

2021 Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program – FAQs

If you do not find the answer to your question(s) below, there are other helpful program documents on our website.

Still have questions? Contact eseaman@lapedsoc.org

SECTION I – GENERAL PROGRAM QUESTIONS

- 1. What is the Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program?**
 - Started in 1969, the Eve & Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program is a medical mentor/internship program.
 - Participants will attend daily **online sessions** with presentations/interactive sessions from a variety of general pediatricians, specialists including surgeons, nurses, pharmacists, dietitians, infectious disease, ophthalmologists, radiologists, child life, therapists, (i.e., physical, speech, occupational, or cognitive).
 - There is no fee to participate.
 - This program is **ONLY** open to qualified students from Los Angeles and its adjacent counties.
- 2. When is the new application posted online?** The application is updated & posted online in early January 2021.
- 3. I participated in this program last year; can I apply again this year for a position?** NO, you cannot.
- 4. I applied to this program last year but was not accepted, may I apply again?** Yes, as long as you are still grade and age eligible.
- 5. How many applications does the overall Eve & Gene Black Program receive and how many are selected to participate?** Between 300 - 450 applications are received every year; the number of selected applicants will range from 100-170.
- 6. Is this program available at other times, not listed on application?** No.
- 7. What days and times does the program run?** Each Program session is two-weeks, Monday through Thursdays from 10 am -12:15 p.m. There are two sessions.
- 8. Will there be any in-person opportunities during the program?** No, at this time, there are no plans for any in-person opportunities.
- 9. I'm going on vacation or have another commitment (athletic practice, doctor's appointment, etc.) during some of the dates/times of the program session; can I still participate if I'm selected?** NO. As positions are in HIGH demand, you must commit to all the days AND times that the program is offered. NO EXCEPTIONS. Your attendance will be noted daily. Poor attendance or failure to complete the entire two-week session may result in expulsion or disqualification for a completion certificate.
- 10. If I am unavailable for a day/session, will the lectures be available to watch later?** No, the lectures need to be watched "live". Recordings will not be made available to watch at a later date.
- 11. Who can apply to the Program?** A current 11th or 12th grade high school student of any ethnicity, 16 years or older, and a resident of Los Angeles County or its adjacent counties.
- 12. I am 15 now, but my birth date is on or before 7/1/05. Can I still apply?** Yes, as long as you are currently in the 11th or 12th grade.
- 13. I just found out about the Program and the application submission deadline has already passed. Can I still apply?** NO. With so many applications to process in a short period of time, we regret that we cannot extend the application deadline.

SECTION II – APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 1. How do I get and submit an application?** Applications are available in January 2021; go to www.lapedsoc.org; it is an online application and can be submitted online when completed.
- 2. How should I format my essay answers?** Also see info on [Application](#) & [Application Instructions](#) on www.lapedsoc.org. It is recommended that you write your essay answers in a separate document and then copy and paste your answers into the application when you are ready to submit it.
 - This section is **VERY IMPORTANT** for application reviewers.
- 3. Who should write my letter of recommendation? Should I have more than one?** See info on: www.bestsampleresume.com/letter-of-recommendation.html
 - A letter may be written by any person, NOT related to you, who knows you and your character/abilities/talents. This may be a teacher, counselor, principal, family physician, neighbor or employer/supervisor of a paying or volunteer job.
 - The letter writer can address the letter of recommendation: To whom it may concern or to: Summer Medical Career Program selection committee
 - 1 letter is **required**, but you may include 1 additional letter.

- Letters may be uploaded to the application if you have a google account or emailed to ellenseaman3@gmail.com If emailing, please ask letter writer to email letters in PDF format with your name in the file name.
 - **Any other method of sending letter of recommendation will need to be pre-authorized by LAPS Administration.**
4. **What should I include for Extracurricular Activities & Honors/Awards?** Also see Application Instructions
 - Extracurricular Activities AND Honors/Awards can either be **uploaded** to the application if you have a google account or **copy and pasted** into the application.
 - If uploaded, the information may be formatted like a resume.
 - List/Include all academic and non-academic activities, talents and/or achievements, both in and out of school, school/community clubs, volunteer service and job/life experience/skills. Include skills such as bilingual/proficient in another language or musical accomplishment.
 - Explain activities or honors/awards whose names do not indicate what they are and/or what they do. Coordinators need to understand the purpose/definition of organization(s) where you participate. Are there membership requirements? What is your level of involvement – member or officer? For how long?
 - Do NOT send copies of any award or participation certificates
 5. **How do I know if you have received my application?** You will receive an acknowledgement message when you submit your application.
 6. **How do you communicate with applicants after you receive their application?** If LAPS administration or a reviewer has a question about your application, you will be contacted via email or phone. Slow responses are viewed as a lack of interest and can possibly affect your placement chances.

BE SURE YOU:

- **Set up your cell phone voice mailbox and/or make sure it has room to leave messages.**
- **Check your phone AND email often for messages.**

SECTION III - STUDENT SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

1. **Who selects the participants for this program?** There will be a group of reviewers, consisting of site Program Coordinators, LAPS Administration and LAPS Board members.
2. **How many participants will be selected for each session?** The number of participants per session will be between 50-85 per session.
3. **If I send my application before the submission deadline, does this affect or increase my chances of being selected for the Program?** NO.
4. **How and when will I find out if I have been accepted (or not) into the Program?**
 - You will be contacted by the Los Angeles Pediatric Society (LAPS) **BY EMAIL** on or before **Friday, April 30, 2021**. **If you have not been contacted by the deadline on the application, you have not been accepted.**
5. **I was not accepted into the Program this year; may I apply again next year?** Yes, if you still meet the program requirements; please see answer in Section I, Question #4

SECTION IV – PROGRAM INFORMATION IF YOU ARE ACCEPTED

1. **Is anything required of me at the conclusion of the Summer Medical Career Program?**
 - You **MUST** complete and submit a **MANDATORY** Exit Essay to the Los Angeles Pediatric Society. You will be given information about this in the Required Exit Essay form, this information can also be found on www.lapedsoc.org. Please abide by the form's submission deadline. **If you do not complete this requirement. LAPS will not provide any future verification of internship completion.**
 - You may be asked to write thank you notes to the various medical facilities, departments or individuals who are involved in your Summer Medical Career Program experience.
 - It would be much appreciated if you would keep the Los Angeles Pediatric Society updated as to the future progress of your education and your goal to become part of the medical community.