Camp Information:
The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EMBHSSC) is organized to provide activities, experiments, projects, and field experiences for students entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2016. The camp promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and supports historically underserved and underrepresented students with limited opportunities. Students attend the camp free of charge. Students currently in grade 5, 6, or 7 who have an interest in science and mathematics, at least a B average in science and mathematics courses and a passing score on the most recent required state’s standardized science and mathematics tests are eligible to apply. Immediate family members of the university staff, EMBHSSC camp staff and ExxonMobil employees are not eligible.

The EMBHSSC is a two-week, academic, residential camp that emphasizes increasing students’ mathematics and science knowledge and skills while introducing them to college life and stimulating their interest in science and engineering as a potential career path. Campers will attend classes that include problem solving, research, critical thinking and communication skills incorporated into biology, chemistry, physics, environmental sciences, earth sciences, engineering, technology and design concepts, and go on field excursions. Certified secondary teachers, university faculty, and other professionals will serve as instructors.

The camp will be held on the campus of University of Houston – Main Campus, 4800 Calhoun Road, 214 Farish Hall, Houston, TX 77204-5023. Students will stay in the Cougar Village dorm on the university’s campus.

Camp participants will be selected from Harris, Fort Bend, Brazoria, and Galveston counties.

Application Process:
- Parent/Guardian and student complete requested information on the attached Student Application Form (pages 2 – 4).
- Parent/Guardian or student gives the request for records to the student’s school registrar (page 5).
- Parent/Guardian or student gives a recommendation form to the student’s current science teacher (page 6) and current mathematics teacher (page 7).
- Student writes a 250-word essay. Instructions for the essay are at the bottom of page 3.

Send the completed Student Application Form, essay, records and teacher recommendations to Dr. Leah McAlister-Shields, University of Houston, teachHOUSTON Office, 214 Farish Hall, Houston, TX 77204-5023. All requested documents are due by the postmark deadline date, April 8, 2016. If all requested documents are not received by the deadline date, the application will not be considered. A committee will select campers on April 22, 2016. You will receive notification on the status of the application no later than April 29, 2016. Students may be interviewed prior to being selected, if deemed necessary. If you have questions or need additional information, call Dr. Leah McAlister-Shields at 713-743-2491.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM 2016
University of Houston
APPLICATION POSTMARK DEADLINE April 8, 2016

Student Information

Please print in blue or black ink or type. Please provide all requested information.

Name of Student: ____________________________________________________________

Home Address: ________________________________________________________________________________

City __________________________________ State __________ Zip Code __________

Ethnicity: __________________________ Date of Birth (month/date/year): ____________________

Gender: Female____ Male:______ Adult T-shirt Size: ________

Name of School student is currently attending: __________________________________________

Type of School (Check all that apply):

_____ Elementary (K – 5); _____ Middle (6 – 8); _____ K – 8; ______ K – 12; _____ Other

______ Public ______ Parochial ______ Private ______ Charter

Current Grade level __________ School District/Parish: ____________________________

Courses taken during the 2015-2016 academic year:

Mathematics: ___________________________ Science: ____________________________

Courses you plan to take for the 2016-2017 academic year:

Mathematics: ___________________________ Science: ____________________________

How did you find out about the EMBHSSC?

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Name of Student: ____________________________________________________________

School: __________________________ Current Grade level: _______

List school organizations, any science and/or mathematics activities (Science Fair, math club, after-school programs, summer programs, etc.) you have participated in 2014, 2015 and/or 2016. Include awards received and offices held. You may attach a separate sheet, if needed.

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List any community activities and/or community groups that you have been a part of this school year.

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List any other activities or achievements that you would like to share with the selection committee.

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A student-written essay must be included with this application. The student essay is to be typed or neatly hand written. If typed, use Arial, Helvetica, or Times New Roman and a font size of 12 points. The essay should not exceed 250 words. In your essay tell the selection committee why you are interested in attending the 2016 ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at University of Houston. Include in your essay what you hope to gain from this experience, how you think it will help you in the future and why you think you should be selected to attend this camp. Be sure to write your name, current grade level, school and school district at the top of your essay.

________________________________________________________________________

Signature of Student __________________________ Date __________________________

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Name of Student: _______________________________________________________

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Parent/Legal Guardian Information

Instructions: Please complete the following information for at least one custodial parent or legal guardian, both if available.

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian: __________________________________________

Employer: ______________________________________________________________

Occupation: _____________________________________________________________

Daytime Phone No.:____________________ Home Phone No.: __________________

Cell Phone No.:________________________

E-mail Address: __________________________________________________________

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Number of People in the Household: _____

Household Yearly Income Level:

_______ Under $15,000    ______ $15,001 to $30,000    ______ $30,001 to $45,000

_______ $45,001 to $60,000    ______ $60,001 to $75,000    ______ $75,001 - $90,000

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EXXONMOBIL BERNARD HARRIS SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP 2016 at
University of Houston
Request for Records Form

**Applicant instructions:** – You or your parent or legal guardian must complete the information below and give this form to your school’s registrar. A parent or legal guardian must sign this request so that the registrar can release the records.

Dear Registrar:

My child, ___________________________ is applying to attend the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at University of Houston this summer. We are requesting a copy of the official records for this student (grades and standardized test scores) and for this completed form are forwarded to **Dr. Leah McAllister-Shields, University of Houston, teachHOUSTON Office, 214 Farish Hall, Houston, TX 77204-5023** by postmarked date **April 8, 2016**.

The records must include a copy of the most recent grades/report card and standardized test scores. This form, along including information below on whether this child receives free or reduced lunch, must accompany the records.

**I hereby grant permission for the release of the information requested on this form regarding my child.**

_________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________________

**The school registrar or appropriate administrator must complete the following.**

Does this child receive **FREE** or **REDUCED** lunch? _____Yes _____No

If yes, which? _____Free Lunch _____Reduced Lunch

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**Recommendation from Current SCIENCE Teacher**

For a Student applying for

The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EMBHSSC) 2016 at

University of Houston

Name of Student Applicant_____________________________________________________________

Course taken with this teacher: Subject ___________________________ Year 2015-2016

Name of Teacher ________________________________________________________________

**Directions to teacher:**

The student who has given you this form is applying to attend the EMBHSSC this summer. You have taught this student, so you can tell if she/he is a good candidate for this two-week residential program designed to enhance the lives of students with limited opportunities. Refer to www.theharrisfoundation.org under programs for Summer Science Camp description.

Please complete the chart below and write a letter of recommendation for this student. Place completed form and letter of recommendation in an envelope, seal it, and write your name across the sealed flap, so that your comments will be private. Please return the sealed envelope to the student as soon as possible so that he/she may include it in their application packet, which is due by postmarked date **April 8, 2016**.

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- Yes, definitely
- Maybe
- Definitely not

In your letter of recommendation, please include this student’s outstanding school achievement, the qualities this student possess that makes him/her stand out from the rest, and any concerns you would like to share. Your comments will be especially useful in the selection process. Thank you.
Recommendation from Current MATHEMATICS Teacher
For a Student applying for
The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EMBHSSC) 2016 at
University of Houston

Name of student _______________________________________________________

Course taken with this teacher: Subject ___________________________ Year 2015-2016

Name of Teacher _______________________________________________________

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