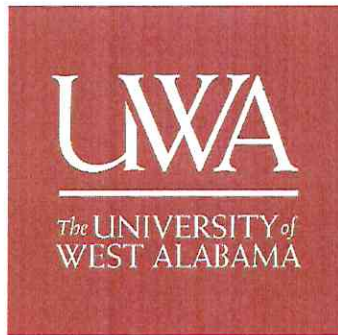


**The University of West Alabama  
Center for Business & Entrepreneurial Services**



**2021 Summer Transportation Institute  
Non-Residential Program**



**July 19 - July 23, 2021 (on-campus)**

**July 26 - July 30, 2021 (virtual)**

## MEMORANDUM

To: Middle School Guidance Counselors  
From: Sheena Turner, Program Director  
Subject: 2021 Summer Transportation Institute Program  
Date: May 11, 2021

The **University of West Alabama** will host the **2021** Summer Transportation Institute (STI) Program for middle school students from **July 19 - July 23, 2021 (on-campus)** and **July 26 - July 30 (virtual)**. This will be a non-residential program where the students will travel campus each day. The STI Program aims to create awareness and stimulate interest in secondary school students to take full advantage of the opportunities that exist in the transportation industry. The STI Program sponsored by the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration is open to students attending public and private middle schools across the Black Belt. The STI is an extremely intense and structured learning opportunity for youth in the secondary school systems of Alabama.

The curriculum will expose students to new frontiers and adventures such as highway design, transportation of people and cargo, intermodalism, laws, regulations, safety, and career opportunities. In addition, students will participate in standardized applicant test preparation courses, computer training, academic enhancement activities, field trips, and hands-on projects.

Approximately 18 students from grades 7-8 will receive full scholarships to participate in the 2-week summer program. Scholarships will include the following:

- Tuition
- Workshops/Handouts
- Supplies
- Facility Usage
- Equipment
- Field Trips
- Lab Fees
- Speakers

The attached application form is being sent to public and private middle schools across the Black Belt. Guidance counselors are asked to identify two students for the STI Program and assist them with completing the forms in the enclosed application package.

Thank you,



Sheena Turner, Program Director

May 11, 2021

Attention: Middle School Guidance Counselors

The Summer Transportation Institute will make notification of scholarship awards to each of the selected students. The following criteria will be used in the selection of scholarship recipients.

Students must:

- Be in the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the (2021-2022) school year.
- Have completed or be qualified to enroll in Pre-Algebra for the (2021-2022) school year.
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (minimum).
- Have an interest in an engineering, science, transportation, or technology-related career.
- Provide at least one letter of recommendation
- Provide an essay explaining why they want to participate in the program and how it can assist in meeting their individual career goals.
- Must attend the program orientation meeting with a parent/guardian upon selection.

The selection team will also consider the geographical location of applicants to ensure representation from across the region. Please consult with your science, mathematics, and technology education teachers for the names of potential students who may qualify for the STI program.

Please return all applications to the address below no later than Friday, July 9, 2021.

Sheena Turner  
Program Director, Summer Transportation Institute  
The University of West Alabama  
UWA Station #21  
Livingston, AL 35470

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,



Sheena Turner, Program Director

## Summer Transportation Institute Program Application - Middle School Students

|                                    |                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Name:                              |                       |
| Social Security Number:            | Gender:               |
| Address::                          |                       |
| Parents/Guardian Name:             |                       |
| Address (if different from above): |                       |
| Telephone Numbers (Home):          | (Work):               |
| Name of School:                    |                       |
| Standardized Test Score:           | Grade Point Average:: |

(Please Print Clearly)

During the 2021 school year I will be in the: \_\_\_\_7<sup>th</sup> Grade \_\_\_\_8<sup>th</sup> Grade

List your math and science class (most recent)

Math \_\_\_\_\_ Science \_\_\_\_\_

Career Interest (Check One):

- |                                       |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting   | <input type="checkbox"/> Law              | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology       | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific Research |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environment  | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing        |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business     | <input type="checkbox"/> Construction     |  |

**Awards/Achievements/Organizations:** Attach a list of your awards, achievements, and organization memberships.

**Required Essay:** Describe your career objective(s), interest in transportation, and how the Summer Transportation Institute can assist you in reaching your goals. Your essay must be typed and not exceed one (1) page.

**Additional Information:** Please enclose at least two letters of recommendation and your academic transcript. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Submit Application to: Sheena Turner, Program Director  
 Summer Transportation Institute  
 The University of West Alabama  
 UWA Station 21, Livingston, AL 35470

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature (Parent)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature (Student)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**For Questions, Comments, or Additional Information, please contact Sheena Turner at the contact information below.**

Sheena Turner, Program Director  
2021 UWA Summer Transportation Institute  
The University of West Alabama  
UWA Station #21  
Livingston, AL 35470  
Phone: 205-652-3665  
Email: [srturmer@uwa.edu](mailto:srturmer@uwa.edu)

# COVID-19 Consent Form for 2021 NSTI Summer Camp

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, The University of West Alabama had to update the summer camp regulations to comply with CDC guidelines. To attend this camp, here are the new rules:

- No one may attend the camp under the following conditions:
  - Experiencing the symptoms of the Coronavirus, including but not limited to the most known fever, cough, trouble at breathing, sore throat, chills, itching, loss of taste or smell, etc.
  - Currently in quarantine for testing Positive or being exposed to someone who tested Positive
  - Been exposed to someone who has experienced or mentioned symptoms in the last 14 days
  - Been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days
  - Been exposed to someone who has traveled internationally in the last 14 days
  
- All students must be screened daily and throughout the day by NSTI Staff:
  - Should your child's temperature exceed 99°F, he/she will not be allowed to attend camp
  - Should your child develop any COVID-19 symptoms during camp hours, they will be moved to a quarantined area **IMMEDIATELY** for pick-up
  
- All students must adhere to the following hygiene rules:
  - Wear a mask each day that covers their nose and mouth
  - Stay 6 feet apart from others
  - Wash/Sanitize their hands and workspace throughout the day

I have read the COVID-19 Consent Form for the 2021 NSTI Camp and I,  
\_\_\_\_\_, sign this consent voluntarily on the day of \_\_\_\_\_.  
Student Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date