

2010 SUMMER HONORS PROGRAM (SHP) FACT SHEET
Sponsored by Educational Service Unit #11, Holdrege, Nebraska

The program GOALS are to:

1. Expand the horizons of gifted students isolated in small rural communities.
2. Provide these students with the opportunity to study advanced material in their area of ability under the direction of master teachers.
3. Give these students the opportunity to interact with their peers who share similar interests and concerns.

DATES AND LOCATION: The SHP will be a two week comprehensive summer school experience to be held at the Holdrege Middle School in Holdrege, Nebraska, from June 13-25, 2010.

ELIGIBILITY: Students attending public school in the six county Educational Service Unit (ESU) No. 11 area who have completed any of the grades 8-12 as of Spring 2010 are eligible to attend.

ADMISSION STANDARDS: Approximately 120-125 students will be selected for the program by the following procedure:

1. Teachers from ESU #11 schools will nominate their students who display outstanding aptitudes in computer science, social science, math, language arts, science, art, and speech/drama.
2. Students interested in attending the logic class, the entrepreneurship class, or the film production class may be nominated by any teacher, gifted coordinator or counselor, or nominate themselves.

These students will then take a qualifying examination in the areas of computer science, entrepreneurship, logic, math, science, medical science, and social science or submit a portfolio of their work in the areas of art, creative writing, drama, and film production.

COURSE OFFERINGS: The following courses will be held (1) Art, (2) Computer Science, (3) Creative Writing, (4) Drama, (5) Entrepreneurship, (6) Logic, (7) Mathematical Connections, (8) Medical Science (to be held at the University of Nebraska's Medical School in Omaha the first week and rural hospitals the second week), (9) Science, (10) Social Science, and (11) Film Production. Students are enrolled in only one of these classes for the entire two weeks.

STAFF: The SHP staff consists of (1) master teachers from various regions of the United States or world, (2) a small groups coordinator/guidance counselor who will provide small group affective activities, (3) a program director, and (4) administrative assistants.

EVENING ACTIVITIES: Special speakers and/or student participatory activities will be provided after the daytime classes and counseling activities have ended. Options are provided for physical fitness and relaxation.

COST TO STUDENT: A \$150.00 tuition fee will be charged for each qualifying student.

HOUSING: SHP students will be staying in private homes in the Holdrege area at no cost to them. Students will pay for their own meals.