

Dear Students & Parents/Legal Guardians,

The Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA) is accepting applications until **February 1, 2021**. All application are online and can be found on the website wv-hsta.org and/or [here](#). There are limited vacancies available at this time.

Candidates must:

- 1. Be a current 8th grader**
- 2. Be a United States citizen and a West Virginia Resident**
- 3. Be a resident of the Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA) region**
- 4. Meet GPA requirements for the Region the student is applying for**
- 5. Have an interest in Health Sciences and/or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)**

All students are welcome to apply and *do not need to meet all criteria*.

The four criteria for admission are as follows:

- African American**
- Low Income (see guideline information below)**
- First Generation College (neither parent is a four-year college graduate)**
- Students living in Rural Areas**

Note: Students must be working on grade level, i.e. if a student is in the 8th grade, they must be able to complete 8th grade level work or higher.

Please review federal income guidelines to determine low income eligibility.

Link: <https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/income-eligibility-guidelines>

(Household Size) Annual Income:

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| (Family of 1) \$23,606.00 | (Family of 5) \$56,758.00 | For each additional family member add \$8,288.00 |
| (Family of 2) \$31,894.00 | (Family of 6) \$65,046.00 | |
| (Family of 3) \$40,182.00 | (Family of 7) \$73,334.00 | |
| (Family of 4) \$48,470.00 | (Family of 8) \$81,622.00 | |

If "Low Income" you may be asked to submit one of the following:

1. Two most current pay stubs
2. Tax returns
3. W-2
4. A letter from the DHHR stating you are currently receiving program assistance

In order to complete the application you will need:

1. Parent/Guardian
2. Current GPA
3. Copy of Grade Card
4. WVEIS Number (i.e. lunch number or student number)
5. Student will be asked to complete two essays: Why do you want to participate in the Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA)? AND What career field are you interested in pursuing? Briefly explain why.