

THE WESTON SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Criteria for admissions to the Weston Science Scholars Program for ninth, tenth and eleventh graders from Montclair High School.

- A serious interest in fields of science and mathematics.
- Superior skills in the disciplines of science and mathematics as evidenced by recent grades or other indicators.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, as evidenced through the evaluation of an essay and a formal interview.
- Personal qualities: hard working, responsible, enthusiastic and able to work well with others.
- Willingness to participate in some form of community service approved by director and co-director. 20 hours required by December 1, 2012.

Application packages (registration form, science and math recommendation forms and essay question) can be obtained from and returned to Mrs. Dede Portas OR Mrs. English at Montclair High School by Friday, January 28, 2011. Forty five scholars will be chosen for this program. *Please NOTE: All completed math and science teacher recommendations will be directly submitted to Mrs. Portas or Mrs. English.*

Tuition Required: \$500.00

A \$250.00 deposit must be submitted before the first fieldtrip-Saturday, March 31, 2012

Balance of the tuition due: May 1, 2012

If the total amount is not paid by this date, students will not be allowed to continue with the program.

This program offers 7.5 high school credits upon completion. Since credits are awarded on contact hours, scholars are permitted to miss NO more than 2 fieldtrips before credits will be deducted.

Please check the Calendar of Events-2012

For dates and times of fieldtrips and activities

- American Museum of Natural History: Saturday, March 31, 2012
- Kidney Transplant-: Liberty Science Center: Tuesday, April 10, 2012
- Human DNA Investigation(analysis of scholars own DNA)-2.5 hours
With Dr. Jack Gaynor, either Tuesday, May 29 or Wednesday, May 30, 2012
 - Research Component begins Monday, June 25, 2012

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OPEN HOUSE

**THURSDAY
JANUARY 12, 2012
RICHARDSON HALL, ROOM 120
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

**PLEASE USE THE RED HAWK PARKING DECK
Or Metered Stalls In Parking Lot #17**

- **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM**
- **SAMPLE MENTORS DESCRIBE THEIR RESEARCH**
 - **TOUR THE FACILITIES**
 - **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT: LYNN ENGLISH-DIRECTOR
WESTON SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM
SCIENCE HALL, ROOM 113
OFFICE: (973) 655-5101
englishl@mail.montclair.edu

or
DEDE PORTAS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
(973) 509-4100 EX. 4113
dportas@montclair.k12.nj.us

Work Ethic	1 2 3 4 N/O	Does this student work best alone or collaboratively?	
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Please use this space for any additional comments on behalf of this student's candidacy.
(In what other capacity have you known the applicant? How long have you known the applicant?)

Please return all questionnaires to Dede Portas or Lynn English by Tuesday, January 31, 2012
We thank you for your time and support!!!!

I recommend DO NOT recommend this applicant for THE WESTON SCIENCE SCHOLARS PROGRAM.

This information will be held confidential. Please be honest!

FACULTY REFERENCE INFORMATION:

Name: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Department: _____

Phone extension: _____ Email address: _____

WESTON TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM(MATH OR SCIENCE)

Please type or print all information

Student Name _____

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Grade: 9 10 or ___11 Grade First 1st Marking Period: _____ 2nd: _____

Citizenship Grade(Behavior): 1st Period: _____ 2nd : _____

Name of High School Reference: _____

Academic Course taken by Applicant: _____

Below Average = 1

Average=2

Above Average 3

Outstanding=4 No Observation

Characteristics	Circle One	Characteristics	Circle One
Academic motivation	1 2 3 4 N/O	Leadership	1 2 3 4 N/O
Academic growth	1 2 3 4 N/O	Creativity	1 2 3 4 N/O
Academic potential	1 2 3 4 N/O	Energy	1 2 3 4 N/O
Respect accorded by faculty	1 2 3 4 N/O	Emotional maturity	1 2 3 4 N/O
Willingness to take intellectual risks	1 2 3 4 N/O	Respect for authority	1 2 3 4 N/O
Ability to effectively handle/accept challenges	1 2 3 4 N/O	Overall potential for achievement	1 2 3 4 N/O
Academic confidence	1 2 3 4 N/O	Reaction to setbacks	1 2 3 4 N/O
Timely submission of assignments	1 2 3 4 N/O	Personal initiative	1 2 3 4 N/O
Breadth of knowledge and interests	1 2 3 4 N/O	Concern for others	1 2 3 4 N/O
Communication skills	1 2 3 4 N/O	Self-esteem	1 2 3 4 N/O
Oratory skills	1 2 3 4 N/O	Concern for self	1 2 3 4 N/O
Enthusiasm	1 2 3 4 N/O	Sense of humor	1 2 3 4 N/O
Honesty/integrity*****	1 2 3 4 N/O	Self discipline	1 2 3 4 N/O
Academic qualities	1 2 3 4 N/O	Extracurricular involvement	1 2 3 4 N/O
Character and personal qualities	1 2 3 4 N/O	Overall assessment	1 2 3 4 N/O
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Frequently Asked Questions

About the Weston Program Application Process

1. When does the research component start for the summer of 2011?

The research component begins Monday, June 25, 2012

The program culminates Thursday, July 26, 2012

2. When are completed applications due?

Completed application due by January 31, 2012 to either Mrs. Portas or Mrs. English

3. What is needed for the completed application?

A. Application page with contact information which will be needed to be signed by applicant and parent(or caregiver)

B. Written essay

4. What about the teacher recommendations?

There are two teacher recommendation forms. One is to be given to your math teacher and one is to be given to your science teacher. These forms will be returned directly to Mrs. Portas or Mrs. English for review.

5. If the applicant or parents need further information, please contact either:

**Mrs. Portas-Co-director Weston program
973-509-4100 or dportas@montclair.k12.nj.us
Mrs. Lynn English-Co-director Weston program
973-655-5101 or englishl@mail.montclair.edu**

6. Once the application is submitted, applicants will be contacted by letter indicating date/time for an interview. All interviews will be held in the Montclair High School library during the month of February. Acceptance letters will be mailed Friday, March 2, 2012.

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2012 WRITING REQUIREMENT

You will prepare a response to the following collect essay questions. Your essay should be well organized, with cohesive concepts based on honesty, passion and past scientific experiences. The essay should be one page, double spaced, 12 size font and a Times New Roman font face, with a 1.0 inch left margin and 1.0 inch right margin in.

Why do you want to participate in this program? What do you hope to get out of it or achieve? How will this benefit you in the future? What are your expectations both emotionally and academically?

Please be prepared to discuss your essay at your interview!