



2013 Camp College at Western Illinois University July 8 – July 11, 2013

What is it?

Through the support of the Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC), *Camp College* is a free opportunity for rising seniors to learn about aspects of the college search and application process from college and high school counselors. Students will be able to have the experience of living on a college campus, while attending sessions on the college application process. Camp College will take place at Western Illinois University in Macomb, IL. Students will be provided food and lodging free of cost.

Sessions will include:

- **Did you know?:** Attend academic sessions to learn about your major of interest
- **Finding your “FIT”:** How to research a colleges and what college works for you
- **The meaning behind the rankings**
- **Traveling Abroad:** What else do I need other than my passport?
- **Preparation for the 3 C’s** (College Fair, Campus visit, Campus or Off- Campus Interview)
- **I am more than just my transcript:** Essay sessions I &II
- **Money Matters:** My financial aid plan for 4 years
- **Mini-College fair**
- **Do tests matter?:** The ACT & SAT
- **Mock Admissions Committee**
- **What should I expect when I get to College?**
- **Being away from home:** Budgeting, Credit Card Safety, and Reputation management
- **Senior Year Calendar**

Campers will also be paired with a counselor-mentor who they retain for the school year.

When will it take place?

Students are expected to arrive on **Monday July 8, 2013** (specific time TBA) and will depart in the afternoon of **Thursday, July 11, 2013**.

What does it cost?

Students will pay a \$20 deposit that will be refunded at the program’s conclusion. Because of the generous support of IACAC and other sponsors, the camp can be offered with no cost to the students.

How will students get to WIU for the camp?

If possible, students should provide their own transportation to Camp College. Depending on the location of selected students as well as their transportation needs, Camp College may provide buses to pick up students in centralized locations and then bring them back to those locations on the final day of the

program. Please indicate on the application the student's transportation options. If a student has a unique transportation issue, please indicate that on the application.

Who should apply?

This program is designed for students from non-traditional backgrounds who would benefit from exposure to this information. The selection committee will give additional consideration to students from rural areas, first-generation college students, and students from low-income households. ***Students should have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.***

What is the application process?

1. The process starts with an application from the student with the nomination filled out by an adult familiar with the student. The form can be emailed, mailed, or faxed to Brenda Bremicker, Crystal Lake Central High School. Three students per school are permitted to apply. The committee would like to have a broad range of students from different backgrounds, schools, and areas of the state. ***The deadline for applications is Friday, March 15, 2013.***
2. The committee will select approximately forty students to participate in the program. ***Students will be notified of their selection by Wednesday, May 15, 2013.***
3. Selected students will have their parents or guardians sign a permission form and send in a \$20 deposit by Monday, June 10, 2013. (The \$20 will be refunded upon completion of the program.)

Where do I send the application?

Applications and questions concerning Camp College can be sent to Brenda Bremicker at bbremicker@d155.org. Applications can be sent via email, mail, or fax to:

Brenda Bremicker
Career Center Supervisor
Crystal Lake Central High School
45 W. Franklin
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Phone: 815-459-2505 ext. 2256

Fax: 815-459-4169

Email: bbremicker@d155.org

Thanks for your interest in ***IACAC Camp College***. With your help we hope to make this a beneficial experience for your students.



2013 IACAC Camp College Student Application
Application Deadline: Friday, March 15th, 2013

Instructions: Students should complete **Part 1** of the application, including the written statement, and return it to their nominator along with a stamped, addressed envelope if it is to be mailed. **Nominators** should complete **Part 2** of the application and email, mail or fax the complete set to the address noted above.

Part 1 – To be completed by student:

Student's Name: _____
Last First

Address: _____
Street Apt.

City State County Zip

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Gender: Male Female

Ethnicity: Asian Black/African American Hispanic/Latino Native American White
 Multicultural

Parent/Guardian: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

High School: _____
Name City Zip

High School Counselor: _____ Email: _____

Grade Level: _____ Cumulative GPA (4.0 Scale): _____

Class Rank (if applicable): _____ PLAN or ACT Score: _____

Does your high school offer a college preparatory/awareness course? Yes No
(A class in which time is devoted to college applications, personal statements, college visits/tours, etc.)

Have you ever enrolled in the course? Yes No

Name of Course: _____ Grade Level when Taken: _____

Have you been in a similar course/program via a community based organization? Yes No
(Chicago Scholars, HighSight, LINK Unlimited, Upward Bound, etc.)

Have either of your parents completed a Bachelor's degree? Yes No

Institution Degree Completed at: _____

Your Intended College Major: _____ (or) Undecided: _____

Will you need assistance with transportation to Western Illinois University? Yes No

If yes, would you be able to get to a common meeting point for a bus pickup? Yes No

Written Statement:

(Suggested length: 250-500 words)

Please address the following statement prompts, being as thoughtful and thorough as possible in your response:

What influenced your decision to apply to Camp College? Why do you feel you would be good candidate for this opportunity, and how do you see yourself benefiting from this experience? How much do you feel you currently know about college (from selection to admission to college life), and what do you hope to gain from this program that will help you as you move forward along your educational pathway?

NOTE: Students must also include either an official or unofficial high school transcript in order to complete the application process.

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Part 2 – To be completed by nominator

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

High School/Agency Name: _____

High School/Agency Address: _____

Does your high school/agency have a staff member who is solely responsible for college counseling or college access support? Yes No

Percentage (%) of College Bound Students Graduating from your High School/Agency: _____

% Going to 4-year Institution: _____ % Going to 2-year Institution: _____

If you have access to your high school's profile, please send it along with this application if possible.

Relationship to Student: _____

Student's Grade Level: _____ Cumulative GPA (4.0 Scale): _____

Class Rank (if applicable): _____ PLAN or ACT Score: _____

Does this student qualify for free and reduced lunch? Yes No

How do you believe this student would benefit from this program?

Signature: _____ Date: _____