

## **The Northern Virginia Writing Project**

The Student Summer Institute (SSI) for 5th—12th grade students is designed for students who enjoy writing and have a serious interest in it. For information visit:

<http://nvwp.org/youngwriters/ssi/>

**Applications due early May**

## **Organizations and Scholarships**

### **Virginia Association for the Gifted (VA Gifted)**

The VA Gifted Student Scholarships are designed for those gifted and talented students who wish to attend an academic or artistic program during the summer months. Not based on financial need, these scholarships are contingent on acceptance into the program. For more information, visit:

<https://www.vagifted.org/page/StudSummScholarships>

### **Davidson Fellows Scholarship**

These scholarships offer high achieving young people across the country the opportunity to be named a Davidson Fellow. Davidson Fellows receive a \$50,000, \$25,000 or \$10,000 scholarship in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the areas of science, technology, mathematics, music, literature and/or philosophy. Each submission must be an original piece of work recognized by experts in the field as “significant” and it must have the potential to make a positive contribution to society. For more information, visit: <http://www.davidsongifted.org/Fellows-Scholarship>

### **Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program**

This scholarship rewards excellence by supporting high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend the nation's best four-year colleges and universities. For more information, visit:

<https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/>

### **Quest College Prep Scholars**

The QuestBridge College Prep Scholars Program gives outstanding low-income high school juniors an early advantage in college admissions. Being selected as a College Prep Scholar is a notable distinction that celebrates your achievements and gives you an early start in applying to college. For information visit:

<https://www.questbridge.org/high-school-students/college-prep-scholars>

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## **Opportunities for High School Students**

The primary role of the resource teacher of the gifted (RTG) at the secondary level is to work collaboratively with students and teachers to add depth and complexity for daily differentiation for gifted learners.

A secondary role is to raise awareness of scholarships and programs of interest to students beyond the school day and during the summer. This brochure shares a few such opportunities for parents and/or students to explore.



<https://www.apsva.us/gifted-services/>

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## APS Opportunities During the School Year

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### ***Fine Arts Apprentice (FAA) Program***

The Fine Arts Apprentice Program provides specialized experiences beyond the regular art, music and drama curriculum for selected high school students (rising 10th, 11th, or 12th graders). Opportunities for students may include ensemble works, master classes, attendance at professional rehearsals and performances, museum courses, small group instruction, seminars, exhibit and performance opportunities. For information contact Allison Gilbert, Apprentice Program Coordinator 703-228-6299 or visit: <https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/fine-arts-apprentice-program/>  
**Applications due late March.**

### ***Independent Study***

Independent study allows highly able and highly motivated students to explore an area of intense interest which is not offered in the high school program of study. Independent study, including research, self-directed courses, internships, and volunteer or paid work experience, may be approved for high school credit by the high school principal under conditions specified in advance. Applications are available through the Department of Counseling Services preceding the year in which the Independent Study will occur.

**Applications due April 1.**

### ***PRIME: Professional Related Intern/Mentorship Experience***

This internship program for gifted juniors and seniors is designed to provide high school students with an opportunity to be placed as unpaid interns in professional organizations that are related to their fields of interest. Students will be assigned to a mentor allowing them to gain first-hand knowledge and skills required in the professional world. This program takes place during the summer. Interns earn ½ credit for 70 contact hours and 1 credit for 140 hours. Interested students should contact their RTG, guidance counselor or Louis Villafane, Director, Arlington Career Center at Louis.Villafane@apsva.us. For information visit:

<https://careercenter.apsva.us/prime/>

**Applications due mid-December.**

### ***Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!)***

YEA! is a 21-week program that transforms middle and high school students into real entrepreneurs. Students develop business ideas, write business plans, conduct market research, pitch their plans to a panel of investors, obtain funding, and then actually launch and run their own legally-registered, fully-formed companies. For formation visit: <http://www.arlingtonchamber.org/young-entrepreneurs-academy-yea.html>

**Applications due late September.**

### ***EDU Futuro: Emerging Leader Program***

The Emerging Leaders Program Part I is for *immigrant families or first generation college high school* students in Arlington, Fairfax and surrounding counties who want to become leaders and learn about the college application process. Students meet others from different high schools that share the same interests, and are paired with a young, professional Latino mentor. The program develops students' leadership and communication skills, as well as helps students prepare for college. Students must first complete the *Emerging Leaders Pro-gram: Part I*. For information visit: <http://www.edu-futuro.org/emerging-leaders-program/> **Applications due mid-October.**

### ***W & M Focusing on the Future (FOF)***

*A Career and Academic Planning Experience for High- Ability Students in Grades 6-12 and Their Parents, occurring in early February at The College of William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Virginia.* FOF exposes high-ability learners to career opportunities related to the arts, humanities, mathematics, & sciences. For information, visit:

<https://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge/precollegiate/future/index.php> **Registration deadline is mid-January.**

### ***Virginia Space Grant Consortium***

**Virginia Space Coast Scholars (VSCS)** – Program for 10th grade students focusing on the missions flown or managed by NASA Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's Eastern Shore, with a Summer Academy program at NASA Wallops Flight Facility. <http://vscc.spacegrant.org/>  
**Virginia Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS)** – Program for 11th or 12th grade students focusing on NASA's human spaceflight missions and the Journey to Mars with an online course with a Summer Academy program at NASA Langley Research Center. Students can earn up to 4 free dual enrollment credits. <http://vscc.edu.edu/VASTS/>

**Virginia Earth System Science Scholars (VESSS)** Program for 11th or 12th grade students, VESSS is an interactive, on-line Earth System Science Course featuring NASA scientific research and data. The students can earn up to 5 transferable, free dual enrollment college credits and can also compete to attend a Summer Academy program at NASA Langley Research Center. <http://www.vsgc.edu.edu/VESSS>  
**Applications due late October.**

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## Summer Opportunities

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### ***Summer Residential Governor's School***

Summer Residential Governor's Schools provide gifted high school juniors and seniors with intensive educational experiences in agriculture; visual & performing arts; humanities; mathematics, science, & technology; medicine and health; foreign languages; or through mentorships in marine science or engineering. While living on a college campus for four weeks, students are involved in classroom & laboratory work, field studies, research, individual & group projects & performances, & seminars with noted scholars, visiting artists, & other professionals. For information visit: [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors\\_school\\_programs/summer\\_residential/Visual\\_Performing\\_Arts](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors_school_programs/summer_residential/Visual_Performing_Arts) applications due early November; Academic applications due early January.

### ***W & M Pre-College Summer in Early American History***

This fast-paced, in-depth and immersive course offers a variety of approaches to studying the past, but the chief feature will be classes conducted "on site" at the abundant historic places in the Chesapeake region. For information visit: <http://www.wm.edu/as/niabd/precollegiatesummer/index.php>  
**Applications due mid-May.**

### ***Superintendent's Seminar***

Superintendent's Seminar is an APS summer enrichment program for rising 11th and 12th graders who have demonstrated a desire for an academic experience during the summer. Students spend a week participating in activities focusing on a theme such as *Leadership and Change*: consider how one becomes a leader in one's own life, school, community, state, nation and world. At the end of the experience each participant shares a final presentation encapsulating how the theme impacted their thinking.