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## **CLOSING THE GAPS (GIRLS AREN'T PURSUING SCIENCE): A SUMMER INSTITUTE TO FOSTER WOMEN SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS**

- Session I: Grade 9<sup>th</sup> ( June 19 – June 23)       Session II: Grade 10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> (June 26 – June 30)

### **APPLICATION | SUMMER 2017**

Congratulations! You're making the first step to your future in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)! Closing the GAPS (Girls Aren't Pursuing Science) offers a week-long day camp targeting female participants from the Rio Grande Valley area. All accepted participants will attend this camp without any cost to them or their families. All the camps meet from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

#### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

Use this list to make you are eligible and your application is complete.

- I am a female student who is at least 14 years old and not older than 21 on the first day of the summer institute.
- I am starting 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2017-2018 academic year
- I am a U.S. citizen or noncitizen authorized to work in the United States...
- I have a minimum grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.0 in math and science courses.
- I have completed the Closing the GAPS application.
- I have completed the parent/guardian information, and permission slips.
- I have submitted a Nomination Form from one of my current or former mathematics/science teacher or school counselor.
- I have submitted my final report card from the previous academic year and a currently report card.
- I have submitted a 100-200 word essay responding to the following prompt: Why do you want to attend the "Closing the GAPS Summer Institute"?

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15, 2017**

Once your application is complete, hand deliver it to ( before 4:00 pm):  
TSC STEM Division –GAPS Summer Institute (Attn: Martha Casquette),  
SETB 2.342, 80 Fort Brown, Brownsville, TX



**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION**

Please initial to show that you agree with each of the following statements

\_\_\_\_ I am the parent/legal guardian of the student named in this application.

\_\_\_\_ I give my child permission to attend Closing the GAPS Summer Institute

\_\_\_\_ I understand there is a maximum of one (1) excused absence for illness or bereavement only.

\_\_\_\_ I understand my child must strictly follow all Closing the GAPS Summer Institute and host institution rules

\_\_\_\_ I understand Closing the GAPS has a zero tolerance policy for noncompliance with all Closing the GAPS and/or host institution's rules and policies. In the event of a violation, the camp site director or co-director may dismiss my student from the program.

Does this student reside with you?  Yes  No

Signature of Parent, Managing Conservator, or Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent, Managing Conservator, or Guardian:

\_\_\_\_\_

**For TSC use only:**

RECEIVED INITIALLY ____/____/____	<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLETE <input type="checkbox"/> INCOMPLETE	MISSING	DATE COMPLETED ____/____/____
MATH	SCIENCE	ENGLISH	AVERAGE
ESSAY: YES NO	SCHOOL NAME		

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**RULES AND CODE OF CONDUCT | SUMMER 2017**

Closing the GAPS Summer Institute staff will provide a safe and constructive learning environment for all participants. To ensure this, students must follow rules. In addition, the following behaviors will not be tolerated during the summer institute.

- Angry or vulgar language including swearing, name-calling and shouting.
- Using language which is offensive, sexist, or racist.
- Physical contact with another person in any aggressive or threatening way.
- Harassment or intimidation by words, gestures, body language, name-calling or any other menacing behavior towards instructors, fellow classmates or others involved in the camp activities.
- Horseplay of any kind.
- Failure to follow safety procedures, as directed by the instructor.
- Actions that make it difficult for instructors and others to deliver their presentations.
- Behaviors include, but not limited to, talking out of turn, interrupting, sleeping, listening to music, or text messaging.
- Behavior that intends to or results in the theft or destruction of property.
- The sale, possession, distribution of any illegal controlled substance.
- Cigarettes, or any tobacco products, alcohol, non-prescribed drugs, weapons and pornographic material are prohibited from campus.

Any breach of the Rules or the Code of Conduct will initiate disciplinary action. Texas Southmost College reserves the right to suspend or dismiss a student's participation in camp activities, if such disciplinary action is required.

**Agreement**

I have read and agree to adhere to the above Rules and Code of Conduct of *Closing the GAPS: A Summer Institute to Foster Women Scientists and Engineers*. My child and I fully understand the Rules and Code of Conduct as detailed above, and I agree to disciplinary consequences if they are breached.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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**NOMINATION FORM | SUMMER 2017**

This student is applying to the Closing the GAPS Summer Institute at Texas Southmost College. In order to apply, students must submit a recommendation from math/science teacher or school counselor. Please complete this form and return to the student. It must be attached to the rest of their application and submitted by May 15, 2017 (before 4:00 pm).

**PART 1** – To be completed by the student

**Legal Name:**

Last: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

2016-17 Grade Level:  8<sup>th</sup>  9<sup>th</sup>  10<sup>th</sup>  11<sup>th</sup> School District: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School: \_\_\_\_\_

**PART 2** – To be completed by the math/science teacher or school counselor.

Please give us your honest assessment of this student’s desire and ability to learn. She is being considered for admission to the Closing the GAPS Summer Institute.

A. Check the appropriate column for each characteristic listed.

CHARACTERISTIC	EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	POOR
Academic performance				
Conduct in class				
Willingly participates in class				
Respects others and property				
Ability to follow instructions				
Completes assignments on time				
Analytical thinking skills				
Maturity				
Punctuality				
Eager to learn new things				



B. Please provide comments on motivation, behavior, personality, strengths or weaknesses that you feel are pertinent to the student's performance in the Closing the GAPS Summer Institute. If the student fails to satisfy some academic requirements, please explain in detail. Additional comments may be written on a separate sheet.

C. Teaching Assignment (grade level & discipline): \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Printed Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_