



USDA Agricultural Research Service
National Center for Agricultural Utilization Research (NCAUR)

Application for: Student Researcher Program at the USDA ARS NCAUR (The Ag Lab)

Dear Prospective Student Researcher:

To be eligible to participate in the Student Researcher Program, you must be a HS student in the 11th or 12th grade, with 4 semesters of High School lab science and in good academic standing. Students who are selected are chosen on the basis of demonstrated skills and merit. Participation in the program is limited to once per student. A nonrefundable \$20 registration fee will be required to cover the cost of the program to be held on Tuesday, November 8th.

To apply to the Student Researcher Program, follow the steps listed below.

- A. Complete the Student Application Form
- B. Complete the short essay
- C. Attach a copy of your full transcript to date
- D. Attach the Reference Form completed by a teacher, counselor or coach (in a sealed envelope)

**Applications must be postdated or delivered to the lab by:
September 30, 2011**

**USDA – ARS – NCAUR
Student Researcher Program
1815 N University St
Peoria IL 61604**

**Selections will be made and students and schools will be notified by
October 16, 2011**

Questions? Contact:

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*Biology / Chemical Engineering / Chemistry / Entomology / Food Technology / Genetics / Microbiology
Molecular Genetics / Physical Science / Plant Pathology / Plant Physiology*



NCAUR Student Researcher Application

High School Enrichment Program—November 8, 2011

Application Deadline: September 30, 2011

A. Personal Information

Name: _____ Male ___ Female ___
Last, First

Address: _____
Street

City, State, and Zip Code

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

Birthdate (m/d/y) _____ Grade in School _____

Are you a US Citizen? yes _____ no _____

Parent's (Legal Guardian's) Name: _____

Parent's address (If different from above): _____

Parent's telephone: _____ Parent's email: _____
(If different from above)

School currently attending: _____

Street

City, State and Zipcode

School telephone number: _____

Subject Experience: Please list all math and science courses taken:

B. Essay

On a separate sheet, attach an essay of not more than 300 words answering the following question: *How do you believe this program will help you determine your career path?*

Signature of Applicant

Date

C. Grades

Please enclose a copy of your full transcript to date. We're interested in what courses you've taken and where you are in your educational path. We will look at grades as only one portion of your overall application. So, if your grades aren't stellar, don't be discouraged; please submit an application anyway!

D. Recommendations

Have a teacher or coach who knows you well complete a Reference Form and **submit that form, in a sealed envelope**, with your application.

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D. Reference Form

_____ has identified you as a reference to the NCAUR Student Researcher program. Please complete this reference form, seal it in an envelope, and sign across the flap before returning it to the student.

How long have you known the student? _____

Please rate this student's overall academic performance in comparison to his/her peers:

Superior good average poor

Please rate this student's overall character in comparison to his/her peers:

Superior good average poor

On a scale of 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest), rate the student on the following

_____ self discipline	_____ leadership
_____ ability to follow directions	_____ independence
_____ initiative	_____ reliability
_____ cooperation	_____ academic ability
_____ originality	_____ integrity

Please add any information you would like us to consider in evaluating this student for the program.

Print Name: _____ Position: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

School: _____

Email: _____ Ph: _____

Thank you for your cooperation!