**Any student nominated by the local school system/private school must:**

• Be a current sophomore or junior.

• Have his/her nomination originate with the subject area teacher with approval of student and parent.

• Have demonstrated high aptitude and high interest in the area of nomination.

• Commit to participation in the state level interviews as scheduled by the Department of Education. There are no “alternate interview dates.”

• Commit to participation in the program for the **entire residential period (about three weeks from mid-June to mid-July)**. This includes opening and closing days. The 2023 program will open TBD, and close on TBD. Students must arrive no later than 2 p.m. on the first day in June (specific date TBD). Students may not depart before the last day in July (specific date TBD). Please be certain that all nominees understand these requirements.

• Inability to meet the attendance requirement will result in disqualification for consideration; and, if selected for participation, can result in dismissal from the program. Exceptions to the attendance requirement will be rare, will be limited to true emergencies, and will require approval by the Program Manager.