SMILE Program Recruitment Information

What is The Science and Math Investigative Learning Experiences (SMILE) Program?

An after school STEM club of about 20 students and 2 teacher leaders that meets weekly for 1.5 to 2 hours for 32 weeks.

What are the goals of The SMILE Program?

1. To provide and integrate STEM real world experiences, mentoring, hands-on activities, and career explorations to support students.
2. To increase students’ interest in STEM areas through hands-on activities, annual events mentored by URI college students, and field trips.
3. To encourage students to do well academically, graduate high school well prepared to go to college/higher education and pursue STEM careers.

**Students who are in SMILE for 3 or more years, participate in Family Science Nights and Annual Events, are eligible for a $500 college scholarship.**

Teacher Recommendation for Student Participants in the SMILE Program

Dear Teacher,

We are asking your help in identifying and recommending students for SMILE.

To be eligible, students must:
1. Be working at grade level or better
2. Have good school attendance
3. Have good school citizenship
4. Have a strong interest in STEM

And meet one or more of the following criteria:
- Eligible for free/reduced lunch
- Female
- Minority
- ESL
- Previously in SMILE

SMILE Teachers give priority to the students who fit the above criteria. If 20 openings are not filled, anyone can join on a first-come, first served basis.

**Contact Information for Recommended Students:**

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Please return this to SMILE teacher ______________________ as soon as possible.

Thank you.