



# YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

## AT WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY

**JULY 13–27, 2025**

Now in its 13th year of providing an exceptional academic experience, free of charge, to rising eighth and ninth-grade students from rural and small communities throughout **Ohio**.



Western Reserve Academy was founded in 1826. It is ranked top in the state for STEM and college preparation and was named the Most Beautiful Private School in Ohio by Architectural Digest. The student body includes 439 students from 33 countries and 30 states. The spirited school believes in joy in education and has been known to sing about it.

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WRA's Young Scholars Program is a fully-funded, interdisciplinary, intensive two-week residential experience designed to provide academic opportunities beyond those available at most middle schools. The program seeks up to twenty current seventh and eighth-grade students from smaller communities throughout Ohio who have demonstrated exceptional academic ability and genuine intellectual curiosity across a broad range of academic areas.

Last year's program was entitled "Guarding the Golden Door: The Triumphs and Tragedies of American Immigration, 1790 to the Present." Using literature, media resources, and field trips to various related local and regional points of interest, students gained a far greater appreciation of the immigrant experience and the impact immigrants have had on our nation. This year our theme will be "Carry Me Home: The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s." Students will explore this theme using the combined academic lenses of math, science, history, literature, music, and cinematic arts. As has been the case for the past several summers, one major goal of the program will be to have students research and write their own original theatrical production incorporating themes learned throughout the two weeks.

## PROGRAM AND TUITION INFORMATION

Through a generous gift, the 2025 program will be offered free of charge. While admission is certain to be competitive, each enrolled student will receive a full scholarship worth nearly \$3,000 that includes various class materials, all trips and activities, plus room and board.

Over the past many years, Young Scholars have enjoyed trips to theater performances, lakes and parks, museums, landmarks, a baseball game and more. The WRA campus and its facilities allow for indoor/outdoor athletic activities, including swimming and the use of classroom technology. Additionally, a notebook computer is issued to each student for use during the program.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The WRA Young Scholars Program is, by its nature, highly selective.

Please visit our website at [WRA.net/youngscholars](http://WRA.net/youngscholars) to complete the preliminary student application, download the school transcript release form, and access the recommendation form that you can share with either a counselor or teacher.

The deadline to submit applications, including an official school transcript, is **May 16, 2025**.

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