



Science and Math Investigative  
Learning Experiences

## **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:**

**Name**

**Grade**

**Teacher/Homeroom**

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**Please return this to SMILE teacher \_\_\_\_\_ as soon as possible.**

**Thank you.**