

## **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Accepting Applications for Summer Learning Opportunities in Entrepreneurship, STEM**

The [Appalachian Regional Commission \(ARC\)](#) has opened applications for two of its summer learning opportunities, the Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy (AEA) and the Appalachian STEM Academy at Oak Ridge. The programs are free, all-inclusive learning experiences that help prepare high school and middle school students and teachers in Appalachian West Virginia and beyond for future opportunities in entrepreneurship and STEM.

The [Appalachian Entrepreneurship Academy \(AEA\)](#) is an experiential learning opportunity to help prepare the next generation of entrepreneurial thinkers and leaders. High school students will participate in educational workshops designed to spark creativity and develop essential entrepreneurial skills, concluding with final capstone pitches of entrepreneurial ideas students develop to strengthen communities and address economic challenges in Appalachia. **AEA will be held from July 6-19, 2024, at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina.**

The [Appalachian STEM Academy](#) has pioneered access to STEM-related research opportunities for high school and middle school students and high school teachers across Appalachia for 30+ years. Students will collaborate with award-winning scientists at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on guided group science, math, and computer science technology research projects, while teachers develop STEM-related curriculum with expert science practitioners. **Programming will be held at Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.**

- **Middle School STEM Academy Session 1: July 6-12, 2024**
- **Middle School STEM Academy Session 2: July 13-19, 2024**
- **High School STEM Academy: July 6-19, 2024**

Applications for both opportunities are due February 2, 2024. More information about the programs and application process is available at [www.arc.gov/STEM](http://www.arc.gov/STEM) and [www.arc.gov/AEA](http://www.arc.gov/AEA).



# **BUILD YOUR OWN FUTURE** **APPALACHIAN** **ENTREPRENEURSHIP** **ACADEMY**



**WHEN:**  
July 6–19, 2024

**WHERE:**  
Appalachian State  
University, Boone,  
North Carolina

**WHO'S ELIGIBLE:**  
Appalachia's High  
School Students

**APPLY NOW!**  
[ARC.GOV/AEA](https://arc.gov/aea)

**DEADLINE**  
February 2, 2024

## **LEAD**

AEA is a summer program for the next generation of Appalachian entrepreneurial leaders and thinkers.

## **BUILD**

Participants will develop, implement and prototype their own business ideas, pitching them live to an audience of established entrepreneurs.

## **IT'S FREE**

Enjoy two no-cost weeks (housing, materials, food, travel and extras included) at Appalachian State University.

## **Successful**

participants will receive a formal Certificate of Completion.

As part of this program, learning materials, housing, travel, and food costs are covered for AEA participants.



Appalachian  
STEM  
Academy  
at Oak Ridge

OAK RIDGE  
National Laboratory

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# Appalachian STEM Academy

## WHEN:

July 6–12 OR July 13–19 for middle school students  
July 6–19 for high school students and teachers

## WHERE:

Oak Ridge National Laboratory  
in Oak Ridge, Tennessee



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## IT'S FREE!

Housing, travel, room and board, learning materials, and tickets for excursions are covered.



## LEARN

Develop experiments with award-winning scientists!



## EXPLORE

Take weekend trips to places like Dollywood and hikes at Clingman's Dome!



## MAKE FRIENDS

Students from all 13 Appalachian states have been through the program! 2024 can be your turn to represent your community and meet others from around the region.