Frequently Asked Questions
NuMaSS 2016 Summer Program

• How does the application process work?

The 2016 NuMaSS application is now online, but must still be completed in its entirety. Upon completion of the online application, you will be presented with a link to the recommendation form. Please print the Recommendation Form and follow the included instructions regarding required recommender’s signature. The application is incomplete until the Recommendation Form, the Official Transcript, and Most Recent Progress Report have been received in the Physics Department office. These can be mailed or hand-delivered. *Late entries will not be accepted.*

• When is the Application Deadline?

The online application will close on Tuesday, March 15\textsuperscript{th}. The completed (signed) recommendation form must be completed and received in the Physics Department office, no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, March 18\textsuperscript{th}. As previously stated, a complete application consists of:

1. Applicant information form (*submitted online)*,
2. Recommendation information sheet with recommender’s signature
3. An official academic transcript sealed from the applicant’s school and
4. Most recent progress report

*There will be no exceptions to the application deadlines under any circumstances.*

• Can I submit my application early?

Yes. Please submit the completed 2016 application as soon as possible. This will alleviate issues related to program solicited recommendation questionnaires, and will provide the applicant the peace of mind in knowing that all submissions have met the deadline.

• Once I submit my additional application documents (recommendation form, transcript, latest progress report), is there some way to verify that my documents have been received and my application is complete?

To ensure the NuMaSS program has received your additional application documents, it is best to send the application using USPS Certified Mail Return Receipt. Return receipt is a product of the U.S. Postal Service that provides a receipt or evidence that a Certified Mail letter or package was delivered. We operate with a volunteer staff during the application process and cannot respond to individual inquiries regarding receipt of applications.

• Who can apply to the NuMaSS Summer Program?

You must be a US citizen or permanent resident to participate in the NuMaSS Summer Program. We accept male and female students who are rising 9\textsuperscript{th}, 10\textsuperscript{th}, 11\textsuperscript{th}, and 12\textsuperscript{th} graders. If you are a rising 11\textsuperscript{th} grader, you must have completed at least one year in a prior NuMaSS Summer Program. If you are a rising 12\textsuperscript{th}, you must have completed at least two years in the program previously.
• **Can I apply to the NuMaSS Summer Program for the first time if I am a rising junior/senior?**

No. In order to participate in the NuMaSS Summer Program if you are a rising junior, you must have completed at least one year in a prior NuMaSS Summer Program. If you are a rising senior, you must have completed at least two years in the program previously.

• **Can I fax or email any application materials?**

No. We only accept the original, completed 2016 Recommendation form, the official sealed transcript and progress report via postal service or personal delivery.

• **Who is eligible to complete the program solicited recommendation form?**

The **first form** MUST be completed by a current Science and/or Math teacher. This is confirmed because the teacher must include their school email address, as well as an alternate email address for the questionnaire. The second form **CAN** be completed by one of the following:

(1) Teacher  
(2) Extracurricular Club Leader  
(3) Clergy  
(4) Mentor  
(5) School Administrator  
(6) School Counselor/ Advisor

**Family members and peers CANNOT participate in the recommendation process.**

• **How and when will my recommenders be contacted?**

Program solicited recommendation questionnaires will be emailed to the recommenders, on a weekly basis. The date of the email is dependent upon the receipt of the applicant’s signed recommendation form. The recommenders will receive an email from SurveyMonkey containing the recommendation questionnaire, and will then have until Friday, March 25, 2016 by 5:00 pm to complete the Survey Monkey questionnaire. There will be no exceptions. Late recommendations will not be considered. Please check with your recommenders to ensure they have submitted your recommendation questionnaire by 5pm on March 25, 2016.

*If this form is incomplete or illegible, the applicant will be automatically disqualified from the application process. There will no exceptions to this policy.*

• **My recommender said he/she did not receive the recommendation questionnaire. What should I do?**

Please ask the recommenders to check their junk mail and/or spam. Also, remind your recommenders that the program solicited recommendation questionnaire will come from SurveyMonkey. It is your responsibility to ensure this questionnaire has been submitted by the deadline. NuMaSS staff will not respond to inquiries regarding recommendation status.

• **How will I know if I have been selected to progress to the next stage of the application process?**

NuMaSS Staff will begin generating email notifications on Monday, April 4th. Students will receive a notification indicating whether or not they are progressing to the next stage of the application process. This does not mean you have been accepted into the program, it confirms that you are eligible to move on to the next step, which includes testing and interviews.
If I progress to the 2nd stage of the application process, when and where will the Math Skills Test and Interview process take place?

The Math Skills Test and Interview is currently scheduled for Saturday, April 16th. It will take place at Morehouse College. Details will be included in the email inviting you to participate in the Math Skills Test and Interview. This is a formal interview process, so please dress accordingly. The purpose of the Math Skills Test is to assess the applicant’s aptitude for advanced level studies. It is not a test for which you should attempt to prepare. We are simply trying to assess your current basic math skills.

When and how will I be notified if I have been accepted into the NuMaSS 2016 Summer Program?

Students will receive a notification whether they have been accepted, not accepted, or placed on the waitlist. Applicants will begin to receive email notifications starting Friday, April 29th and must confirm their acceptance to the NuMaSS 2016 Summer Program no later than Friday, May 6th.

If accepted into the program, is there any additional paperwork that must be submitted?

Yes. If accepted into the program, you will receive a formal acceptance packet containing necessary paperwork that must be submitted no later than Friday, May 20th. If the completed forms are not returned by the deadline, the student will not be able to participate in the NuMaSS 2016 Summer Program. A Morehouse College Summer Academy Health Form will be included in this paperwork, which may require students to provide proof of vaccinations, including a TB test and Hepatitis C vaccine.

What are the program dates of the NuMaSS 2016 Summer Program?

The summer program begins on Tuesday, May 31st at 4:00 pm with a mandatory Parent/Student Orientation Program. Additional details will be provided in the acceptance package. The student presentations and Closing Ceremony of the program is July 1, 2016.

What are the program times for the participants in the NuMaSS Program?

The students’ first class begins at 7:30 am each day. Therefore, the students should arrive on campus between 7:15 am and 7:25 am, allowing for time to walk to their respective classroom locations. The students are dismissed daily from the program at 4:30 pm, excluding Fridays. Every Friday, there is an enrichment trip and the dismissal time will be disclosed to the participants and their parents.

If I do not live in Atlanta, GA, can I still participate in the NuMaSS Program?

Yes. Because the NuMaSS Summer Program is a commuter program, all participants must live in the Atlanta Metropolitan area (which includes the surrounding counties) for the duration of the program and provide his/her own transportation to and from Morehouse College. However, there are no restrictions on the student’s permanent residence. However, the applicant must also be available to participate in the Math Skills Test and Interview process.