

Gifted & Talented: Programs

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Carnegie Mellon Institute for Talented Elementary and Secondary Students (C-MITES) provides academically stimulating weekend and summer classes for gifted students. This unique program (located on the campus of Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh, PA) challenges students and gives them the opportunity to interact with kids of similar abilities and interests. For more information, please visit: <http://www.cmu.edu/cmities/>

Center for Gifted Studies at Western Kentucky University is committed to encouraging excellence by providing educational opportunities and resources to three populations: the gifted and talented students, the gifted students' teachers, and the parents of gifted students. For summer programs and other opportunities, go to <http://www.wku.edu/gifted/> or call (270) 745-6323.

Governors Institutes enrich the lives of motivated Vermont high school students (gr. 10-12) through intensive educational experiences on Vermont college campuses. These **summer programs** emphasize experiential learning and subsequent community involvement. GIV seeks to enroll students who reflect the diversity of Vermont. Visit <http://www.giv.org> for more information.

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation offers scholarships to high achieving youth with financial need. The Young Scholars Program for eighth grade students pairs an advisor with the students to provide educational guidance. The Foundation also has a graduate scholarship program and the undergraduate Transfer Scholarship Program. For details about these opportunities, go to <http://www.jackkentcookefoundation.org> or call (703) 723-8000.

John Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth offers talent identification and summer programs for qualifying students in grades 2-12. For more information go to: <http://www.cty.jhu.edu> or call (410) 735-4100.

Summer Institute for the Gifted (SIG) is a program of the American Institute for Foreign Study and provides academically advanced students with summer day and residential programs for students in Kindergarten through 11th grade at sites across the US. For more information on programs offered and eligibility, visit <http://www.giftedstudy.com> or call (866) 303-4744.

Talent Development Institute (TDI) is an enriching and delightful week for gifted and talented Vermont youth entering grades 1-9. Daily strands, ranging in subject from chess to

improvisational theater, are led by experienced teachers and enthusiastic program alumnae. Students enroll in four strands for the week, with each strand an hour and a half long each day, as well as exploratory activities each day. All participants enjoy a rare chance to celebrate what most of them already know: passion for learning rewards in more ways than one, especially with dynamic faculty and stimulating peers. For more information on the summer programs, go to <http://www.tdivermont.com>.

UCONN Mentor Connection provides an opportunity for highly motivated students to participate in hand-on research projects that offer mentor-based involvement with eminent university faculty who share similar interests. Annual, three-week, residential summer program at the University of Connecticut for academically talented high school juniors and seniors. Visit <http://www.gifted.uconn.edu> or call (860) 486-0283.