

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Center for Teaching and Learning in Science, Mathematics, & Technology *Teacher Quality Enhancement Middle School Project*

Cougar Academy for Teachers (CATs) Institute

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

APPLICATION PROCESS

Cougar Academy for Teachers (CATs) is for 7th graders through seniors.

Your completed application file must include the following items:

- ◆ A completed application form with one essay and all required signatures
- ◆ An application fee of \$100 for the entire three-week summer institute is required. Lunch and recreation will be provided; however, transportation is the responsibility of the parent(s) or guardian(s). All other program costs are being covered by the Teacher Quality Enhancement Project and the CSU College of Education.

This summer, the CATs program will run from **June 15 to July 2nd, 2009, Monday through Thursday, from 9am to 3pm** (the last day, we will hold a closing ceremony on Thursday July 2nd from 9am to 12 noon). To be considered for the primary selection process, your completed application file **must be received no later than Saturday May 16th, 2009 in the Education Building, Room 111 by 4 p.m.** You may also fax your application to 773.995.2832 and mail the original. Early submissions are encouraged. The selection process takes place during late May. Contact the CATs program office at 773.995.2215 for more information. When completed, please retain a photocopy of submitted forms for your records.

Note: Although it is conducted in the summer and out of the students' regular school setting, the CATs Institute is a fully academic program. Students who are disruptive or show little or no willingness to participate actively in the learning activities will be dropped from the program without a refund. This summer, the program will focus on engineering.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

We suggest that you consider the following as you complete your application:

1. Your application represents you, so such things as correct spelling, legible handwriting, complete sentences, and thoughtful responses are important. If possible, we recommend that you type your responses directly into the application file which can be downloaded from our website <http://www.csu.edu/tqe/CATs/>. Print out the completed application and mail it in.
2. Your application must be completed and mailed to the address shown below, received by Saturday May 16th, 2009.
3. Allow your personality to emerge through the process. Let the reviewers see your sense of humor, passion for learning, and insight. Remember, this is the only way they can learn about you.
4. The CATs Institute has limited enrollment and will require an interview in late May.

REMEMBER: The application and any supporting documentation must be received on or before Saturday May 16th, 2009 at 4 p.m. in Education Room 111 addressed to Olive Gahungu, CATs Director. You may also fax the application to 773.821.2832 and then mail the original. The mailing address is:
CATs Institute, Attention: Olive Gahungu, Chicago State University, ED111,
Chicago, IL 60628.

We wish you the best of luck with the application process. Please feel free to contact us at 773.995.2215.

SECTION 1—PERSONAL INFORMATION

To be completed by student applicant with assistance from parents/guardians. Please type or print clearly.

Applicant's Name (Last, First, Middle)	Preferred Name

Home Address	Telephone Number
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City, State, Zip Code	County	E-mail Address

Birth Date	Place of Birth	Gender
		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female

School Currently Attending	School Telephone Number	Name of Principal
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School Address	City	State	Zip

Academic Record

Grade you are currently enrolled in:	
Subjects Failed, if any:	
Number of Days Absent This Year:	
Last Year:	

What School Organizations Are You A Member?	Offices Held	Honors	Awards

List Hobbies	Activities That Would Conflict With Your School Schedule

***Race or Ethnic Origin (indicate all that apply)**

<input type="checkbox"/> African American	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian American	<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	Primary:
<input type="checkbox"/> Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	Secondary:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	Relatives Who Have Attended Chicago State University
Name(s) Applicant lives with <input type="checkbox"/> Both Parents <input type="checkbox"/> Other	1. 2. 3. 4.
<input type="checkbox"/> Father <input type="checkbox"/> Mother	

Family Information

Father's Name	Mother's Name
Address:	Address:
City: State: Zip:	City: State: Zip:

Father's Occupation:		Mother's Occupation:		
Work Phone ()	Home Phone ()	Work Phone ()	Home Phone ()	
Applicant's Brothers/Sisters		Age	School	Gender
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

Please give us 2 emergency contacts that we can call if we can not reach either parent/guardian.

First and last name:	Phone number(s)	Relationship with child
1.		
2.		

***EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION:** State government policy prohibits discrimination based on race, sex, color, creed, national origin, age or disability. The sole purpose of gathering this information is to ascertain the effectiveness of recruitment efforts in searching all segments of the population and to ensure that proper facilities are available to serve all students selected for admission.

The information given herein is true and accurate. If the applicant is admitted to the CATs Institute, we agree to adhere to the rules and regulations now in existence and those that may be established in the future by Chicago State University. We agree to permit information in this application and other records resulting from applying to and attending CATs to be made available on a confidential basis to the applicant's home school, other educational institutions, and for PMSA-approved research and public relations purposes.

 Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Applicant Signature

Date

SECTION II— CATs INSTITUTE ESSAY

To be completed by the applicant WITHOUT ASSISTANCE. Attach additional sheets as necessary.

Name _____

Briefly respond to ALL of the following questions.

1. Why do you want to attend the CATs Institute?
2. What contributions do you anticipate making to the CATs Institute?
3. What qualities do you possess that will help you succeed in the CATs Institute's dynamic learning environment?
4. What do you think will be difficult for you in coming to the CATs Institute? How will you deal with this issue?

Signature

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Additional Materials To Be Submitted:

- ◆ If you have not already paid, an Application fee of \$100 for the three - week institute is required. All other program costs are being covered by the Teacher Quality Enhancement Project and the CSU College of Education.

HONOR CODE AND PLEDGE

The CATs Institute is an academic community that upholds the values of honesty, integrity, and respect for self and others, ethical decision-making, and responsibility for personal decisions. It is a community that works toward the common good and promotes the dignity and worth of all. Together, Academy community members honor the efforts and achievements of each other, recognizing and celebrating both strengths and areas of growth as part of the human condition and shared by all.

Honesty	A value that holds each person to the truth
Integrity	Firm adherence to our values with and without the presence of others
Respect	Treating others as we would like to be treated
Responsibility	Being accountable for our actions and accepting the consequences of our actions
Ethical Decision-Making	Adhering to the highest standards of judgment while making personal and community decisions

The student code explains those types of behavior that support and those that undermine these principles. Each CATs community member is expected to uphold and promote these principles with rigor and passion. Together, we are proud to be the CATs Institute.

As a member of the CATs Institute community, I honor academic and personal integrity. I will uphold the values of honesty, integrity, respect, responsibility, and ethical decision-making.

Applicant Name _____

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN RELEASE FOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

I hereby request that my son/daughter be permitted to participate in CATs activities. As consideration for permitting my child to participate, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless Chicago State University and its officers, agents, employees, and volunteer aides from any liability which may arise in connection with this request. I understand that my child will be under the general supervision of CATs staff during this program. I hereby authorize emergency treatment be given my child, if needed, by licensed medical personnel.

 Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Child's name:

Doctor's name:	Doctor's phone number:
Doctor's address:	Hospital:
Medical Insurance carrier: Identification number: Group number:	Insured's name:

Does your child have any illness or medical condition we should be aware of (circle one)?

Yes* No

*If yes, which one?

Mail the completed application form and supporting documents to: Olive Gahungu, CATs Director, Chicago State University, 9501 S. King Drive – ED 111, Chicago, IL 60628. Only applications received ON or BEFORE Saturday May 16th, 2009 at 4 p.m. in the Education Building—Room 111 will be eligible for admission into the CATs institute. You may also fax the application to 773.821.2832 and then mail the original. Please know that the CATs Institute has limited enrollment; therefore, please submit your application and payment early to hold your space. If all available positions are not filled in the primary review process, the selection committee will consider applications time-stamped or postmarked AFTER this date.

If you are admitted, the materials you will need to bring to the program are:

- a 70-sheet spiral
- a pencil or a black or blue ink pen
- tennis shoes (worn daily)
- ☺a spirit of cooperation ☺

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Cougar Academy for Teachers
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Parent/Guardian Guidelines

Welcome to the Chicago State University Cougar Academy for Teachers Program (CATs). We are pleased that you and your child have chosen to participate in our program. The CATs Institute seeks to:

Deliver quality activities that are safe and beneficial;

Enrich children with experiences beyond standard curriculum; and

Strive to ensure that each child enjoys each day during CATs.

FEES: \$100.00

HOURS OF OPERATION: CATs will operate from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and is closed on all Fridays. **Please pick up your child promptly at 3pm.**

At 3:10 p.m., if CATs staff has not been contacted by a parent/guardian, a phone call will be placed to the parent/guardian who was supposed to pick up the child. At 3:20 p.m., if we still have not heard from the child's parent/guardian, we will call the other authorized persons listed on the child's registration form.

VERY IMPORTANT -- At 3:30 p.m. if no authorized person listed on the child's registration form has contacted CATs, the Chicago State University Police Department will be notified.

RULES OF CONDUCT: It is a privilege to use the facilities and equipment at Chicago State University. To ensure a safe and pleasant environment for those who use the facilities, it is essential that all participants obey the following rules. These rules also apply to participants when they accompany staff to other buildings, grounds, and parking areas governed by Chicago State University. Should you or your child fail to comply with the Rules of Conduct, you will no longer be able to access CATs Institute and other academic and/or recreation program privileges may be revoked.

- Agree to be drug, alcohol, tobacco, and weapon free.
- No foul or obscene language.
- No fighting or horseplay will be tolerated.
- Courteous and respectful behavior to staff and other participants is expected at all times.
- No child is allowed to leave University premises unless with the written consent of a parent/guardian.
- Appropriate clothing and tennis shoes are required every day.
- Do not knock on doors and windows.
- No food or drink is permitted inside gym or game rooms.
- Do not sit on furniture that is not designed for seating (i.e., tables, desks) or closed bleachers.

- Recreation equipment and supplies are to be used only for intended purpose.
- Do not bring radios, CD players, ipods or hand held games. (Cell phones should only be used as authorized by program leader (i.e., emergencies))
- Offices and supply rooms are off limits and only for authorized staff. Only used assigned classrooms and facilities assigned to your program.

In addition, any child suspended or expelled from CATs may be denied access to other youth programs. As a parent/guardian, you agree to personally abide by these Rules of Conduct while at Chicago State University program areas. And, you understand that if you fail to comply with the stated Rules of Conduct, your child's privileges to participate in the CATs program and other recreation programs may be revoked.