



Center for Talented Youth (CTY)

Founded in 1979, the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth (CTY) has become a world leader in identifying and developing the talents of academically talented pre-collegiate students.

In 1972, Dr. Julian Stanley, a psychology professor at the Johns Hopkins University, introduced the first Talent Search designed to identify, challenge, and reward academically able young people. Over 1.7 million students have been identified as part of its Global Talent Search. Each year through summer programs and online courses, CTY provides bright students course work designed to meet their unique needs.



Rural Connections Program

Developed in 2012, Rural Connections expands access to CTY's challenging residential summer programs to gifted, rural students. Students selected for the program will receive a full scholarship to attend a three week CTY summer residential program and will receive advising and support before and after the program. Students in CTY summer programs spend three weeks on a college campus living and learning with other exceptional students from around the world who share their interests and passion for intellectual pursuits. The Rural Connections scholarship is funded through a grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation.

Selection

In order to be eligible for a Rural Connections scholarship, students must: Currently be a 7th to 9th grader who lives in a rural community; achieve qualifying test scores on an above-grade-level test such as the SAT-I, ACT, or SCAT; and have a family income less than \$45,000. Applicants who have not previously attended a CTY summer program are preferred.

“Home is not where you live, but where they understand you” - Violeta K. from Vail, AZ

Profile of 2012 Recipients of the Rural Connections Scholarship

- 42 students
- 62% female, 38% male
- Overall mean family yearly income is \$26,685
- From 18 different states
- Attended 10 different CTY sites
- Attended Challenging three-week courses such as:
 - Fiction and Poetry
 - Principles of Engineering Design
 - Latin I
 - Mathematical Modeling
 - Philosophy of Mind
 - Introduction to Biomedical Sciences

What Rural Connections Scholars Say



Alex G. of Danville, VA took the Principles of Engineering Design course in the summer of 2012 as part of the Rural Connections program that welcomed 42 scholars from rural communities nationwide.



100% of the 2012 Rural Connections students said that they want to attend CTY or another academic summer program next summer.

100% of Rural Connections students agreed that, “This summer program showed me that I can learn more than I thought I could.”

100% of Rural Connections students agreed that : Attending the CTY summer program allowed me to develop friendships with other bright students.”

Student Quotes

“Besides the class itself, the most valuable part of this summer experience was finding a place where I can interact with peers that are at the same intellectual level as myself, and share similar interests and ideas.”
-Gaynor, Kingfield ME

“I finally found people I could relate to, and I had a happy time learning.”
- Christopher, Nokomis, FL

“I loved being challenged and realizing that I am capable of much more than I previously thought. I loved meeting other people who were capable of that as well. They inspired me to challenge myself.”
- Mikaela, Chariton, IA

“I had no clue that there really are young people in the world who are 'like me'. Sure, you get told everyday that there are people out there who share your abilities, but it's very different to actually meet them.”
- Anna, Bow, NH

To Apply:

To apply for a **Rural Connections** scholarship, students must complete:

- Rural Connections Application
- CTY Financial Aid Application, and
- CTY Summer Program Application

Applications will be available on November 27, 2012, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Apply early to ensure funding is available if you are selected.

Rural Connections Program Director, Kimberly Lohrfink, is available to answer questions regarding this scholarship. Please contact our office at (410) 735-6236 or RuralConnections@jhu.edu.