



2014 Camp College at Western Illinois University
July 8 – July 11, 2014

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, Monmouth College in Monmouth, IL, Knox College in Galesburg, IL, and Augustana College in Rock Island, 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 colleges and what college works for you
- **The meaning behind the rankings**
- **Traveling Abroad:** Besides my passport, what should I bring?
- **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 **Tuesday, July 8, 2014** (specific time TBA) and will depart in the afternoon of **Friday, July 11, 2014**.

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 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 who will be seniors in the fall of 2014 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?

When the application materials become available in January, students can begin the 4-step process.

STEP 1: Students need to submit a Camp College application by Friday, March 14th. You may submit the application online (preferred) or print and mail the application to the address below.

STEP 2: Students must have a school counselor, teacher, or other adult associated with a school or community based organization submit the Camp College Nominator Form. Nominators may submit this form online or print and mail the form to the address below.

Note to nominators: You may recommend up to 3 students from one school for Camp College.

STEP 3: Students must PRINT and mail or e-mail the 5 page waiver document and mail it to the address below.

The deadline for all of the above 3 steps is Friday, March 14th

STEP 4: The committee will select approximately forty students to participate in the program. **Students will be notified of their selection by Friday, May 2nd, 2014.** Selected students will be mailed and e-mailed a final permission form and must return the form signed by a parent with a \$20 deposit by **Friday, May 30th, 2014**, to reserve their spot.

Where do I send the application AND waiver documents?

Scanned paper applications, scanned waiver documents, and questions concerning Camp College can be sent to iacaccampcollege@gmail.com

Paper applications and waiver documents can be sent via mail to:

April A. Ponte
Office of Undergraduate Admissions
901 West Illinois Street
Urbana, IL 61801

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



2014 IACAC Camp College Student Application
Application Deadline: Friday, March 14th, 2014

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, or mail 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:

Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone:

Parent/Guardian 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.)

If yes, 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 Camp College? 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: 350-500 words, please attach another page if necessary)

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

Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family.

NOTE: Students must also submit either an official or unofficial high school transcript in order to complete the application process. Students may e-mail unofficial copies to iacaccampcollege@gmail.com or mail official or unofficial copies to the address below.

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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: _____

To your knowledge, does this student qualify for free and reduced lunch? Yes No

How do you believe this student would benefit from this program? (attach another sheet if necessary)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send completed applications scanned via e-mail to iacaccampcollege@gmail.com or via US mail to:

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