

University of Missouri  
2012 Missouri Scholars Academy  
**FACT SHEET FOR RESIDENT ASSISTANT**

**APPLICATIONS**

Applications for resident assistants (RAs) for the 2012 Missouri Scholars Academy must be **received** by Friday, January 13, 2012. All inquiries about teaching positions and completed applications should be addressed to Dr. Theodore Tarkow, Associate Dean, University of Missouri, College of Arts and Science, 317 Lowry Hall, Columbia, MO 65211, (573) 882-4421. **In-person interviews are required for all positions with the Academy.** Selected applicants will be interviewed during late January or early February. However, in special circumstances (such as out-of-state residence); the Academy will make every effort to arrange an interview in late December. This will, of course, require submission of the application earlier than the January deadline.

**SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Each RA will work closely with 15-20 "rising high school juniors," assisting and advising them. Resident assistants will help create an atmosphere that encourages students to take advantage of all that the Academy has to offer. They insure that rules and regulations of the Academy are followed. The RAs also assist with the academic and/or extracurricular programs, under the supervision of the coordinator of residential life and according to their own talents and interests. For one hour each weekday, RAs will help lead small group discussion sessions that are part of the Academy's personal and social dynamics curriculum; discussion topics are selected by special coordinators. Candidates for the position should have experience working with high school students (especially those who are academically gifted). Experience as a resident assistant at a college or university would be helpful.

**TIME TABLE**

Faculty/Staff Workshop	A Saturday in April- to be determined
RA Preparations	June 6-9, 2012
Academy Faculty/Staff Orientation	June 8-9, 2012
Academy	June 10-30, 2012
Post- Academy Activities	June 30-July 1, 2012

**SALARY, HOUSING AND MEALS**

Resident assistants will receive \$1,500. Room and board at the Academy will be provided; some meals before and after the Academy will not be provided. Transportation to and from Columbia will not be reimbursed.

**Completed applications must be received by January 13, 2012.**

Return completed application for **resident assistant** to:

Dr. Theodore A. Tarkow, Associate Dean  
University of Missouri-Columbia  
College of Arts and Science  
317 Lowry Hall  
Columbia, MO 65211  
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10. **Volunteer Work Experience.** Beginning with your most recent experience, briefly describe volunteer work within the past 10 years.

Location

Dates

Duties

11. **Youth Group Leadership.** List student organizations or activities which you have sponsored or supervised in the past five years.

Name of School, Agency, Firm, etc.

Dates

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12. **References.** Give the names, addresses and telephone numbers of four persons who have firsthand knowledge about your training, experience and other qualifications for the position you are seeking. The selection committee may contact these individuals.

13. **Professional Activities.** List organizations or societies in which you are a member. Note leadership positions.

14. Why are you interested in working in the Scholars Academy? (2300 characters)

15. Describe yourself as a resident assistant. (2300 characters)

16. What does “gifted” mean to you? (2300 characters)

17. What would you do during the first week of the Academy if a student said, "I don't like this program. I'm going home!" (3000)
18. All staff members of the 2012 Missouri Scholars Academy are expected to contribute fully to the purpose of the Academy, which is to provide approximately 330 gifted students with an extraordinary range of intellectually challenging activities. Describe ways in which you might contribute to the unique environment of the Academy. (2300)

19. List three books you have read and describe how they have influenced your thinking or your career.

Book one (1400 characters)

Book two (1400 characters)

Book three (1400 characters)