A.S.P.I.R.E. 2 Higher Education: ACT Supplemental Preparation In Rural Education

Do you want to go to college?

Do you want help gaining admissions to college?

Are you intimidated by college entrance examinations such as the ACT?

If you answered YES to any of these questions then the A.S.P.I.R.E. Program is perfect for you!

As a high school student, preparing for a college entrance examination like the ACT can be pretty difficult! Fortunately, your local 4-H Agent is now offering a course to prepare you for the ACT College Entrance Examination through the A.S.P.I.R.E. (ACT Supplemental Preparation In Rural Education) Program. By participating in an A.S.P.I.R.E. ACT Class, you will learn the latest tactics and strategies to improve your ACT score and increase your chances of getting into college!

The A.S.P.I.R.E. program is designed to bridge deficits in rural high school students’ performance on the ACT College Entrance Examination in order to increase the number of students pursuing higher education. This is a cooperative initiative through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University and North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

The program includes The Princeton Review ACT study manual, The Princeton Review 1,296 practice question manual, 4 ACT full-length practice exams with score analysis and breakdown, The Princeton Review selective college admissions booklet, and 30 hours of class time instruction, where students will learn the skills they need to be able to tackle the ACT!

An A.S.P.I.R.E. ACT class will be offered near your community at the Union County Extension Office (3230-D Presson Road Monroe, NC 28112). The classes will start on June 9th and end on August 11th. We will be meeting from 10:00 to 12:00 on Tuesdays and Fridays to prepare you for the ACT examination administered on September 8th.

If you are interested in participating in the A.S.P.I.R.E. ACT course offered in your community please contact Laura Byrd (704-283-3740) or Richard Goforth (704-283-3801) to receive and A.S.P.I.R.E. application!
Richard Goforth (Math & Science)

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Laura Byrd (Grammar & Reading Comp)

Union County

Class Location:
3230-D Presson Road
Monroe, NC 28112

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ACT Testing Date - September 8th

Registration for the September 8th ACT test date is August 17th, 2012.
A.S.P.I.R.E. Student Application: Please type or write in ink legibly.

A.S.P.I.R.E. (ACT Supplemental Preparation In Rural Education) is an initiative designed to bridge deficits in rural high school students’ performance on the ACT College Entrance Examination in order to primarily increase the number of students gaining admissions to institutions offering higher education in Agricultural fields. Additionally, the A.S.P.I.R.E. program aims to increase admissions rates of students from rural, economically distressed counties into institutions of higher education.

I. Contact Information

Name: __________________________ __________________________
      (First)                        (Last)

Home Address: ____________________________________________
               ____________________________________________
               ____________________________________________

County: __________________________________________________

Phone Number: (please include area code) ______________________

Email: ___________________________________________________

Ethnicity (optional): (please put a checkmark next to any that apply)

___ Hispanic or Latino
___ American Indian or Alaskan Native
___ Asian
___ Black or African American
___ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
___ White
___ Two or More Races

Parent/ Guardian Name: __________________________
                       __________________________
      (First)                        (Last)

Parent/Guardian Phone Number (please include area code): ________________

Parent/Guardian Email Address: ________________________________
II. Academic History

High School: ________________________________________________________________

Please Circle Your Current Grade: Sophomore Junior

Grade Point Average (GPA): **Please note that you must have a minimum of a 3.2 unweighted GPA to apply to the ASPIRE program.

** Please check with your high school guidance counselor to obtain your most RECENT academic GPA. Your weighted GPA includes points for honors and AP courses while your un-weighted GPA is your raw GPA without additional points.

Weighted GPA: ______________________________________________________________

Unweighted GPA: ______________________________________________________________

Please circle any of the exams below that you have taken in the past:

PSAT ACT PLAN ACT SAT SAT Subject Tests AP Exams

Do you plan on pursuing a 4-year Bachelor’s Degree in an agricultural field? Please circle your response below.

YES NO Other Field

** If you choose other field please list below:

________________________________________________________________________

Please list your top three Universities that you plan to apply to and state where they are located:

1) __________________________

2) __________________________

3) __________________________

Please list your anticipated college major: __________________________________________
Briefly describe your future career aspirations upon completing your undergraduate degree. ** Please note specifically if you plan to pursue a career in an Agricultural field.
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Please list and describe up to five extracurricular activities you are involved in (ex. Academic clubs, sports etc.)

1) ___________________________________________________________________________

2) ___________________________________________________________________________

3) ___________________________________________________________________________

4) ___________________________________________________________________________

5) ___________________________________________________________________________
Please list and describe up to five extracurricular, agriculturally related activities you are involved in (ex. FFA- Livestock Judging, 4-H- WHEP etc.) (*Include years of participation)

1) ____________________________________________________________

2) ____________________________________________________________

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5) ____________________________________________________________

Please list and describe up to five Community Involvement/Leadership positions you have been involved in (ex. FFA- Chapter President, 4-H- County President, etc)

1) ____________________________________________________________

2) ____________________________________________________________

3) ____________________________________________________________

4) ____________________________________________________________

5) ____________________________________________________________
III. Personal Statement:

Please describe why you would like to participate in the ASPIRE ACT Preparatory program and how your completion of this ACT Preparatory course could assist you with gaining admissions to college as well as with pursuing your future career.

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IV. References:

Please list two references below that we may contact on your behalf. Please note that references must NOT be relatives! Examples may include a teacher, guidance counselor, athletic coach, 4-H agent, FFA advisor etc.

1. Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
   Phone Number: _____________________________________________________________________
   Email: ____________________________________________________________________________
   Relationship: _______________________________________________________________________ 

2. Name: ____________________________________________________________________________
   Phone Number: _____________________________________________________________________
   Email: ____________________________________________________________________________
   Relationship: _______________________________________________________________________
V. ASPIRE Program Stipulations:

Please review the following terms and conditions of participating in the ASPIRE program. Both the prospective student as well as the parent/guardian must initial on the line next to each of these terms indicating that you have BOTH reviewed and agree to these terms.

1. We are aware that there is a $50 NON-REFUNDABLE cost for The Princeton Review ACT Preparatory materials that is non-refundable. We are aware that the student will receive The Princeton Review Student Manual, 1,296 ACT Question Workbook, Four full-length ACT Practice Exams with score analysis, and access to The Princeton Review Online ACT Resources for this price.

** If you are accepted to the ASPIRE program, we will contact you with your acceptance and supply you with the information on where to submit your payment. You DO NOT need to submit any payment with your initial application.

2. We are aware that there is a $100 REFUNDABLE cost to participate in the ASPIRE program. This deposit ensures that you and your parents/guardians will adhere to the strict attendance policy. This policy is going to be strictly enforced to ensure that you get the most out of your class!

In order to receive your full-deposit upon completion of the course you must complete the following:

3. Complete all 4 full-length practice ACT exams. This includes a diagnostic exam, two exams during the course, and one final exam. If you have a conflict with any of the scheduled practice test dates, you will need to arrange to have your exam administered by an approved proctor by your ASPIRE instructor BEFORE the course begins.

** PLEASE NOTE: If you miss ANY of the four practice exams and do not make them up with an approved proctor at an alternate time, you will forfeit your ENTIRE deposit!!

4. Attendance will be taken at each ASPIRE class. You will be reimbursed directly based upon your attendance. Below is the reimbursement policy:

   - Attend 100% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = $100 Refunded
   - Attend 90% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = $90 Refunded
   - Attend 80% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = $80 Refunded
   - Attend 70% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = $70 Refunded
   - Attend 60% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = $60 Refunded
   - Attend 50% of classes and complete all 4 ACT exams = $50 Refunded
   - Attend less than 50% of classes= Forfeit entire $100 deposit and you will be removed from the A.S.P.I.R.E. program and no longer allowed to attend any remaining classes.
**Limited Scholarship Opportunities:** A limited number of scholarships will be available to sponsor students with demonstrated financial need. If you believe you fall in this category, please indicate by initialing in the space next to the line item “demonstrated financial need” option below.

**Demonstrated Financial Need Option:**

___________ please initial if you believe you qualify for financial assistance

___________ please initial below if you receive free or reduced lunch at school

**Please mail your completed application to the following address:**

Dr. Jackie Golden c/o A.S.P.I.R.E.
North Carolina State University- Scott Hall
2711 Founders Dr. Campus Box 7608
Raleigh, NC 27695