Frequently Asked Questions

The Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas is pleased to announce the acceptance of applications for the 2014 Technology Awareness Program (TAP).

Technology Awareness Program (TAP) Program Dates: June 22-27, 2014

What is TAP? TAP is a one-week residency program designed to introduce students of color to the field of accounting, finance and computer information systems. The programs are designed to demonstrate how business and technology are utilized to assist business organizations in their decision-making process to operate more effectively. Students will have an opportunity to participate in the preparation and presentation of a challenging team project. Additionally, the students will have opportunities to interact with minority professionals from business and government, as well as visit and observe them in their work environment.

Who will teach the classes? University faculty members from the Sam M. Walton College of Business will teach each of the classes: accounting, multimedia, ACCESS/Excel, and communications.

What other activities will students be involved in during the program? Students will attend classes, develop an executive presentation, visit a local company’s accounting/information technology division and shadow the professionals, interact with college students from the Walton College, visit the HPER Complex for organized activities, and hear presentations from various professionals on campus (admissions, scholarship office, Walton College Advisement Team).

Who may apply? Each program is open to high school students of color (i.e., Native American, African American, Asian American, and Hispanic/Latino(a) who will be starting their junior or senior year in the fall of 2014. Forty students will be selected to participate in the TAP program.

What is the cost? Students selected to participate in the summer programs will receive full scholarships to the program, which covers the cost of tuition, room and board, meals, books and supplies. Transportation must be arranged by the family.

What are the requirements to apply? Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, complete an application, provide a reference (teacher or counselor), and show involvement in school, community, and/or church activities. ACT/SAT test results are not required to participate in the program. Students applying to the summer programs are not required to have taken a business course in high school. However, a student must have an interest in majoring in the business administration field.

What is the deadline? The application must be received by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion by March 31, 2014. Students will be notified of their acceptance from the Office of Diversity & Inclusion by the third week in April, 2014.

Where will students reside? Students are required to live in the residence hall in order to become familiar with living on a college campus.

Who will supervise the students? Students will be supervised by trained college students.

Is there an application fee? Yes. The application fee is $50.00 per program. The application fee is due when the student is notified of acceptance to the program. A reduced fee is available for students who cannot pay the full enrollment fee. Financial need must be verified by a teacher or counselor. This does not affect a student’s eligibility.

How may applications be submitted? Applications may be submitted electronically via the link on our website. Please visit http://waltoncollege.uark.edu/diversity/tap.asp and click on the TAP Participant Application link at the bottom of the page. If you have difficulty with the electronic application, you may contact the Office of Diversity & Inclusion for a printable version by either calling (479) 575-4557 or emailing Rebecca Adams at radams@walton.uark.edu.

Can students attend the same program in multiple years? No. If you participated in the program in previous years, you are unable to submit an application for the 2014 Technology Awareness Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office at (479) 575-4557 or email Rebecca Adams at radams@walton.uark.edu. We look forward to working with you in this educational endeavor.