



CDC MUSEUM

DISEASE DETECTIVE CAMP

2025 APPLICATION

HOW TO APPLY

- Do not print double-sided.
- Do not staple or fold your application.
- Use a *large* envelope (9" x 12" or similar size).
- Place all pages in numerical order with your essays at the end. Include your teacher recommendation form in its sealed envelope.
- Applications must be postmarked (mailed) by **March 7, 2025**. Your application does not have to arrive at CDC by March 7, but it must be mailed by that date.
- Mail to:
 - CDC Museum Public Health Academy
 - 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS H19-M
 - Atlanta, GA 30329

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Applicants and guardians are responsible for knowing all the information on the camp FAQ – <https://www.cdc.gov/museum/camp/detective/>
- Camp is free, but participants are responsible for accommodations for the week and travel each day to and from CDC's campus in Atlanta.
- Camp is a five-day program, Monday through Friday, 8:45am – 4:00pm each day. Participants must be present all day, each day.
- Camp is all about CDC's work in public health, not clinical medicine or microbiology.
- Camp is a competitive program, with 700 - 750 applicants each year for 54 slots.
- Add cpcm_phacademy@cdc.gov (cpcm_phacademy) to your email account address book; our notification emails often go to spam/junk folders.
- Important dates:
 - Deadline for mailing application: March 7, 2025
 - Notification emails on camp acceptance status sent to all applicants: May 2, 2025

APPLICANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

2024-2025 grade. Check one: 10 11

T-shirt size (adult unisex sizes) Check one: XS S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL

Gender _____

Ethnicity _____

Race _____

Your Email _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Town, state of residence (or country if outside of U.S.) _____

Current School Name _____

Is your school Title 1? Check one: Yes No *Not sure? Ask your counselor!*

School town, state (or country if outside of U.S.) _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Citizenship. Check one: U.S. Citizen Non-Citizen Living in U.S. Non-Citizen Living Abroad

List any hobbies, extracurricular activities, or how you like to spend your free time.
Short answers, please.

DATE PREFERENCE

For which camp dates would you like to be considered?

Check one: June 23 – 27 July 21 – 25 Either

Did you apply to our summer programs in 2024?

Check one: Yes No

Did you attend the 2024 Online Summer Course?

Check one: Yes No

The Disease Detective Camp is a competitive program, with 54 campers chosen from 700-750 applicants. If you are not selected for the in-person camp, would you like to be considered for the Online Summer Course, June 9 - 13, 2025?

Check one: Yes No

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name _____

Does the applicant have any medical health conditions/allergies camp staff should know about?

I can verify this application was completed by the student.

Check one: Yes No

I give permission for my student to attend the Disease Detective Camp, if selected

Check one: Yes No

Signature _____

Date of signature _____

APPLICATION ESSAY QUESTIONS

Type your essays in the text boxes provided or attach a separate page(s) with typed responses instead of these pages to your application. Remember - these answers will be used to evaluate your application. Put careful thought into each answer and be sure to proofread.

1. Tell us ONE thing we should know about you. This can be a funny story, serious anecdote – anything really! (300 word limit)

2. The CDC Museum Disease Detective Camp teaches attendees about the scientific field of public health. According to CEA Winslow, public health is “the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting health through the organized efforts and informed choices of society, organizations, public and private communities, and individuals.” Why is this topic appealing to you? What got you motivated to learn more about the field of public health? (300 word limit)

CDC MUSEUM DISEASE DETECTIVE CAMP TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

Name of Applicant _____

Teacher/Guidance Counselor Name _____

Job Title _____

Email Address _____ Daytime Phone _____

Please answer the following questions to help the selection panel evaluate the applicant. Note that the program is highly competitive, with 54 spots available and an average of 700-750 applicants per year.

1. How long have you known this student and in what context/which class?

2. Describe the student's demeanor in class.

3. How would you expect this student to do in a very active, social setting with a lot of group and team work?

4. Rate this student on the following characteristics.

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Excellent	No Basis for an Opinion
Academic Achievement					
Maturity					
Motivation					
Ability to Work in Teams					
Intellectual Curiosity					
Ability to Adapt to New Situations					

Please return this form to applicant in a sealed envelope and sign the flap.