Teacher Recommendation Letter

Michigan Tech’s Rail and Intermodal Transportation Summer Youth Program offers scholarships to high-achieving students with an interest in transportation. Students should be recommended to attend if they have the aptitude to engage in technological studies and would benefit from this experience.

Have your high school science or math teacher write you a letter of recommendation and include it with this application.

School Transcript

Enclose your most recent transcript of all your high school course work through the first semester of this year. In addition, indicate the following in the space provided:

Current class rank ____________ out of ___________________ Cumulative GPA ________________

Note: if your school uses a grading system other than the 4.0 scale, an explanation of the method must accompany the transcript.

How Did You Hear About Our Program?

☐ Counselor or teacher
☐ Previous participant
☐ Summer Youth Programs website
☐ Friend
☐ Catalog

☐ Internet search
☐ Michigan Tech alumni or faculty/staff
☐ Mind Trekkers Event
☐ Other __________________________

Transportation

Once you are selected, more information—including directions to Michigan Tech and specific charter bus drop-off and pick-up locations—will be sent in your Confirmation Packet. Please refer to our website for more details on your transportation options.

When do you plan on arriving at Michigan Tech?
Check-in: Sunday, July 27—9:00 AM–3:00 PM EDT

Day ______________ Time __________________

How do you plan on arriving at Michigan Tech?

☐ Car
☐ United Airlines: Houghton (CMX)
  Flight number __________________________
☐ SYP charter bus
  Please pick me up in:  ○ Lansing  ○ Detroit
  ○ Bay City  ○ Gaylord  ○ St. Ignace
  Pickup will be the Saturday evening prior to the program start date.

☐ Other __________________________

Please note: If you will be arriving before the program begins, or departing after its conclusion, there is an additional fee. See website for details (www.syp.mtu.edu).

Parent/Guardian Consent

I approve of _______________________________ applying for Rail and Intermodal Transportation. Applicant name

Signature ________________________________ Date __________________

Student Signature

I attest that the information provided in this application is correct.

Signature ________________________________ Date __________________
RAIL AND INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM 2014
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Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs . . . where college begins!

THE RAIL AND INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM WILL BE HELD ON
THE CAMPUS OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY FROM JULY 27 TO AUGUST 2, 2014.

PROGRAM INFORMATION
This program is a weeklong investigation designed to create awareness and stimulate interest in
the area of rail and intermodal transportation. The program is a collaborative effort by Michigan
Tech’s Rail Transportation Program and the Transportation and Logistics Management Program at
University of Wisconsin—Superior.

• Learn about and ride trains—the “green transportation alternative.”
• Learn about new advances in Railroad Technology—alternative fuels, advanced train control
  systems, and much more!
• Enjoy technical tours to rail and intermodal facilities in Marquette and Duluth.
• Find out why trucks, ships, and trains are so important to today’s economy.
• Work in teams to complete group projects.
• Experience college life on two college campuses—stay in a residence hall, explore campus, and
  meet others with similar backgrounds and interests.
• Enjoy Michigan’s beautiful Keweenaw Peninsula and the shores of Lake Superior.

HOW TO APPLY
Enrollment in this program is first-come, first-served. Application deadline is 5:00 pm, Friday,
May 2, 2014. Send in your completed application, including a teacher recommendation, the required
short responses to questions, and a copy of your school transcript. Application can be accessed
online at www.syp.mtu.edu.

COST
Participants in the Rail and Intermodal Transportation Program will receive a scholarship valued at
more than $900. The nonrefundable registration fee of $100 is due within ten days of being accepted
into the program. Do not send in your payment with your application. Once accepted, we must
receive your registration fee to complete your enrollment and guarantee your spot. In addition to
the application requirements, you must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (On a 4.0 scale). Scholarship
funding is not available to international students.

TRANSPORTATION
You are responsible for your own transportation. Travel accommodations and charter bus
information are included in the information you will receive once you are accepted. Transportation
funding may be provided on an individual basis.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
☐ Complete application
☐ Short responses to questions
☐ Signature of applicant
☐ Copy of school transcript
☐ Signature of parent or guardian
☐ Teacher recommendation letter

Rail Transportation Program
Michigan Tech Transportation Institute • Michigan Technological University

CONTACT OUR OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
Michigan Tech Summer Youth Programs—Rail
1400 Townsend Drive
Houghton, MI 49931-1295
Toll-free 1-888-773-2655
Fax 1-906-487-1136
Email yp@mtu.edu

WWW.SYP.MTU.EDU
RAIL AND INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION APPLICATION

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM.

Application deadline is 5:00 pm, Friday, May 2, 2014.
Late applications may be considered if additional scholarships become available.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO APPLY: Online: www.syp.mtu.edu • By mail: see below.

Please complete both sides of this application and send it with your transcript, teacher recommendation, and short responses to questions. Payment form and $100 registration fee will be due within ten days of being accepted into the program to complete your enrollment. Do not send your payment now.

Legal name ________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

First Middle Last Suffix (Jr., Sr., II, etc.)

Preferred name/nickname _________________________________________________________________________________________________

This is how your name will appear on your participant ID.

HAVE YOU APPLIED TO OR ATTENDED ANY OF THESE PROGRAMS IN THE PAST? DO YOU PLAN TO APPLY?

National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) ☐ Previously applied ☐ Attended ☐ Plan to apply
Engineering Scholars Program (ESP) ☐ Previously applied ☐ Attended ☐ Plan to apply
Women in Engineering (WIE) ☐ Previously applied ☐ Attended ☐ Plan to apply
Women in Computer Science (WICS) ☐ Previously applied ☐ Attended ☐ Plan to apply
Summer Youth Programs (SYP) ☐ Previously applied ☐ Attended ☐ Plan to apply
Which SYP Exploration? _________________________________________

CONTACT INFORMATION

Participant’s email ___________________________________________
Street _______________________________________________________
City _________________________________________________________
State/province _______________________________________________
ZIP or postal code ____________________________________________
County ______________________________________________________
Country _____________________________________________________
Telephone ___________________________________________________
Participant’s cell _____________________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION—EACH PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

Parent first name Middle name Last name Suffix
Relationship to applicant ______________________________________
Evening phone _______________________________________________
Day phone ___________________________________________________
Cell phone ___________________________________________________
Email _______________________________________________________
Is your address the same as the participant’s? ☐ Yes ☐ No

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gender _______________________________________________________
Birth date ____________________________Age ________________

SCHOOL INFORMATION

What is the name of the school you attended this year? ________________________________________________________________
What grade will you have completed by June 2014? _________

Please type or print your short responses to the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

Be sure to put your full name at the top of the page.

1. List any extracurricular activities, hobbies, or community organizations with which you are involved.
2. Why do you want to be a part of this program, and what do you hope to gain from this experience?
3. Describe your goals for the next five years and the next ten years.
4. What makes you a good candidate for this program?

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