A primary goal of the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) is to educate and train health science professionals within the State of Oklahoma. The OUHSC Office of Community Partnerships and Health Policy supports that mission by facilitating programs that are integral to developing future generations of health scientists with a particular focus on traditionally underrepresented minorities (URM). Those programs engage students at the elementary, secondary and higher education levels. The efforts of the Office also extend to assisting parents in becoming better advocates for their students and developing partnerships within underrepresented communities.

The Exploring Math and Science Academy (EMSA) is the latest program aimed to provide students with additional, supplemental math and science education with applications to the health sciences.

WHO: Students entering into their 9th grade year that have demonstrated an interest in mathematics and/or science. Students will be selected on a competitive and fair basis.

WHAT: The Exploring Math and Science Academy (EMSA) at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) is a stimulating summer experience for students to explore careers in the health sciences. EMSA will provide hands-on laboratory and classroom activities for students which will enrich their math and science knowledge and ability. In addition to activities at the seven OUHSC colleges, students will explore health fields in the community through a day long field trip.

WHEN: EMSA at OUHSC will run through June 7-25, 2010. This will be a commuter academy that begins at 8:00 am and ends at 5:00 pm.

WHY: Nationally, there is a relative absence of African Americans, American Indians, and Latinos in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) educational programs and careers. Only 4 percent of underrepresented minority students graduate from high school with the credentials to enter STEM fields in college. For these reasons, it is imperative that students of all ages are proficient in the areas of math and science and are aware of the possibilities of their future!

HOW: You may apply on-line through e-mail, fax, or through U.S. Mail.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

☐ Completed application with signed consent form
☐ Letter of Recommendation from a teacher
☐ Most recent report card
☐ Completed essay – Discuss your career goals and how this program will help you reach these goals.

Please note: Applications are due on or before April 1, 2010 at 5:00 pm. Late or incomplete applications will not receive full consideration.
Exploring Math and Science Academy (EMSA) application

Please provide the following information for both the student and parent/guardian. The completed application form, most recent report card, recommendation letter, and typewritten essay questions must be returned to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center Office of Community Partnerships and Health Policy by April 1, 2010.

Please mail this application with all required materials to:

Office of Community Partnerships & Health Policy
ATTN: EMSA Academy
1000 Stanton L. Young Blvd. LIB 164
Oklahoma City, OK 73117

Or e-mail completed applications to CommunityPartnerships&HealthPolicy@ouhsc.edu

STUDENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _______________________________ Date of Birth: __________ SSN: ______________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________

City, State: __________________________________________________________________________ Zip: ______________

School you will be attending next year: ___________________________ Fall 2010 Grade Level: _____

Current E-mail: _______________________________________________________________________

Day Phone Number: (____)_________________ Cell Phone Number: (____)___________

Did either of your parents graduate from college? □Yes □No

Which of the following groups do you indentify with (Optional—please check all that apply):

□ Asian Pacific American □ Black/African American □ Hispanic/Latino
□ Native American □ White/European American
□ Disabled □ Other ____________________________

Do you have any:

Medical Restrictions: □Yes □No If yes, please explain: _____________________________

Current Medications: □Yes □No If yes, please list: _________________________________

Dietary Restrictions: □Yes □No If yes, please explain: ________________________________

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STUDENT RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Students are expected to show respect for themselves and one another. They are expected to respect the line of authority including mentors, teachers, and administrators. If students do not follow program rules they will be reported to a teacher or a program director.

Students’ safety, awareness, and prevention of accidents are our highest priority; therefore students should follow these guidelines:

- Students should not arrive prior to 7:30 a.m. due to the lack of supervision.
- Students are not allowed inside of buildings, classrooms, or labs without the supervision of a director, teacher, or mentor.
- Cross only at intersections where there are traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Remain with class or group at all times while on campus or on a field trip.

Students are not required to follow a strict dress code but must keep in mind that their personal appearance should not be a distraction to others in their learning environment and be the appropriate attire for the work and safety involved for class. Lab coats and safety goggles will be provided when needed.

Students will have access to a laptop and internet computer services provided for the sole purpose of doing research, resource sharing and communication. Each student will be assigned a numbered laptop for educational purposes only. For reasons of security and appropriate utilization directors, teachers, and mentors will periodically monitor each student’s use of the network resources to insure that the internet access is not being misused.

If a participant leaves their assigned group, behaves in a manner that risks his/her safety or the safety of someone else or engages in any illegal behavior, parents/guardians will be called and you (the participant) will be asked to leave the program immediately.

Cancellation Policy: If you are accepted into the program and cannot attend please cancel. All cancellations must be submitted in writing and arrive in the program office by the cancellation date of May 21, 2010 or may be submitted via e-mail to CommunityPartnerships&HealthPolicy@ouhsc.edu.

As a student in this Academy, you must behave in a manner worthy of the trust placed in you and which exemplifies the quality of character that the program demands and expects. Your signature below acknowledges your reading and understanding of the information above.

Student signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

Parent signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________

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PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION:

Please provide the following information. Please also read the Parent/Guardian State of Consent and provide your signature below.

Parent/Guardian Full Name: __________________________ Relationship to Applicant: __________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

City, State: _______________________________________________________________ Zip: ____________

Current E-mail: ___________________________________________________________________________

Day Phone Number: ___________________________ Cell Phone Number: ___________________________

APPLICANT’S Physician’s Names: ____________________________ Phone Number: _________________

If unable to reach parent/guardian, please contact:

Full Name: ____________________________ Relationship to Applicant: ______________

Day Phone Number: (_____)______________________ Cell Phone Number: (_____)__________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned, a parent/guardian of the academy participant ___________________________ requests that ___________________________ be permitted to engage in field trips on and off campus associated with the Exploring Math and Science Academy (EMSA) and, as a prerequisite consideration, agree:

The undersigned parent acknowledges and understands that ___________________________ will receive general supervision during the activity; and agrees to hold the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Exploring Math and Science Academy and its employees and agents harmless for a liability arising out of the participation except that for which the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and the Exploring Math and Science Academy (EMSA) is responsible under the laws of the State of Oklahoma.

____________________________________ _____________________
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

IMAGE RELEASE CONSENT

I grant permission for my child’s name/picture to be used in the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center’s Exploring Math and Science Academy for educational and marketing purposes. I understand that the image will be used to help illustrate and explain the Exploring Math and Sciences Academy program.

____________________________________ _____________________
Parent/Guardian Signature Date

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INTERNET USAGE PERMISSION FORM

Student Name: _____________________________________________________

Dear Parent or Guardian:

With your permission your child will be able to access the Internet in the academy as part of their summer experience. Below are rules for use in the program. Please read before you consider granting permission.

Guidelines for Internet Usage

1. All participants must have a signed permission slip from their parent/guardian that authorizes them access to the Internet.
2. Respect for the equipment of the OUHSC and its network is a condition for use of the computers.
3. Participants are to notify the staff immediately of any disturbing material they may encounter on the web.
4. Participants are not to give out personal information like telephone number, full name, address, etc. to anyone on the Internet.
5. Participants are to never give anyone their password or allow another student to use their password to access the Internet.
6. Participants must gain clearance from the staff before downloading any programs from the Internet.

Violation of any of these rules may result in forfeiture of permission to use the Internet. Please sign below if granting permission and return the entire form with the application. **DO NOT** tear off the bottom.

PERMISSION

I, ______________________________ give permission for my child to access the Internet and publish class-related information on it in accordance with the above guidelines.

_________________________________________  ________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature                  Date

I, ______________________________ have also read the above and will honor the Guidelines for Internet Usage in the Exploring Math and Science Academy.

_________________________________________  ________________________
Participant Signature                      Date

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