

ACTION Program FAQ

1. How do high school students participate during the academic year?

Students will return to UK's campus one Saturday per month during the academic year to participate in activities planned by ACTION staff on campus. Students will also help coordinate community outreach projects within their home counties.

2. Is there any cost to the student to participate in the ACTION Program?

There is no cost to students who participate in the program. Housing, meals, research supplies, etc. are all covered for students.

3. Do students get paid to participate in the program?

Both high school and undergraduate participants will earn a monthly stipend for their active participation in the program.

4. Who can apply to participate in the ACTION Program for high school students?

We currently accept 9th, 10th and 11th grade students from all 54 Appalachia counties in Kentucky who have an interest in a health-related field.

5. Who can apply to participate in the ACTION Program for undergraduate students?

At this time, only Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors enrolled as undergraduate students at the University of Kentucky and are majoring in a health-related field can apply to be part of the program.

6. My son/daughter is a 12th grade student. Can he/she apply for admission to the program?

We are unable to accept 12th grade students into the ACTION Program for high school students. However, 12th grade students who have been accepted to UK for the fall after high school graduation can apply for our undergraduate program as long as they plan to major in a health-related field.

7. I have completed my ACTION high school application. What do my two chosen recommenders need to do to recommend me for the program?

Recommenders will need to complete the ACTION High School Student Recommendation online form. The online form can be accessed from the ACTION website: ukhealthcare.uky.edu/action

8. Are students required to stay on campus over the weekends during the summer program?

No. Weekends are optional so students may choose to stay on campus during the weekend but it is not required. Students who plan to go home over the weekend should be picked up following lunch on Friday afternoons and be dropped off on campus on Sunday evenings at 7pm.

9. Who supervises students on campus during the summer program?

We will hire four undergraduate students who will serve as Resident Advisors (RAs) to the students while they are on campus. RAs will live in the residence hall with the students and help supervise them from 7am to 11pm. During the hours of 11pm to 7am, RAs are on-call to handle any situations that might occur.

10. How does program staff keep up with students during free time?

Free time for students will always occur after 7:45pm. Any time after that time, when a student leaves the residence hall, he/she has to sign out on a form on his/her RA's door. Students may sign out for a total of two hours for up to two locations. Students must print their name, the locations they plan to visit and provide the date and time they are leaving the residence hall. Students must be signed in on paper prior to the end of the allowable two hours or the 10pm building curfew— whichever comes first. Students who do not sign out/sign in will receive appropriate disciplinary action.

11. What is the attendance policy for the summer program?

Because we want to provide our students with the most fulfilling experience possible, we ask that all participants plan to be present for the entire five weeks of the summer program. For this reason, we ask that any planned appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.) be scheduled outside of the summer program time frame. However, we also realize that students sometimes have other commitments outside of the ACTION program. In order to help accommodate for students' other commitments, we will excuse up to five days (Monday-Friday) during the summer program. Unless arrangements are made and approved with the ACTION coordinator prior to the summer program, any student missing more than the five allowable days will need to meet with staff to determine his/her continued participation. If any extenuating circumstances (death of a family member, illness, etc.) require that a student miss more than five days other arrangements can be made with the program coordinator.

12. Can students drive themselves to campus during the summer program?

Students will not be allowed to have a vehicle on campus. All students will need to be dropped off and picked up at the designated times. Any student without transportation can contact the program coordinator and arrangements will be made to provide transportation for that student.

13. What happens if a student gets sick or injured during the summer program?

ACTION staff will be equipped to handle any minor illness (headache, nausea, mild allergies, etc.) with OTC medicines. For any injury or illness that requires medical attention, students will be taken to the ER or clinic on UK's campus. In the event of a medical emergency, the student's parents/guardians will be contacted by the program coordinator.

14. What if a student takes a daily prescription medicine?

If a student is able to remember and take their medication at home on their own, we ask that students keep the medicine in their room and take it as they would if they were at home. Any medications containing narcotics or controlled substances will be given to the student's RA to

dispense at the appropriate increments. If parents are concerned that a student will forget to take his/her medicine, they may speak with the program coordinator.

15. Can students have visitors on campus during the summer program?

Because we plan a very busy schedule for students and we consider their safety of the highest importance, we do not allow visitors on campus. Additionally, we ask that students not be signed off campus by anyone other than a parent/guardian during the week Monday-Friday. Students who plan to go home for the weekend on Friday afternoons must be signed off campus by an individual on their approved pick-up list which is completed by parents/guardians prior to the summer. Students will not be allowed to leave campus with anyone who is not on the approved list unless permission has specifically been given by a parent/guardian to the program coordinator directly. Any person who plans to sign a student off campus MUST show a photo ID every time they pick a student up. This policy includes parents/guardians. Anyone who cannot present a photo ID will not be permitted to sign a student off campus. We will also not allow an individual to sign a student off campus with anyone who is perceived to be intoxicated or otherwise impaired. Also, students are not allowed to sign themselves off campus– even if they are 18 years of age.

16. Can an 18-year-old student sign his/her own summer forms?

No. All summer forms MUST be signed by a parent/guardian regardless of a student's age. No exceptions!