Dear High School Student,

If you are interested in pursuing a health science career, this is a great opportunity for you!

UNMC has spots for up to 12 high school students who are currently enrolled in 10th, 11th, and 12th grade at one of our partner schools/programs to join college students in a FREE weeklong summer enrichment program for individuals interested in health science professions on Mon, June 14 – Fri, June 25, 2021.

The goal of the Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP), Youth Enjoy Science (YES), Weeklong Institute for Students in High School (WISH) is to strengthen the career development of students underrepresented in the health professions and improve their access to information and resources that can prepare you for college success in a health-science field.

Program Location:
Due to the COVID-19 (i.e., Coronavirus) pandemic, this program will be offered remotely online and part-time (e.g., for 4 hours per day) for two weeks. Some technology assistance may be available.

Program Overview
SHPEP-YES WISH will offer students a variety of academic and career experiences:

- Introduction to opportunities in health professions with visits to colleges of medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, public health, and allied health professions
- Discussion on cancer research areas in the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, and learn about a variety of opportunities in cancer research professions
- Learn about research into cancer causes and cures and about professions in cancer research
- Writing, learning, and study skills development
- Clinical exposure through small-group simulation experiences and seminars
- Exposure to a larger view of health care, health systems, and the social determinants of health
- An introduction to interprofessional education that addresses effective collaboration across health professions

Eligibility Requirements
Students who meet these requirements are encouraged to apply:

- Is a high school sophomore, junior, or senior at the time of application
- Has a GPA that is equal to or exceeds the 50th percentile of all applications received
- Identifies as American Indian/Alaska Native
- Comes from an economically or educationally disadvantaged background; and/or
- Has demonstrated an interest in issues affecting underserved populations
- Submits a compelling personal statement, diversity essay, and a strong letter of recommendation.

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Application
Each applicant must fill out the online application form available online

- The application can be found online at [https://rebrand.ly/SHPEPYW21](https://rebrand.ly/SHPEPYW21)

Personal Statement (500 word limit)
- What health profession(s) are you interested in and Why?
- What motivates you to learn more about your preferred health profession(s)?
- What special hardships, challenges, or obstacles may have influenced your educational pursuits?
- What do you want the selection committee to know about you that has not been disclosed in another part of the application?
- What commentary on significant fluctuations in your academic record provides detail that is not explained elsewhere in your application?

Diversity Essay (150 word limit)
SHPEP-YES WISH seeks individuals who are interested in the goals of advancing diversity in the health professions, reducing health care disparities, and/or improving health care for all. Please share your experiences or interest in one or all of these areas.

Recommendation and Permission Forms
Using the 2-page SHPEP-YES WISH recommendation form, a letter of recommendation must be sent from a principal, vice principal, health/science teacher, guidance counselor, or other school official that knows you well and can tell us why they recommend you for this weeklong summer opportunity.

A parent/guardian must complete and submit the SHPEP-YES WISH parent permission form.

- These forms can be emailed to aislinn.rookwood@unmc.edu. Recommendation form emails must be directly from the person making the recommendation.
- These forms can also be mailed to the mailing address below. All recommendations must be received or postmarked no later than Friday, April 23, 2021 to be considered. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that their recommendation is submitted on time.
- **Mailing address:** SHPEP-YES WISH
c/o Aislinn Rookwood
984365 Nebraska Medical Center
Omaha, NE 68198-4365

Acceptance Notices
All applicants will be notified by April 30th of acceptance status by email provided on the application form. If you have any questions, please call (402) 836-9368 or send an email to aislinn.rookwood@unmc.edu

Sincerely,

Aislinn Rookwood, MPH

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