

Rogers Scholars Program Overview:

The Rogers Scholars program is an intensive, weeklong program focusing on developing skills in leadership, technology, entrepreneurship, and community service. It is developed, coordinated, and supervised by The Center for Rural Development in Somerset, Kentucky. Students apply during their sophomore year in high school, are selected through a competitive process, and attend the program in Somerset during the summer before their junior year. All lodging, meals, and program expenses (with the exception of transportation to and from the program) are **free to the student**. Activities throughout the week are both educational and fun, and most scholars aren't ready for the week to end. Classroom activities are very hands-on so don't expect to be bored! Scholars are able to participate in majors in Video Production, Information Technology (networking, web development, etc.), and Engineering. You'll also have the opportunity to do everything from climbing a 55' Alpine tower to meeting nationally recognized speakers, while developing a network of friends and resources throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky. Talk to previous scholars if you get a chance, and many of them will tell you their week at Rogers Scholars was one of the best weeks of their lives!

Eligibility/Selection Process:

To be eligible to apply for the Rogers Scholars program, you must:

- ❑ Be a current sophomore at a high school located within the 42-county service area of The Center for Rural Development. The forty-two county service area consists of the following Kentucky counties: Adair, Bath, Bell, Breathitt, Casey, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, 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, entrepreneurship, and community service.
- ❑ Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 (on a 4 point scale).

A total of 60 students from Southern and Eastern Kentucky will be selected for the program in 2009, with 30 attending June 28-July 3 or July 6-11. A selection committee consisting of staff of The Center for Rural Development will be established. In order to ensure fairness, applications will be numbered 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 applicant with the highest score in each county will be selected as that county's representative. After those 42 selections are made, the highest 18 scores of the remaining applicants will also be selected as Rogers Scholars. As a result, some schools and/or counties will have more than one representative. Every applicant remaining after the first 60 selections will be considered an alternate, and will be ranked from the highest to lowest score. If a selected scholar is unable to attend the program, the 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.