

**DO NOT RETURN WITH NOMINATION**

**The MSA Scholar**

School personnel should give careful consideration to the type of student they nominate for the Missouri Scholars Academy. Students should have a clear understanding of the academic focus of the Academy and the desire to participate fully in this three-week academic experience. Potential MSA scholars should have demonstrated intellectual emotional maturity with the personal commitment and responsibility to meet the daily expectations of the program.

Students nominated should:

Be intellectually curious and flexible enough to explore new ideas and approaches, adapt to new situations, and view problems from more than one perspective;

Have a broad range of interests (not to be confused with a broad range of activities);

Be willing to participate energetically in the academic and residential life of the program;

Demonstrate ability to think analytically and conceptually, and to generate many alternatives;

Be a self-starter, independent, and willing to take risks;

Be emotionally stable and socially mature, honest, considerate of others, and responsible for personal behavior;

Be able to express himself/herself in writing, orally, or in the arts;

Have a sense of humor.

It is also vital that school personnel responsible for students' nominations recognize the importance of continuity to the Missouri Scholars Academy experience. They must nominate only students who are committed to enthusiastically participating in the program and remaining for the entire three weeks without interruption, except for illness or emergencies.

The Missouri Scholars Academy Program considers it unethical and unfair to other students for a student to accept a nomination, knowing in advance that permission will be sought at a later date to be absent during the program.

