



February 2, 2012

Dear Principal/Counselor,

The Honor Seminars of Metropolitan Dayton, Inc. is now in its forty sixth year of service to gifted students from the Dayton area high schools. The enclosed annual report from last year describes the goals and operation of the Honor Seminars. This program has maintained successful operation because of the generous cooperation of our communities' technical and professional people from industries, government, and universities, who present the seminars and because of the active participation of the truly outstanding students from our schools.

The [2010-2011 HSMD Annual Report](http://www.wright.edu/~dan.voss/hsmd/) is available at <http://www.wright.edu/~dan.voss/hsmd/>

We are now initiating our selection procedure for students who will participate in this series for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. As in past years, our request for nominations begins with the principals of the 35 high schools in the Dayton area. With the cooperation of your counselors and math and science teachers, we anticipate that you will nominate those students who might benefit most from, and contribute to by participation in, the Honor Seminars program. Please note that your sophomore guidance counselors have also received this information. The nominees must satisfy the following criteria:

1. *Must currently be sophomores who will be juniors in the 2012-2013 school year.*
2. *Must have intentions of continuing their education in college.*
3. *Must have superior academic rating, with special interest in science, engineering, or mathematics.*
4. *Their composite score on any standard test of academic achievement or scholastic aptitude test should be above the 95th percentile.*

After receiving your nominations, I will send the application form directly to the nominated students. The application contains a section requesting parents to concur to enroll their sons and daughters in this program. It also contains a section to be completed by a science or mathematics teacher at your school, and a section to be completed by the Principal or designated school official. We initially screen on the basis of the applications, your recommendations, and a demonstrated interest in science and mathematics. One significant factor in this initial screening is a statement that the students must sign indicating an intention to attend *all* of the seminar presentations. Students who indicate that they are too busy to attend because of multiple other activities will not be considered. Further screening is based on interviews with our admissions committee later this spring. We will inform you of the selected students for this program.

To accomplish our task by the end of May, I would appreciate receiving the names, addresses, **and email addresses, if available**, of your nominees as soon as possible, ***but not later than March 8, 2012***, sent directly to:

Dr. Brad Liebst
AFIT/ENY
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-7765

It is strongly encouraged that you **pre-screen** the nominees as best as possible to ensure their desire and ability to attend the seminars. Typically we receive over four times the number of nominations as we do completed applications. Anything you can do to help preserve our resources would be greatly appreciated.

The Honor Seminars is an independent non-profit corporation operated by interested professionals from the Dayton area. Dr. Edward A. Watson of the Air Force Research Laboratory, is currently Chairman of the Board of Directors. Board members are drawn from local industries, government organizations, universities, and school systems.

Thank you very much for your continued support of this program. Please feel free to call me at 937-255-3636 ext. 4636 or email me at Bradley.Liebst@afit.edu if you need any assistance.

Sincerely,

Brad S. Liebst, Ph.D.
Co - Chairman, Admissions Committee
Honor Seminars of Metropolitan Dayton, Inc.