STUDENT APPLICATION FORM 2012

"To Sustainability…and Beyond!"
The University of Texas – Pan American
July 15 – 27, 2012

Camp Information:
The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EMBHSSC) is organized to provide activities, experiments, projects, and field experiences for students entering 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall of 2012. The camp promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education and supports historically underserved and underrepresented students with limited opportunities. Students attend the camp free of charge. Students currently in grade 5, 6, or 7 who have an interest in science and mathematics, at least a B average in science and mathematics courses and a passing score on the state's standardized science and mathematics tests are eligible to apply. Immediate family members of the university faculty and staff, EMBHSSC camp staff and ExxonMobil employees are not eligible.

The EMBHSSC is a two-week, academic, residential camp that emphasizes increasing students' mathematics and science knowledge and skills while introducing them to college life and stimulating their interest in science and engineering as a potential career path. Each day, campers will attend classes that include problem solving, research, critical thinking and communication skills incorporated with biology, chemistry, physics, environmental sciences, earth sciences, engineering, technology, design concepts, and field excursions. Certified secondary teachers and university faculty will teach the classes.

The camp will be held on the campus of *The University of Texas – Pan American at 1201 W. University Dr. in Edinburg, TX.* Students will be housed in a dorm on the university's campus.

Camp participants will be selected from Hidalgo and Cameron counties.

Application Process:

- Parent/Guardian and student complete the attached student application form.
- Parent/Guardian or student gives the request for records to the student's school registrar.
- Parent/Guardian or student gives a recommendation form to the student's current science teacher and current mathematics teacher.
- Student writes a 250-word essay.

The Student Application Form, records and recommendations are to be sent to *Jeanette Broshears, Associate Dean of Students, at 1201 W. University Dr., University Center – Room 305, Edinburg, TX 78539.* All requested documents are due by the deadline date, *Friday, April 13, 2012.* If all requested documents are not received by the deadline date, the application will not be considered. A committee will select campers on *June 5.* Student may be interviewed prior to being selected, if deemed necessary. You will receive notification on the status of the application no later than *June 12.* If you have questions or need additional information, please call *Claudia L. Farias at 956.665.7471*.

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR YOUR REFERENCE

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM 2012
The University of Texas – Pan American

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Please print in blue or black ink or type. Please provide all requested information.

Name of Student: _____

Home Address: _____

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City State Zip Code + 4

Ethnicity: _____Date of Birth (month/date/year):_____

Gender (check one): Female_____ Male:_____

Adult T-Shirt Size: _____

Name of School student is currently attending: _____

Type of School (Check all that apply):

_____Elementary (K-5) _____Middle (Grades 6-8) _____K-8 _____K-12

_____Public _____Parochial _____Private _____Charter

Current Grade level _____School District/Parish: _____

Courses Taken during the 2011-2012 academic year:

Mathematics: _____Science: _____

Courses Enrolled or plan to enroll in for the 2012-2013 academic year:

Mathematics: _____Science:_____

How did you find out about the EMBHSSC?

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Name of Student:_____

School:_____**Grade level:**_____

Please list school organizations, any science and/or mathematics activities (Science Fair, math club, after school programs, summer programs, etc.) you have participated in 2010, 2011 and/or 2012. Include awards received and offices held. You may attach a separate sheet, if needed.

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Please list any community activities and/or community groups that you have been a part of.

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Please list any other activity or achievement that you would like to share with the selection committee.

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A **student-written essay** must be included with this application. The student essay is to be typed or neatly hand written. If typed, use Arial, Helvetica, or Times New Roman and a font size of 12 points. The essay should not exceed 250 words. In your essay tell the selection committee why you are interested in attending the 2012 ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp at The University of Texas – Pan American. Include in your essay what you hope to gain from this experience, how you think it will help you in the future and why you think you should be selected to attend this camp. ***Be sure to write your name, current grade level, school and school district at the top of your essay.***

_____ _____

Signature of Student **Date**

Name of Student: _____

School:_____**Grade level:**_____

Parent/Guardian Information

Instructions: Please complete the following information for at least one custodial parent or guardian, both, if available.

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Daytime Phone No.:_____Home Phone No.: _____

Cell Phone No.:_____

E-mail Address: _____

_____ _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Employer: _____

Occupation: _____

Daytime Phone No.:_____Home Phone No.: _____

Cell Phone No.:_____

E-mail Address: _____

_____ _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

Number of People in the Household: _____

Household Yearly Income Level:

_____Under $15,000 _____$15,001 to $30,000 _____$30,001 to $45,000

_____$45,001 to $60,000 _____$60,001 to $75,000

EXXONMOBIL BERNARD HARRIS SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP 2012 at The University of Texas – Pan American

REQUEST FOR RECORDS – You or your child must give this form to the registrar at his/her school. A parent or guardian must sign this request so that the registrar can release the records.

Dear Registrar:
Please forward a copy of official records for this student (grades and standardized test scores) and this form to:

Jeanette Broshears, Associate Dean of Students
The University of Texas – Pan American
1201 W. University Dr., UC 305
Edinburg, TX 78539

The records must include a copy of the most recent grades/report card and standardized test scores. This form must accompany the records.

I hereby grant permission to the release of the information that this form is requesting on my child.

_____ _____
Signature of Parent or Guardian Date

_____
Name of Student (please print)

_____
Student ID Number

_____
Signature of Student

_____
School

_____
Grade Date of Birth

_____
Homeroom Teacher

Does this child receive **FREE** or **REDUCED** lunch?

_____Yes **_____No**

If yes, which? _____Free Lunch **_____Reduced Lunch**

Recommendation from Current SCIENCE Teacher
For a Student applying for
The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EMBHSSC) 2012 at UTPA

Name of Teacher _____

Directions to teacher:
The student who has given you this form is applying to attend the EMBHSSC this summer. You have taught this student, so you can tell if she/he is a good candidate for this two-week residential program. **Please complete the chart below and write a letter of recommendation for this student. When you finish, put this form and letter of recommendation into an envelope, seal it, and write your name across the sealed flap, so that your comments will be private.** Please return the sealed envelope to the student **as soon as possible** or mail to *Jeanette Broshears, Associate Dean of Students, 1201 W, University Dr., UC 305, Edinburg, TX 78539* to be received by the deadline date of *Friday, April 13*.

Name of student_____ Current Grade: _____

Course taken with this teacher: Subject _____Year 2011-2012

Please put an **X** in the appropriate column for each of the following statements:

	Very Much	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
This student was eager to learn.					
This student cared about other students.					
This student was late to class.					
This student skipped classes.					
This student turned in homework and projects on time.					
This student participated in class, group and hands-on activities.					
This student worked independently and as a team member.					
This student was an asset to the class.					
This student participated in co-curricular activities (science fair, science club, etc.).					

Circle the best answer to the following question: Would you like to teach this student in another class?

Yes, definitely **Maybe** **Definitely not**

On the back of this sheet or below please write 2-3 sentences about the student that makes this student stand out from the rest. If you prefer, include all of your comments in the letter of recommendation that includes outstanding school achievements, any concerns you would like to share, and the qualities this student possess that makes him/her stand out from the rest. **Your comments will be especially useful in the selection process, as we received over 200 applications last year. Thank you.**

Recommendation from Current MATHEMATICS Teacher
For a Student applying for
The ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Summer Science Camp (EMBHSSC) 2012 at UTPA

Name of Teacher _____

Directions to teacher:
The student who has given you this form is applying to attend the EMBHSSC this summer. You have taught this student, so you can tell if she/he is a good candidate for this two-week residential program. **Please complete the chart below and write a letter of recommendation for this student. When you finish, put this form and letter of recommendation into an envelope, seal it, and write your name across the sealed flap, so that your comments will be private.** Please return the sealed envelope to the student **as soon as possible** or mail to *Jeanette Broshears, Associate Dean of Students, 1201 W, University Dr., UC 305, Edinburg, TX 78539* to be received by the deadline date of *Friday, April 13.*

Name of student _____Current Grade:_____

Course taken with this teacher: Subject _____Year 2011-2012

Please put an **X** in the appropriate column for each of the following statements:

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Yes, definitely **Maybe** **Definitely not**

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