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Eligibility:

To be eligible to apply, the student must:

- Be a current eighth-grader located within The Center’s 45-county service area. The forty-five county service area consists of the following Kentucky counties: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Harlan, Jackson, Jessamine, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Taylor, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe.
- Have a strong interest in developing skills in leadership, technology, math, science, and community service.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4-point scale). If your GPA is less than 3.0, you may submit a letter from your guidance counselor explaining any special circumstances that may have affected your GPA and/or why you should be considered for the Rogers Explorers program regardless of your GPA.

Selection Process:

A total of 180 students from The Center’s 45-county service area will be selected for the program in 2016 – 30 students each participating on the campuses of Asbury University, University of the Cumberlands, Lindsey Wilson College, Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and The Center’s newest partner, University of Pikeville.
A selection committee consisting of staff from The Center for Rural Development will be established. In order to ensure fairness, applications will be blinded and applicant names removed prior to distributing copies to the selection committee. The committee will review and score all of the applications according to the criteria and point values established for each section. The top two applicants with the highest scores in each county will be selected as that county’s representatives. After those 90 selections are made, the highest 90 scores of the remaining applicants will also be selected as Rogers Explorers. As a result, some counties will have more than two representatives.

All applicants remaining after the first 180 selections will be considered as alternates and will be ranked from the highest to lowest score. If a selected Explorer is unable to attend the program, alternates will be contacted in order of their rank until the open spot is filled. For this reason, all applicants are encouraged to keep the program dates and the possibility of selection in mind as they make their plans for the summer.

**2016 Rogers Explorers Program Dates:**

June 5-7 @ Asbury University; Wilmore

June 8-10 @ Lindsey Wilson College; Columbia

June 20-22 @ University of the Cumberlands; Williamsburg

July 18-20 @ Eastern Kentucky University; Richmond

July 24-26 @ Morehead State University; Morehead

July 27-29 @ University of Pikeville; Pikeville

*Ready to apply?!*

All applicants are required to complete and submit their application through our online registration site. **Mailed and emailed applications will not be accepted.** Once a student registers on the application site they will have the ability to work at their own pace without losing any work. Students will not need to complete the entire online application process in one sitting – they will have their own username and password to use when logging in each time. In most cases, with exception to the essay, transcript, and letters of recommendation, the student will download the assignment form, complete and save it to their desktop computer, then upload it back to the application site as prompted.

**The application is divided into 7 assignments:**

1. Personal Information
2. Extracurricular Activities (30 Points)
3. Community Service Activities (25 Points)
4. Typed Essay (35 Points)
5. Letters of Recommendation (although this section is not worth any points students will be deducted points if they fail to submit the required 2 letters of recommendation)
6. Academic Performance (10 Points)
7. Final Assignment – Student Agreement & Parental Consent

Application deadline: Monday, February 15, 2016 at midnight (eastern time)

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When a student registers on the site for the first time they must use the same first and last name (surname) and email address they will use when filling out the personal information form (Assignment I). If a parent or other adult is assisting with the registration/application process please make sure they do not use their name to register.

It is also important the student uses an email address they will be able to access over the course of the summer. If accepted, the primary method of communication will be through email. In some cases, a student’s school email address may not be the best option.

Applicants will also need access to Microsoft Excel to complete most assignments.

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Start your application now at register.centeryouthprograms.com

Counselors, teachers, and other individuals that will be assisting students with the application process are more than welcome to register on the application site. However, please do not register an account or submit any assignments on behalf of a student. Your registration should only be used to familiarize yourself with the application process.
The EXPERIENCE
OF A LIFETIME

Each year, The Center for Rural Development invites applications for the Rogers Scholars and Rogers Explorers programs from promising Kentucky students that reside in its 45-county primary service area and who are interested in further developing their leadership, entrepreneurship, and academic skills. These highly interactive, hands-on programs prepare students for college and careers, foster a heart for community service, and seize their potential as the region's next generation business leaders.

Rogers Explorers are upcoming 9th grade students who wish to learn about math, science, and technology, and start the journey toward careers in those in-demand fields. Students will spend three days and two nights at some of Kentucky's top colleges and universities, while they learn from experts in their respective fields and use creative thinking, teamwork, and leadership skills.

Rogers Scholars are upcoming 11th grade students who are interested in developing a network of friends and mentors from across Southern and Eastern Kentucky, while enhancing leadership and entrepreneurship skills. This one-week experiential summer camp is held on the campus of The Center for Rural Development. Students will meet nationally recognized leaders and complete projects in engineering, healthcare, and video production. Each graduate of the program is eligible for exclusive scholarships from 16 Kentucky colleges and universities and one Tennessee university.

"Truly life-changing"
"Opened my eyes to new ideas"
"I made life-long friends"
"An experience I would like to re-live"
"Helped me explore new career paths"

These programs are FREE to participants and their families.
Interested 8th grade and 10th grade students may visit www.centeryouthprograms.com for more information about the programs, deadlines, and application process.