What are the qualifications my child needs to have to attend Youth in College?

a. The Youth in College program is designed for high academic ability and gifted children. Children who attend Youth in College need to be functioning approximately two grade levels above their current grade placement. For example, a child who is in second grade should be reading at the 4th grade level or above. The Youth in College teachers have designed classes so that they are developmentally appropriate for advanced students. For example, a second grade class uses material at a fourth grade level, but remains appropriate for second graders.

b. Any child who has been identified by his/her school district as gifted can automatically attend with verification that this identification has been made.

c. Younger children attend on a positive teacher recommendation. We look for mostly 3’s and 4’s on the teacher recommendation form. The child’s teacher should also forward a reading level that indicates the child is reading approximately two grade levels above grade placement.

d. Older students (from about 4th grade on) who have testing information must forward this. The information must indicate that the child is in the advanced level on at least one section of the WKCE, or show two subtests in the 90th percentile on another standardized test, or have documentation of a reading level which is at least two grade levels above grade placement.

My child is an average child and would like to attend. Why can’t my child attend?

The Stevens Point Area School District provides an array of summer school programs for children of all ability levels. This particular program is designed to provide enrichment for advanced children.

What happens if my child has attended in the earlier grades on a positive teacher recommendation, but when testing becomes available, my child is not at an advanced level?

Unfortunately, this sometimes happens. Under these circumstances, we then recommend another summer school program.

What happens if some children in the family are accepted, but one isn’t? Can that one child attend anyway?

Unfortunately, this sometimes happens, too. We then recommend another summer school program for that one child.

What is Streamlined Registration?

Once we have testing information that indicates your child is functioning in the advanced range, or information that your child has been placed in a gifted and talented program, we place the child on Streamlined Registration. We mail the Streamlined Registration application to you. At this point, a teacher recommendation is no longer required. The Streamlined Registration application cannot be accessed from our website.
How is the required information provided?

a. You will need to ask your child’s teacher to fill out a School Recommendation Form and the Academic Information/Test Score Form and forward them to the Network for Gifted Education. The mailing address is located on the forms.

b. Parents who home school their children will need to provide information indicating their children are functioning in the advanced range. You are welcome to call Dr. Gould at (715) 346-3223 for further discussion about this.

Why do out-of-district people play more than people who live within the Stevens Point Area School District?

Out of district people do not pay more than in-district people. All children who attend pay $125.00. However, if you live within the Stevens Point Area School District (even if your child attends a private school), the school district pays the fee for your child.

If I live outside of the Stevens Point Area School District and have more than one child attending, is there a reduction in the cost?

Unfortunately, no. Although we are sensitive to financial issues within families, the cost of Youth in College simply covers our operating costs. We are unable to extend a reduced fee for multiple children.

Are there any scholarships available?

There are no formal scholarships available. If you have a qualified child and a financial emergency, please contact Dr. Gould at (715) 346-3223 to explain your situation. Please understand that we simply cover our operating costs with the fee that is charged for Youth in College.

What if we can't attend all ten days?

Please make every effort to attend all ten days of the program. We understand that unexpected situations occur, but teachers work very hard to create a full program for your children. The last several days are usually spent in a culminating activity. This is planned for all of the children. To have someone leave can create a major problem for your child’s teacher. If you know ahead of time that you won’t be able to attend all ten days, please sit this year out and let someone else have your spot.

What if my child has been placed on a waiting list?

After classes have filled, we take the accepted applications of children for whom there wasn’t room and place them on a waiting list in the order the application was received in our offices. If a place in a class opens up, qualified children from the waiting lists are invited to attend in the order their applications were received.
What if my child is accepted to Youth in College and then we find out we are unable to attend?

Please notify the Youth in College staff as soon as possible. We can then invite a child who is on a waiting list to attend. (Note: one year we had a waiting list of five children for a class. One child did not attend, no one notified us, and we could not reach anyone at the home telephone number. That spot simply was vacant when five other children could have filled it.)

What if my child has a significant behavioral problem?

Youth in College does not have the staff available or capability of dealing with children who have significant behavioral problems. If your child has significant behavioral problems and still wishes to attend, please contact Dr. Gould at (715) 346-3223 to see if this program would work for your child. This may mean a shortened day or a request that you remain in the building during the program.

What if my child has a significant medical issue?

Youth in College is a small summer school program and although we can take care of minor first aide issues that arise, we do not have any medically trained staff members. If your child has a significant medical problem, please plan on remaining in the building during the program in case any medical issues occur.

Can I request my child be placed in classes with his/her friends?

You can make this request, but please realize it may not be honored.

Will there be bus transportation?

No. Parents must supply the transportation for their children.

What happens on the last day of Youth in College?

Most classes have a culminating activity.

Will my child have a snack?

Most classes have a snack time. You may be asked to furnish a snack for your child’s class.

What does the $5.00 fee cover?

This fee covers consumable items that your child uses during Youth in College. This fee is referred to as the general course supply fee.
Will there be any additional fees or charges?

Some classes take their students on field trips to restaurants. This occurs typically in the language classes. In that case, you will be asked to cover the cost of your child’s meal at the restaurant.

What if my child would like to become a member of the Youth Teaching Academy?

The information for becoming a member of the Youth Teaching Academy is available on the Youth in College website.