



Saint Thomas Science Scholars provides an opportunity for high school students to explore the many exciting and challenging options in the health professions. Through collaboration between Saint Thomas Hospital and PENCIL Foundation, a select group of high school sophomores attend Saturday morning sessions at the hospital, conducted by health care professionals including doctors, nurses, emergency room technicians, and therapists. See our website for more information about the program, http://www.pencilfd.org/saint_thomas

Each high school in Metro Nashville Public Schools may submit applications for two current freshman candidates as well as applications for alternates for this program.

TO BE A SAINT THOMAS SCHOLAR, A STUDENT MUST:

- Be currently enrolled as a ninth-grader in an honors curriculum
- Be satisfactorily completing biology by the end of ninth grade
- Be a sophomore during the time enrolled in the Scholars program
- Have an interest in learning about healthcare and healthcare professions
- Demonstrate an interest in and curiosity about science
- Possess the maturity to attend educational sessions in a hospital environment

EXPECTATIONS OF SAINT THOMAS SCHOLARS

- Once accepted into the program, each student is required to attend an orientation session in September at Saint Thomas Hospital.
- The six learning sessions will be held on Saturdays (8:30 a.m.-noon) at the hospital throughout the school year. Scholars are expected to participate fully in all sessions.
- Certificates are awarded to students who complete the program. No more than two sessions can be missed in order to receive the certificate.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Any interested ninth-grade student in Metro Schools, meeting the criteria listed above, may submit an application. This must include an endorsement by his or her current science teacher. In order to provide a full range of hands-on experience, participation will be limited.

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY Thursday, March 31st.

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SAINT THOMAS SCIENCE SCHOLARS APPLICATION 2011-2012

Student Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Special Interests/Extracurricular Activities _____

High School _____

Science Teacher _____

Current science class _____

AGREEMENT

After reading the Saint Thomas Scholars' criteria and expectations, we believe that _____ would be an ideal candidate.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

PENCIL's Saint Thomas Science Scholars program director will contact students accepted into the program by mail before the last day of school to confirm their participation.

Questions? Please contact Nikki Baker, nbaker@pencilfd.org 242-3167, ext 231.

Student Name: _____

STUDENT'S STATEMENT : Why would you like to be a Saint Thomas Science Scholar?

SCIENCE TEACHER'S ENDORSEMENT: Why are you recommending this student to be a Saint Thomas Science Scholar?