

2016 BioFORCE Summer Academy

National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing



APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in the BioFORCE Summer Academy created by the Texas A&M National Center for Therapeutics Manufacturing. To apply for the 2016 academy, please follow the below instructions:

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Please review all eligibility requirements found at <http://nctm.tamu.edu/programs/bioforce/index.html>
- **CREATE AN ACCOUNT:** Applicants will need to create an account on the NCTM training portal <https://nctmtp.teex.tamus.edu>
- **REGISTER:** Applications need to select the "2016 BioFORCE Summer Academy" Course; then register for their prospective class: BioFORCE I (currently 9th graders), BioFORCE II (currently 10th graders), BioFORCE III (currently 11th graders).
- **UPLOAD:** Applicants will need to upload the personal essay and a current high school transcript to their account in the training portal. Click "**Add Additional Documents to Your Transcript**" button located at the top on the top right of the screen. Required fields:

*Document Description (transcript, essay) *Provider (choose NCTM)

Make sure all forms (Essay and Transcript) are uploaded to the system by **March 23, 2016**. You will be notified via email of your acceptance by **April 8, 2016** and must accept the award by **April 22, 2016**.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID

Tuition for each of the 2016 BioFORCE academies is **\$250** and includes 4-day lodging and meals, as well as program supplies and lab materials. The BioFORCE Program seeks support through grants and fundraising to execute the program annually, and through past years, the BioFORCE Program has been successful in securing support from the Texas Workforce Commission Governor's Summer Program as well as Cognizant Technology Solutions. This nominal tuition fee helps cover the costs to produce the BioFORCE program that are not otherwise covered by NCTM's annual fundraising and grant-seeking efforts. However, our goal is to make BioFORCE accessible to everyone, so **limited** financial aid is available to those in need. Please contact Brooke Schneider, Program Director, for eligibility requirements by email BioFORCE@NCTMmail.tamu.edu or phone (979) 458-8506.

2015 BioFORCE Application

Personal Essay:

Please write and attach an essay (maximum of 1500 words) containing the following: Describe your interest in science and why you are interested in attending or returning to the BioFORCE Academy? What are you expecting to learn and what are your long-term goals of attending the three year Academy? Also include any personal motivations that persuaded you to apply for BioFORCE.