

This brief survey has been put together by the Talented Students in the Sciences Research Project at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. This investigation is funded by the National Science Foundation and is interested in learning more about the academic and social experiences of talented students in the sciences at the undergraduate and graduate levels. We are contacting individuals who were identified as having an interest in the sciences, as indicated by past inquiry into the Meyerhoff Scholarship Program at UMBC. We would appreciate your assistance by completing the information below. Please send back by email or regular mail to:

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Please read to the end for information about financial incentives for your participation.

We offer \$30 for your assistance.

**Additional Information about the project:

- Every student who applies to the Meyerhoff Program signs a consent form allowing the project researchers to track their academic success and experiences, regardless of whether or not they attend UMBC. You were selected because you signed this form at the time of your application to the Meyerhoff Scholars Program.
- The project is directed by Dr. Kenneth Maton, a psychology professor at UMBC and Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, President of UMBC. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Shauna Pollard, the project manager, at spollard@umbc.edu, or (410) 455-3110 who will share them with Dr. Maton.

Thank you for agreeing to help us!

YOU CAN EITHER COPY AND PASTE THIS SURVEY INTO A WORD DOCUMENT AND EMAIL IT OR PRINT IT OUT TO SEND IN THROUGH THE MAIL.

Name _____ Date _____

1) Are you currently enrolled in (undergraduate) college? Yes No

If **Yes**, please go to section #2.

If **No**: a) Did you graduate from undergraduate college? Yes No

If **Yes** (graduated from college):

- From which college did you graduate? _____
- What year did you begin school? _____
- What year did you graduate? _____
- What major did you choose during your first year of college, as a freshman? _____
- How many science credits and classes did you complete during your freshman year? _____
- Was your intention as a freshman to major in science? YES NO

If **YES**:

- Do you remember when you actually declared your first major, and if so when? _____
(be specific as possible to the time – e.g., “2nd semester of my freshman year”)
- What was your major at graduation? _____
- Do you remember what your approximate GPA was when you graduated? _____
What about your GPA in your major? _____

(Please go to section #3).

If **No** (did not graduate from college):

- When did you leave college? _____

- What college did you attend? _____
- Why did you leave college? (try to be specific) _____

- What are you doing now? (try to be specific including what type of work)

(Please go to section #4).

2) If currently enrolled in college:

a) Which college do you currently attend? _____

b) What is your present major? _____

c) What degree do you hope to obtain? _____

d) In what year did you begin your studies _____ and what year do you plan to complete your studies? _____

e) What major did you choose during your first year of college, as a freshman? _____

f) How many science credits and classes did you complete during your freshman year? _____

g) Was your intention as a freshman to major in science? YES NO

If **Yes**:

Do you remember when you actually declared your first major, and if so when? _____ (be specific as possible to the time – e.g., “2nd semester of my freshman year”)

h) Are you planning to attend graduate school? Yes No

If **Yes**:

- What type of graduate program are you planning to attend? (e.g., MD, Ph.D., MD/Ph.D., Master's Program, etc.) _____
- In what area do you plan to focus in graduate school?

(Please go to section #4)

3) If graduated from college:

a) Were you, or are you presently, enrolled in graduate school? Yes No

If **No**:

- What are you doing now? (try to be specific including type of work)

(Please go to section #4).

If **Yes**:

- In what type of graduate program are you (were you) enrolled? (e.g., MD, Ph.D., MD/Ph.D., Master's Program, etc.) _____
- In what school? _____
- What is (was) your program / field of study? _____
- What is (was) your area of concentration? _____
- In what month/year did you begin and what year do you plan to complete your studies? BEGIN _____ COMPLETE _____

- What are your future career goals and aspirations? (please specify private industry, government, academic employment, etc.)
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(please go to section #4)

4) Thank you for completing these questions. Because one part of our project involves learning about the academic experiences of talented students, including choice of courses and academic progress, we will send you a consent form giving us permission to obtain your transcripts at the undergraduate (and graduate—if applicable) levels. We hope you will help us in our research by allowing us access to your transcripts. Only group information concerning academic coursework, not individual, will be included in our report and all information will remain **highly confidential and will be kept in a locked office**. We will also be sending you a receipt for your signature; when we receive both the consent and the receipt, **we will immediately issue a check for \$30.00**.

(Please go to section #5)

- 5) Before we end, we would like to make sure that we have your current address in order to mail you your **consent form** and **receipt**. (The contact information is helpful because we may wish to contact you in the future for our ongoing research projects with students who, at least in the past, expressed interest in the sciences—even if they did not stay in the sciences.

Address: _____

Phone : _____

Date of Birth (optional): _____

Thank you very much!