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**TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR TEENS TO APPLY FOR FREE, FUN SUMMER ENRICHMENT**

*Nashville Scholars Summer Program Applications Close April 15*



**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** – Metro Nashville middle and high school students have two weeks left to apply for Nashville Public Library’s (NPL) Nashville Scholars free summer enrichment program.

NPL’s after school intervention initiative, the Nashville After Zone Alliance (NAZA), is accepting applications for its **Nashville Scholars** program, a **free, four-week summer enrichment experience** for middle and high school students at Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS).

**WHO:** MNPS students currently in grades 7-10

**WHAT:** Nashville Scholars is a **free, four-week NAZA summer program** for MNPS students.

**Nashville Scholars provides transportation, two meals per day, and field trips to college campuses at no cost to participants.**

The program runs **five days a week, eight hours per day.**

The scholars' daily schedule includes an hour each of math, English, college prep, and enhancement provided by selected Nashville teachers, Oasis College Connection staff, and community partners.

Nashville Scholars will earn **160 hours of safe, fun enrichment** that prepares them for academic success, encourages post-secondary aspirations, and provides college access and information.

**WHEN:** June 6 - July 1, 2016, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Nashville Scholars will meet at Cane Ridge, Hunters Lane, McGavock, and Whites Creek high schools; however, the program is open to students at all MNPS middle and high schools.

**HOW TO APPLY:** **Student applications are available at [www.nashvillez.org/summerzone](http://www.nashvillez.org/summerzone), through Apr. 15, 2016.**

For more information, contact [Nashville.Scholars@nashville.gov](mailto:Nashville.Scholars@nashville.gov).

#### **About Nashville After Zone Alliance**

**NAZA** is a nationally-recognized system of free, high-quality afterschool programs that provide academic support and new creative outlets for Metro Nashville Public Schools' middle school students (grades five to eight) at safe and convenient locations, both at school and in the community. An outreach program of Nashville Public Library (NPL), NAZA reaches middle school students who cannot access other afterschool programs due to cost or transportation issues. The system is organized around five geographic zones that encompass Davidson County. Through NAZA's system of coordinated providers, students are given structure in an open and safe environment that provides encouragement, a sense of accomplishment, and access to new and exciting opportunities.

#### **About Nashville Public Library**

Nashville Public Library maintains a collection of 2 million items, including books, periodicals, DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and downloadable books, movies and music. The library also offers more than 800 public-use computers, free art exhibits, educational programs, events for all ages, 24/7 reference assistance, online databases, interlibrary loan and special collections. The Metro Archives, located at the Main Library, houses 5 million historic documents. Equal access is provided by the Talking Library audio reading service for the print disabled and Library Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. For more information, call (615) 862-5800 or visit [library.nashville.org](http://library.nashville.org).

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