



Application Review FAQ

Application Review Process

All applications, submitted by the deadline, were reviewed by no less than two members of the selection committee. The members of this committee have extensive experience with the program and working with high school youth. All applications are reviewed on an equal basis. Offers for participation, alternate list, and denial are based on these reviews.

The applications for many unsuccessful applicants had one or more of the following characteristics.

Factors that negatively affected a review

- Application was incomplete
- Student was too young or too old based on the advertised age limits
- Student was not currently a sophomore or junior in high school
- Essays did not adhere to the word limits
- Essays did not address the questions asked
- Essay responses were poorly written
- Essays contained grammatical or spelling errors
- Students academic record was not competitive with the applicant pool
- Teacher recommendations were not competitive with the applicant pool
- Applicant did not follow the published instructions or guidelines for completing and submitting the application
- Teacher recommendations were missing-This **does not** apply to students whose recommendations arrived after the application was submitted.
- Transcripts were missing