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Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in Miami University's Junior Scholars Program. The Junior Scholars Program is a six-week summer term for academically talented high school students (year 11 students in a 12-year system or years 11 and 12 students in a 13-year system). The Program provides a total collegiate experience—courses for college credit, residence hall life, planned recreation programs, and co-curricular seminars. Junior Scholars also receive scholarships in recognition of their scholastic achievements. Details of these scholarships are outlined in the schedule of fees. The 2009 Program is from June 28 to August 7.

Junior Scholars typically take two courses from a list of about 40 offerings in the areas of fine arts, languages, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, mathematics, and computer science. We expect students to be fluent in English, and all classes (except foreign language classes) are taught in English. We require documentation of English language skills for non-native English speakers. While in the Junior Scholars Program, each international student is expected to become immersed in the English language and American culture, and forsake his or her mother tongue.

A complete application packet is attached and includes the items below. You may also download information from our web site (URL above).

- ❖ An application form.
- ❖ Instructions for completing the application form.
- ❖ A description of the residence hall, and co-curricular programs, and a schedule of fees.
- ❖ Facts about the Junior Scholars Program and comments from past Junior Scholars.
- ❖ The 2009 Course List.

Please note that your completed application should include the following items:

- ❖ *An **official** academic transcript from your school that includes your grades from year 9 through the first term of the current year in an envelope sealed by your school.*
- ❖ The results from any achievement test(s) you may have taken (e.g., SAT, PSAT, ACT, PLAN, IB).
- ❖ An explanation of the grading system at your school, a profile of your school, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or official from your school.
- ❖ The results from the TOEFL examination, if English is not your native language. If such results are not available, then supply a letter from your current English teacher that certifies that your English language skills are sufficient for you to read, write, speak, and learn in English.

We appreciate your interest in the Junior Scholars Program, and look forward to receiving your application. A limited number of international students will be admitted and the deadline for international students is April 1, 2009. If you have further questions about this Program, please contact us.

Sincerely,



Robert S. Smith, Ph.D.
Director