



of Metro Denver

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Girls Inc. of Metro Denver would like to invite you to apply for the **Eureka!** program and join us in sparking your child’s interest in science, technology, engineering & mathematics (STEM). The program is designed to encourage girls’ excitement about STEM subjects through engaging them in fun year-round learning opportunities.

Eureka! is a five year commitment and involves summer and school year experiences at a low cost to families. We connect girls to the program the summer before 8th grade and support them all the way through high school graduation. In her first two summers, your daughter will explore programs in STEM, personal and physical development in a 4-week summer camp. During the school year, she will attend monthly activities focused on building her knowledge in STEM subjects and careers while building confidence. In summers three and four your child will be placed in a paid STEM-focused internship that will allow her to practice all she has learned. In summer five, of **Eureka!** she will travel with Girls Inc. of Metro Denver on a STEM-focused excursion outside of Colorado. In addition, Girls Inc. will provide support to help your daughter apply to college/university and access available scholarships.

Eureka! 2019 Summer Camp:

- STEM classes focused on fun, hands-on activities
- Electives, including personal development and fitness

Eureka! 2019-2020 School Year:

- Monthly STEM meetings

Girls Inc. of Metro Denver is seeking girls who will benefit from building stronger relationships with peers and enjoy an in-depth learning experience. Girls should have an interest or motivation to explore STEM. **Interested girls must be entering 8th grade in Fall 2019 and have a 2.0 GPA or higher.**

There is space for 30 participants in **Eureka!** for 2019-2020. Program fees for the summer camp range from \$20-\$300 depending on family income. To apply, girls and families must submit an application by **Friday, March 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.** and participate in an interview in April. Families will also be asked to sign a commitment agreement to the 5-year program. **Applicants will be notified by Monday, April 1st if they have been selected for an interview.**

Program Location:

Metro State University
890 Auraria Pkwy
Denver, CO 80204

Summer 2019 Program Details:

Dates: Mon-Fri, June 3rd – June 28th, 2019
Times: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Parent/Girl Orientation Dates: TBD

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Dia St. John
Eureka! Program Coordinator
Girls Inc. of Metro Denver
303.893.4363 x 161




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The *Eureka!* Program

Application Cover Page

Please make sure the following five items are included in your application and deliver to Girls Inc. of Metro Denver in one envelope with your full name on the front. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on March 22, 2019. Only complete applications will be reviewed.

Applicant Name: _____

	Application Item	Details
	Application Cover Page	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This form, with all items checked
	Eureka! Participant Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both girl and parent questions completed
	7 th Grade Report Cards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Fall 2018 grades
	Letters of Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 letters from school personnel, volunteer experience, etc. • Letters must be sealed or mailed/emailed directly to Girls Inc. from the letter writer.

Application Due Date: March 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.



Eureka! Program Summer 2019
Participant Application
Class of 2023

of Metro Denver

Participant Information:

Name:	
Current School:	
Grade:	
Home Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Participant Cell Phone:	
Participant Email:	
Age:	
Date of Birth:	

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Name:	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone:	
Parent/Guardian Email:	

Second Parent/Guardian Information (optional):

Second Parent/Guardian Name:	
Relationship to Applicant:	
Second Parent/Guardian Cell Phone:	
Second Parent/Guardian Daytime Phone:	
Second Parent/Guardian Email:	

Participant Questions

We are excited to get to know you better! Please respond to the questions below. This is an opportunity for you to share information about yourself in your own words. Relax, be honest, and do the best that you can. Please answer each question in a **MINIMUM of three sentences**. If you need more space you can add pages to the document.

1. How would YOU describe yourself?
2. How do you think OTHERS would describe you?
3. What other school year or summer activities are you committed to and when and for how long do they meet?
4. What do you hope to gain from the Eureka! program?
5. What do you believe you have to offer the Eureka! program? Why should you be selected?
6. Why do you want to learn more about science, technology, engineering and/or math? How do you think this program might help?

Parent/Guardian Questions

1. What are your personal hopes and goals for your child's education?
2. Why do you want your child to attend this program?
3. Can you commit your child to attending an all day, 4-week, intensive STEM and leadership camp for the first two years of this program? **Can you and your child commit to actively participate in this program until your child graduates high school?** Explain.
4. Is there anything else you would like to share about your child?
5. Is your child receiving any additional services at school or is she currently in special education services? If so please explain so we can make sure to provide activities that will work for her if she is selected to participate.

Commitments:

*If my child is accepted into **Eureka!**, I will encourage her to participate fully in all aspects of this 5-year program. I will ensure that all the proper forms are completed and returned on time. I will also support her by attending required meetings and communicating effectively with **Eureka!** staff.*

*Girls Inc. and local partners are making an investment of more than \$3000 per girl to offer **Eureka!** in 2018-2019. **The cost to families will be determined on a sliding scale based on income and will range from \$20-\$300/year.***

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

*If selected as a member of **Eureka!**, I agree to participate fully in all aspects of this 5-year program, including orientations, summer sessions, internships, and monthly activities throughout the school year. I understand that my attendance is important in order for me to remain enrolled and fully benefit from the program. I also understand that I will need to communicate effectively with **Eureka!** staff in order to stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities.*

Participant Name: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applications can be submitted to Girls Inc. any time before but no later than **5:00 p.m. Friday, March 22, 2019.**

Mailed/Dropped Off Applications:

Girls Inc. Metro Denver
1499 Julian Street
Denver, CO 80204
Attention: Eureka!

Emailed Applications:

Dia St. John
Eureka! Program Coordinator
dstjohn@gidenver.org
Subject: Eureka! Application



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The *Eureka!* Program

At Girls Inc. of Metro Denver
Recommendation Letter Request

To whom it may concern:

_____ is applying for the Girls Inc. of Metro Denver *Eureka!* program. *Eureka!* is a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) program designed to encourage girls' excitement about STEM subjects through engaging them in enriching and fun year round learning opportunities. *Eureka!* is a 5-year commitment and integrates summer and school year experiences. We connect girls to the program the summer before eighth grade and support them all the way through high school graduation. During the first two years girls attend a 4-week summer camp and once a month activities during the school year. In years three and four girls are placed in paid summer internships, and year five will be a travel experience with Girls Inc. of Metro Denver.

Part of the *Eureka!* selection process requires a letter of recommendation from someone in an educational, work, or volunteer setting who can speak to the applicant's ability to commit to the program and enthusiasm for learning. By receiving this form, the applicant has requested a letter from you. Your letter is a critical part of our selection and awareness process. In your letter, please provide answers and information for all of the following:

- Applicant's full name
- Your name, title and how you know the applicant
- **Question 1:** Why do you believe that this applicant should be part of *Eureka!*?
- **Question 2:** How will *Eureka!* positively influence the applicant's life?
- **Question 3:** Do you think the applicant will commit to the 5-year program? Please explain.
- **Question 4:** Does the applicant have an enthusiasm for learning? Please explain.

All questions must be addressed in your recommendation. The completed letter should be returned to the applicant in a sealed envelope or emailed directly to the *Eureka!* Program Coordinator, Dia St. John, at dstjohn@gidenver.org. **All applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 22, 2019.**

On behalf of Girls Inc. of Metro Denver, we thank you for your time, interest and participation in this process. Thank you for helping to inspire our girls to become strong, smart, and bold.

Sincerely,

The *Eureka!* Committee



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