



Dear Student:

Your high school counselor may have made you aware of the Honor Seminars of Metropolitan Dayton, Inc., a program designed for the best science and mathematics students in the Montgomery and Greene County area. This program is directed toward the understanding and appreciation of advances in modern sciences and technologies. Selected students participate in a series of weekly seminars conducted in the Dayton area during the academic year. The Annual Report located elsewhere on this web site explains the program and lists current student participants and seminars presented to them. You may personally know of current or past student participants from your school. Each spring we invite principals and counselors to nominate their most highly qualified sophomore students. We are now also accepting self nominations. However, please check with your guidance counselor first to see if they intend to nominate you through their selection process. Note that this program is highly competitive and that we anticipate the successful applicants will have the following traits:

- *Must currently be sophomores* who will be juniors in the 2008-2009 school year.
- *Must have intentions of continuing their education in college.*
- *Must have superior academic rating (grade point average and class standing), with special interest in science, engineering, or mathematics.*
- *Their composite score on any standard test of academic achievement or scholastic aptitude test should be above the 95th percentile*

From the applicants our Admissions Committee will select thirty five to forty students as participants. The Committee will review each completed application, evaluate the high school performance, activities and achievements, rank in standard testing, teacher recommendations, and other data and designate a number of applicants as finalists. In May the finalists will be invited to an interview for further screening to determine those best suited for the program. Your high school affiliation is not considered in the selection process. We select area students who, in our judgment, are most qualified and will benefit most from this challenging experience.

If you wish to be considered for participation, please have the application form (also located on this web site) filled out (partly by you and your parents, and partly by your school) and returned to the **address indicated on the application by April 25, 2008** (earlier if possible). Be aware of the fact that spring vacations could cause a delay at your school. Prepare your part immediately so that school officials can fill out their part and meet the deadline. Anticipate that a good recommendation requires some thought and a reasonable amount of time to compose.

The announcement of selected students will be made in May. The seminars themselves begin in October and run through April of both the junior and senior school years. **IMPORTANT: CONSIDER IN YOUR DECISION TO APPLY THAT REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT WEEKLY (Thursday evening) MEETINGS IS MANDATORY.**

Sincerely,

The Admissions Committee of the Honor Seminars of Metropolitan Dayton