

# DAVID J. SENCER CDC MUSEUM PUBLIC HEALTH ACADEMY

ONLINE  
SUMMER  
COURSE

## 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 Online Summer Course FAQ – <https://www.cdc.gov/museum/education/online-learning/>
- The Online Summer Course is free, but participants must have access to reliable high-speed internet and an electronic device, such as a laptop, to complete the required coursework and attend the live sessions each day of the course.
- The Online Summer Course is a five-day program, with independent work and a mandatory live web-based session Monday - Friday, 1:00pm ET – 3:00pm ET each day. Participants must keep their cameras on and actively participate in each session.
- The Online Summer Course is all about CDC's work in public health, not clinical medicine or microbiology.
- Add [cpcm\\_phacademy@cdc.gov](mailto:cpcm_phacademy@cdc.gov) to your email account address book; our notification emails often go to spam/junk folders.
- If you applied to the Disease Detective Camp and indicated that you would be interested in the Online Summer Course, you do NOT need to apply for the Online Summer Course.
- 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**DATE PREFERENCE**

Did you apply to our summer programs in 2024?

Check one:    Yes      No

Did you attend the 2024 Disease Detective Camp?

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 Online Summer Course 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 ONLINE SUMMER COURSE 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 75 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?

Describe the student's demeanor in class.

How would you expect this student to do in a 5-day online course with independent work and web-based live sessions?

4. Rate this student on the following characteristics.

	<b>Below Average</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Above Average</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>No Basis for an Opinion</b>
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.**