Who is eligible? The brightest and most talented 10th and 11th graders currently enrolled in Tennessee’s public, private and home-schools are eligible. In other words, students who will be juniors and seniors in the 2010-2011 academic year. To be eligible, students should rank in the top of their high school class in performance/capability or highly talented in math and science.

What does it cost? You will receive a full tuition scholarship for program expenses. In addition, dorms, tuition, and meals will be provided for you. The program is funded by the Department of Education through funds appropriated by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee. There is a minimal charge to each student to cover the costs of personal purchases during field trips, the ETSU campus bookstore, drinks, snacks, etc.

How will the students be selected? Every student who submits an application by the deadline date will have their application reviewed by a panel of professors who will select the 30 students that will attend the GS for SM&DA based on their academic performance in math and science.

May I apply for more than one School? Yes, however you will only be able to attend one Governor’s School since the dates of the programs overlap. If you are accepted to more than one school, please notify each school of your decision to attend or not.

If I accept to one Governor’s School, will I have a chance to accept another one later if vacancies occur? No. You need to make sure you are going to attend before you accept.

Do I earn any special credits? YES. Each student successfully completing a Governor’s School summer session will receive seven college credit hours. Each student will also receive a certificate of merit signed by the Governor.

Does an up-to-date transcript need to be included? YES. Please provide the most recent grades available at the time of application.

Can students with disabilities apply? Yes, if they meet the criteria.

Do I stay for the entire five weeks? YES. The program is intensive and highly individualized. Classes and special activities will be planned for the entire five weeks, INCLUDING WEEKENDS. Absences from scheduled activities will not be permitted except in the case of emergencies with permission from the Director. You will not be excused to attend other camps or seminars, to take family vacations, attend weddings, have senior pictures taken, etc.

How many students will be selected? Scientific Models & Data Analysis accepts 30 students.

When will students be notified of selections? All students will receive a letter in the mail notifying them whether they have been accepted or not, or if they are an alternate. Letters will be sent by February 15th, 2010. Students will receive separate notification letters from each of the schools to which they applied.

May I bring communication devices, such as cellular phones and beepers? Cell phones may be brought, but must be kept in student dorm rooms. They are strictly prohibited in buildings where classes or other programs are held. Laser pointers and beepers are prohibited.

Is the application confidential? YES. Personally identifiable information will not be released.