



YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM

AT WESTERN RESERVE ACADEMY

JULY 12–26, 2026

Now in its 14th year of providing an exceptional academic experience, free of charge, to rising seventh, 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 427 students from 41 countries and 33 states. The spirited school believes in joy in education and has been known to sing about it.

Young Scholars Program



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 rising seventh, eighth and ninth-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 "Carry Me Home: The Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s." Using literature, media resources, and field trips to various related local and regional points of interest, students gained a far greater appreciation of the era's profound impact on American society. This summer, "A Nation at Play: Athletics and the American Story," students will dive into the intersection of sports in American culture and society. 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 Young Scholars Program is offered free of charge. While admission is competitive, the comprehensive program — valued at nearly \$3,000 — includes all class materials, trips and activities, as well as 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 to complete the preliminary student application 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 15, 2026**.

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