

Instructions

Thank you for your interest in the Our Time Is Now Summer Institutes. Please print all pages and read the application carefully before completing it.

Students who wish to participate must return the following materials by the application deadline – March 17, 2006. (Please send all items in one packet, if possible.)

1. a completed application form (Please click on the underlined words to open the pdf file. Then simply print the form, fill it out, and send it back to us with the other required materials.)
2. two letters of recommendation from teachers
3. a completed and thorough statement of interest form
4. a Signature Form. This form documents your interest in the Summer Institutes and should be signed by you, your parent/guardian, and your school principal.
5. an up-to-date transcript (to January 2006)

Put all five parts of your application together in one envelope and mail it postmarked by **March 17, 2006**, to:

OTIN Summer Institutes
Applications Department
1530 Sheridan Ave
Iowa City IA 52240

Applicants will be selected based, in part, on the timely submission of application forms, thorough responses to the essay question, and teachers' recommendations. *Due to the number of applications received, you will only be contacted if you are offered an interview.*
Any questions? Contact Andrew Epstein, (319) 325-1226 or epstein.andrew@gmail.com

**OTIN Summer Institutes 2006
Main Application Form**

Print out, complete, and mail the Main Application Form, the two Teacher Recommendation Forms, the statement of Interest Form, the Signature Form, and an up-to-date high school transcript by **March 31, 2006**.

Please type or print clearly. Fill in all the blanks on this form.

Choose the Institute to which you are applying (applicants must live in reasonable proximity to the Institute city. Attendees must arrange their own accommodations):

- San Francisco: June 19 - 23
- Los Angeles: July 17 - 21
- Washington DC: July 10 - 14

Your Information:

Applicant's name

Home address

City / State / Zip code

Home telephone / Cellular telephone / E-mail address

Social security number Age Date of birth Grade

School name

School address

City / State / Zip code

School telephone

Principal's name

Guidance Counselor's name

Mother/Guardian's Information

Name

Home address

City / State / Zip code

Home telephone / Cellular telephone / E-mail address

Occupation

Employer

Work Phone

Father/Guardian's Information

Name

Home address

City / State / Zip code

Home telephone / Cellular telephone / E-mail address

Occupation

Employer

Work Phone

Emergency Contact other than Parents/Guardians

Name

Relation

Phone

Briefly describe your hobbies, interests, and career goals:

Please specify and medical condition(s) and arrangements that we will need to be aware of:

OTIN Summer Institutes 2006
Statement of Interest

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Participants must demonstrate a genuine interest in and enthusiasm for media arts, public relations, and community involvement. They must show a willingness to accept challenges, engage in creative problem solving, and the ability to meet deadlines on time. Students are also expected to show respect for adults and peers, work as a member of a team, learn from others, be on time, exhibit a positive attitude, and have an open mind.

On a separate sheet of paper, answer all three questions. This is your opportunity to share your interests, talents, and unique personality with us. Please be thorough. Please limit your response to each question to no more than one page, typed (three pages total).

1. Explain why you want to attend the OTIN Summer Institutes. What would you most like to learn about?
2. This program requires students to exhibit a variety of skills: responsibility, working as a team member, working independently, good listening skills, patience, creativity, and an inquisitive mind. It also requires basic knowledge in computer technology, especially in the area of digital arts. What experience, skills, and knowledge will you bring to the Institutes that will make you a productive participant?
3. What do you feel are the most pressing youth issues in your community? How have you or others gone about addressing these issues?

**OTIN Summer Institutes 2006
Teacher Recommendation Form #1**

Choose a teacher from your school who is familiar with your strengths and is willing to support your application. Ask him/her to complete and sign this form.

Applicant's name

Sponsoring teacher's name

School telephone number

Best time to contact sponsor during school hours

Sponsor's e-mail address

Sponsor's home telephone number

Sponsor's signature

Sponsor's Statement of Support

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On a separate sheet of paper, please provide a statement describing this student's potential to be a successful participant in the OTIN Summer Institutes 2006.

**OTIN Summer Institutes 2006
Teacher Recommendation Form #2**

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Applicant's name

Sponsoring teacher's name

School telephone number

Best time to contact sponsor during school hours

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Sponsor's home telephone number

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I want to participate in the OTIN Summer Institutes 2006.

Applicant's Signature

Date

I support my child's efforts to participate in the OTIN Summer Institutes 2006.

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date

I endorse this candidate's participation in the OTIN Summer Institutes 2006.

Principal's Signature

Date