Eureka! FAQ

So what is this Eureka! Program anyway?
Eureka! is a three year program for girls in 8th through 10th grade that encourages girls to explore science, technology, math and engineering in a fun, hands-on environment. During the summers, girls will also participate in team sports, self-defense, swimming, and personal development. During the school years, girls will explore career and college options. During the third summer, girls will be placed in an internship and get a stipend upon completion of the program.

How do I get involved in Eureka?
Girls can apply during the spring of their 7th grade year. The application is on our website (www.girlsincislandcity.org). We take 20 new Eureka each year and accept girls who represent the broad range of demographics in Alameda and the Bay Area.

Do you give preference to certain girls?
We look for girls who have a “can do” attitude, who are interested in the program and who can commit to all three years. We will give priority to girls who are first generation college students (meaning their parents never attended college) but all girls who are eligible are encouraged to apply.

I don’t get A’s in math and science, should I still apply?
Yes! Eureka! is designed for all girls who are enthusiastic about math and science, not just high achievers. Girls must earn average or higher grades in these subjects.

How much does Eureka! cost?
We have a sliding scale, depending on household income, from $100 to $400.

What is the time commitment?
During the summers, girls must commit to the four week program that runs Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm during the month of July. Girls must plan to spend the next three Julys in Eureka! During the school year, girls must commit to at least one session per month. Many different sessions are offered throughout each month.

I’m going on vacation in July. Can I still participate?
No. We require girls to commit to all four weeks during the summer and one session per month during the school year throughout all three years of the program. Girls will not earn their stipend at the end of the program if they don’t fulfill all of these requirements.

I have more questions about Eureka! Who can I contact?
Please contact Diana Cristales at 510-521-1743 x 208 or dcristales@girlsincislandcity.org

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