

Dear Students & Parents/Legal Guardians,

The Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA) is accepting applications until **FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**. CURRENT 8TH Graders only. The application link is <https://redcap.wvctsi.org/redcap/surveys/?s=HKKHY73LXM>

The application is online and can be found on the website [wv-hsta.org](http://wv-hsta.org) and/or paste the link above into your browser. 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 West Virginia region that the student is applying to**
- 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 MUST meet TWO of the four criteria. *You 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:

(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.