High Achievers Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

*Up to twenty-five students will be enrolled in each course. To be eligible, a student must:*

1. Have completed grade nine, ten, eleven or twelve by *June 17, 2008.*

2. Have achieved high scores on one of the following tests:

   **SAT I Reasoning Test minimum scores:**
   - Verbal 530
   - AND
   - Total 970

   **ACT minimum scores:**
   - English 22
   - AND
   - Composite 21

   **PSAT minimum scores:**
   - Critical Reading 53
   - OR
   - Writing Skills 53
   - AND
   - Critical Reading and Writing Skills Total 106

   **PLAN minimum scores:**
   - English 22
   - AND
   - Composite 21

3. Have earned at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average in a college preparatory curriculum. A copy of the student’s transcript, including grades for the first semester of the 2007/08 school year must be included with the completed application.

4. Have a high degree of motivation and be willing to put forth the effort necessary for an honors-level college course.
THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND DEADLINE
DO NOT mail or take application material to the Michigan State University Admissions Office.

The completed application package has several parts. Please do each of the following:

1. Fill out the MSU High Achieving High School Student application (Section 1). Make sure that your principal or counselor signs the bottom of the application. Please note: A student may enroll for only one course - Introduction to Psychology (PSY 101H); Introduction to Philosophy (PHL 200H); Introduction to Microeconomics (EC 201H); Biotechnology (CSS 491 Section 301H); or Introduction to Film (ENG 230H).

2. Complete the High Achievers application (Section 2).

3. Write a short paragraph (Section 3).

4. If you are applying for financial assistance, complete the GATE Request for Financial Assistance Form and include requested documentation of need in the package.

5. Include a copy of your high school transcript, including fall semester 2007.


7. Include a $50.00 check or money order made payable to Michigan State University for the application fee.

By March 31, 2008 mail or bring the completed application package to:

OFFICE OF GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION
186 BESSEY HALL
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
EAST LANSING, MI 48824-1033

If you have questions or concerns, please call The Office of Gifted and Talented Education at Michigan State University at 517.432.2129, or email Kathee McDonald at mcdon288@msu.edu, or visit us on the web at www.msu.edu/user/gifted

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GUIDELINES TO GOVERN ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT:

1. An official high school transcript must accompany this application.

2. A $60.00 application fee is required of the student and should be included when mailing this application. Please make check/money order payable to Michigan State University. Twenty-five dollars of the fee is non-refundable, unless the student is not accepted into the program. In that case the whole fee will be refunded.

3. Applications must be submitted by March 31, 2008; however, late applications will be considered if room is available. NOTE: Meeting the minimal eligibility requirements is necessary, but does not imply automatic acceptance.

4. Admission to the High Achievers program will be granted for one summer at a time. Students must submit a new application for each desired summer of enrollment.

5. Students must have at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average in college-prep courses to qualify. High Achievers classes are honors sections of the courses, meaning an especially high level of work is expected.

6. Students who are accepted will be permitted to enroll for one course.

7. This application process is only for those courses listed on the High Achievers brochure.

8. Students who enroll will be charged the regular tuition for the course, rather than the Lifelong Education rate.

9. Credit will be awarded by Michigan State University for successful completion of the course.

10. Admission of a student as a High Achieving High School Student does not assure regular admission to Michigan State University. If the student desires to enroll as an MSU student upon completion of high school graduation requirements, the regular application for admission must be presented to the university.

11. Students enrolled at MSU as High Achieving High School Students will be subject to all university rules and regulations which apply to regularly enrolled students.

12. Transportation arrangements to and from the university and parental approval for participation shall be the responsibility of the student.

13. Students admitted under this program will not be eligible for financial aid from the university. Students requiring financial assistance are encouraged to complete the GATE Financial Aid Request Form included with this package of forms.