transportation Leaders.” The program is designed for rising 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students and will be held June 4, 2017 through June 29, 2017. The purpose of this Institute is to create awareness and stimulate interest in the transportation industry for secondary school students. The four-week residential program is a structured learning opportunity for high school students in South Carolina. The STI is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT).

This curriculum will include and focus on educational endeavors that will (1) expose the participants to all aspects of the transportation industry and its role in our society; and (2) create awareness and stimulate interest in the participants to take advantage of the opportunities that exist in the transportation industry, including highway construction and related technology careers. STI participants will participate in SAT prep courses, innovative classroom session, transportation related field trips, and high level transportation professionals. STI participants will also be exposed to life skills training including time management, study habits, sports/recreation and forums that promote high academic achievement and self-awareness activities.

Approximately thirty (30) 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will receive full scholarships to participate in the four-week summer institute. Scholarships will cover the following expenses:

- Tuition Information Sessions
- On-Campus Lodging
- Educational Field Trips
- Daily Meals
- Instructors
- Equipment and Supplies
- Speakers
- Lab Fees

The application has been sent to public and private secondary schools and to various faith-based and community-based organizations across the state of South Carolina. Please share this information with eligible students and assist them with completing the application packet.

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Students will be notified of their selection no later than May 19, 2017.

The following criteria will be used in the selection of scholarship recipients:

1. Students should be in the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade for the 2017-2018 school year.

2. Students should have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 (Submit official transcript).

3. Students should have an interest in an engineering-, science-, transportation-, or technology-based career.

4. Students must submit two letters of recommendation, one (1) from a school science, mathematics or technology instructor, and one (1) from someone familiar with their academic performance, character, career aspirations, or community service. Letters are to comment on the students’ scholarly activities, conduct, and ability to work as a member of a team. The reference letter should indicate how long the writer has known the applicant.

5. Students must submit a typed essay expressing an interest in a transportation, engineering, science, or technology related career. (“Why I want to participate in the Summer Transportation Institute (STI) and how it can assist in meeting my career goals”)

6. The students’ ability to attend the entire program. Students are required to remain with the program the entire period. They will arrive on campus between 5-9 p.m. on Sundays (except for orientation Sunday; they are required to arrive by 5 p.m.), and return home on Thursdays at the conclusion of each week.

The selection committee will also consider the geographical location of the applicants to ensure representation from all regions of the state of South Carolina.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO THE ADDRESS BELOW:

Benedict College
Attn: Vareva E. Harris, Associate Vice President
1517 Gregg Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Applications must be received by April 30, 2017.
Only completed applications will be considered.

For additional information please contact us at 803-705-4616.

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