

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN VIRGINIA

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Appalachian Regional Commission & Oak Ridge National Laboratory Summer Science-Technology-Engineering- Math Programs (summer residential)	July 11-24, 2026 July 11-24, 2026	Rising 7-9 th grade in Appalachia Rising 10-12 th grade in Appalachia	Students will conduct guided group science, math, and computer science technology research projects, while high school teachers will work with science practitioners to develop STEM-related curriculum. Activities include lab time and visits to nearby industries, universities, and museums to experience real-world applications of science, math, and technology.	https://www.arc.gov/academies-and-institutes/stem/#high_school_students
Appalachian Institute for Creative Learning	July 19-August 1, 2026	Middle-High School	They build curricula based on the idea that learning is fun and should be ongoing to prepare our students to engage in our complex world with insight, empathy, and confidence. When a camper comes to AICL, they have an opportunity to join a community of educators and students who are passionate about learning and creating.	https://appalachianinstitute.org/
BLAST-ODU, VT and UVA Summer Residential Camp Applications closed for 2026 Look to apply in Dec 2026 for the summer of 2027	2027 Program Dates: Unknown at this time		Through innovative hands-on sessions taught by faculty members and staff, students will explore the fun and excitement of STEM while residing in a college dorm.	http://blast.spacegrant.org/
College of William & Mary Center for Gifted Education Camp Ignite	Summer 2026	Rising 7 th -9 th graders	Camp Ignite at William & Mary gives motivated students the chance to push their limits, connect with peers, and explore advanced academic courses in a supportive, inclusive community.	https://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge/precollegiate/wm-tip/

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College of William & Mary, Center for Gifted Education Camp Launch	Summer 2026	Current 6 th grade student-9 th grade	Camp Launch is a two-week residential summer program for rising seventh-through tenth-grade high-ability students from low-income households. Students participate in courses centered around science, writing, and personal development—designed specifically to challenge and inspire this population of learners.	https://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge/precollegiate/camp-launch/
College of William & Mary, Center for Gifted Education Saturday and Summer Enrichment Classes Registrations are open until classes fill	Various Saturday programs, Dates for summer 2026 to come	Grades K-12	The program is not meant to supplant the regular school curriculum; rather, it recognizes the importance of allowing able youngsters to explore additional specialized areas of science, mathematics, humanities, and arts.	https://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge/precollegiate/sep/
Jefferson Lab/VIMS Summer Residential Governor’s School	June & July 2026	Grades 11-12	Students are assigned to a research mentor at Jefferson Lab in Newport News and the Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester. Students participate in actual research projects, working with professional research scientists and graduate students, either one-on-one or in small teams.	https://education.wm.edu/centers/cfge/precollegiate/gov-school/
College of William and Mary Intro to Law	July 22-26, 2026 August 3-6, 2026	Age 14 to college	What is law? How is it made? How can judges change law? Introduction to the US legal system. Online course.	https://www.legaltechcenter.net/courses-training/law-related-education/
Constitutional Academy Washington, DC Fellowship Application open in Oct 2026 for 2027		Grades 10-12	A week of deep discussions on critical issues and interaction with scholars, policy-makers, and national thought leaders.	https://www.billofrightsinstitute.org/student-fellowship/
Discovery Education 3M: Young Scientist Challenge	Deadline April 26, 2026	Grades 5-8	3M Scientist Challenge	About The Challenge Young Scientist Lab

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Emory & Henry College Summer Scholars Leadership Program	Dates to Come	Grades 10-12	This program provides skills and tools to help you become better prepared for leadership roles in high school as well as in college.	https://www.emoryhenry.edu/live/profiles/1650-summer-scholars-leadership-program-application
Ferrum College Summer Enrichment Program	June 23-29, 2026	Ages 9-13	Classes involve ACTIVE PARTICIPATION with a variety of daily projects and group activities.	https://www.ferrum.edu/news/celebrating-30-years-of-summer-enrichment-camp-offering-new-csi-camp/ Information not available at this time.
George Mason University	Summer	Ages 5-18	Academic, Visual & Performing Arts, Science & Technology, Recreation & Sports programs.	Academic Camps – Camps and Youth Programs (gmu.edu)
Holiday Lake Forestry Camp 4H Camp near Appomattox, VA Deadline April 15	June 15-19, 2026	Ages 13-16	Courses include Sustainable Forest Management, Forest Ecology, Reforestation and Tree Improvement, Tree Measurements, Environmental Protection, Wildlife Management, and Tree Identification.	https://dof.virginia.gov/education-and-recreation/youth-education/camp-woods-wildlife/
Lavner Education Various locations throughout the USA	June; July 2026	Ages 7-16	STEM & Tech camps, offering both in person and virtual camps	https://www.lavnercampsandprograms.com/?gclid=CjwKCAiAxP2eBhBiEiwA5puhNSFzmVxt9pyTCng2ORjYErRnhBkfilbd-5rq0T-c_4hKA2XCrReBvRoCFiEQAvD_BwE
Oakland School Mechanicsville, VA	June 22-July 23, 2026 8:30-4:30	Elem, Middle, High	Oakland’s five-week summer camp is well-suited for students who have learning differences, need an academic boost, or an individualized learning plan.	Oakland School Summer Camp
National Building Museum Washington, DC	June, July 2026	Grades 2-5	The National Building Museum encourages families to discover architecture, design, and engineering in fun and interactive ways.	https://nbm.org/programs-events/summer-camp/
National Society for Gifted and Talented (SIG) Various locations around the USA	June; July 2026	Elementary Middle High	Various opportunities for academic residential studies throughout the country.	Get More Info Pre-College Enrichment Programs Summer Discovery

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National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) Charleston, WV DEADLINE March 15, 2026	July 11-August 1, 2026	Graduating Seniors-- From July 2025 to June 2027	Provide engaged learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and related professions.	National Youth Summer Camp
Odyssey of the Mind	School Year	Grades K-12	A problem-solving contest with challenges ranging from building mechanical devices to literary interpretations.	http://odysseyofthemind.com/
PEG-Program for the Exceptionally Gifted- Mary Baldwin College	School Year	Ages 16 - 17	The coed Early College offers the opportunity for bright 16- and 17-year-old students to skip their final years of high school and immerse themselves in college at MBU. There is also a program for girls as young as 13 years of age who live in a supervised living-learning residence hall.	http://www.marybaldwin.edu/early-college//
Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation's Summer programs	Summer 2026	Grades 8-12	a range of hands-on, interdisciplinary programs in conservation for undergraduates, graduate students, professionals, and high school students.	High School Summer Programs for College Credit - Smithsonian Mason School of Conservation (gmu.edu)
STEM iD Tech Camps Charlottesville, Williamsburg and Richmond locations	June; July 2026	Ages 7-17	Kids and teens discover coding, game development, robotics, and design in an inspiring, collegiate setting.	idtech
Stemality Gainesville, VA	Various dates throughout June & July 2026	Ages 5-17	Where Young Minds Innovate: A Journey Through Coding, Robotics, AI, & Gaming	https://www.stemality.com/

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University of Virginia Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) Deadline March 1	July 11-Aug. 7, 2026	High School	Curriculum and instruction is designed to engage your child in authentic inquiries into major concepts and ideas of a field through critical, creative, and problem-based thinking/learning. Students in the program spend the morning and afternoon engaged in learning experiences designed to foster critical thinking, creative thinking, and inquiry processes.	https://summer.virginia.edu/uva-advance
VA Aerospace Science and Technology Scholars (VASTS) NASA/Langley Research Center Hampton, VA	Fall programs Application process begins in August, 2026	Grade 11-12	Interactive on-line STEM learning experience, highlighted by a seven-day residential summer academy at NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia.	http://vsgc.odu.edu/vasts/
VA Association of the Gifted (VA Gifted) Summer Scholarships		Grades K-12	Summer program Scholarships	https://www.vagifted.org/page/StudSummScholarships
VA Space Flight Academy-	Information not available as of 2/25/26 for 2026.	Ages 11-15	Opportunity to build and launch model rockets. You also build and program robots to perform specific tasks. Add some drone flying to the mix, and you have the formula for a fun week at summer camp.	Virginia Space Flight Academy (jumbula.com)
Veritas Applications being accepted March 1-March 31, 2026	Program beginning Spring of 2026	Grades 5-7 Grades 8-12	Described by the Washington Informer as 'a revolutionary approach to education,' is opening its inaugural Metro D.C. Chapter this spring. The program is a Saturday school for high-achieving students in grades 5–12, with a track record of eight consecutive Harvard debate championship wins and alumni at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, MIT, and Cornell. No gifted designation is required — any student ready for an accelerated Saturday commitment is eligible to apply.	https://theveritasschools.org/dc/ https://theveritasschools.org/apply-now/

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Virginia Summer Regional Governor's Schools	June-August, 2026	Grades 3-12	Science, Visual & Performing Arts, Marine Biology, Math, Technology	VDOE Summer Residential Governor Schools
VA Tech C-Tech2 DEADLINE March 8, 2026	June 28-July 11, 2026	Grades 11-12	Spending time involved in hands-on activities designed to increase your interest in and knowledge of applications of engineering to real world situations.	http://www.eng.vt.edu/ctech2
VA Tech IMAGINATION Camp DEADLINE March 29, 2026	June 14-20, 2026 June 22-26, 2026 June 29-July 3, 2026	Grades 7-8	Introduces participants to the exciting and fun world of technology, engineering, and science ... not by watching, but by doing!	https://eng.vt.edu/ceed/ceed-pre-college-programs/imagination.html
VA Tech Kids' Tech University	Currently ongoing through March	Ages 9-12	Hands-on STEM activities	https://ktu.fralinlifesci.vt.edu/programs/current-ktu-program.html
VCU PIPELINE	Various dates for the programs offered in the summer of 2026	Middle School High School	Our Pipeline programs for middle and high school students are designed to assist in the college and career decision process. Learn from current college students, health care professionals, and researchers about the extensive and exciting options in the health care fields.	https://dsei.vcu.edu/paths/programs/middle-school/
VCUarts Summer Pre-College Program	July 12-31, 2026	Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors	Develop practical knowledge and skills to prepare you for college-level performing arts auditions and/or the development of your application portfolio.	http://arts.vcu.edu/summerintensive/
Virtual Virginia		Middle & High School Students	Variety of courses online	Online Course Catalog - Virtual Virginia
Washington Youth Summit on the Environment & Field Ecology Conservation Program Fairfax, VA	June 8-July 3 Filled-- Waitlist currently	Rising Sophomores-Seniors	Interactive program that provides America is highest achieving high school students with an interest in the environment, conservation, and sustainability, and with the desire to explore careers in the fields of environmental science, conservation, policy, law, and engineering, with a remarkable opportunity.	https://wyse.gmu.edu/

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Western Kentucky University Summer Program	Various dates through June & July	Ages 12-High School	Engaging camps tailored to diverse interests. From financial literacy and music to sports science and healthcare careers, our camps offer immersive experiences for learning and growth.	https://www.wku.edu/cpd/summercamps.php

Note: Not all listed programs are specifically structured for gifted students. Some programs may have a cost associated with participation. Some programs may offer scholarships. Reference within this presentation to any specific commercial or non-commercial product, process, or service by trade name, trademark, manufacturer or otherwise does not constitute or imply an endorsement, recommendation, or favoring by the Virginia Association for the Gifted.