

Arkansas and the World: Model United Nations Summer Camp

University of Central Arkansas

July 12-17, 2026

Instructions for Online Application Form

1. High school students entering 10th, 11th, or 12th grade at a public or private high school (including homeschooled students) in the state of Arkansas may apply to participate in the International Affairs Summer Camp at the University of Central Arkansas. High School students from low-income families are especially encouraged to apply for the summer camp. Students who will be attending Arkansas Governor's School (AGS) in 2026 may not also participate in the International Affairs Summer Camp at UCA in 2025. Online applications should be submitted between January 15 and May 15, 2026.
2. Applicants are required to provide their name, mailing address, email address, name of high school (if applicable), and county of the high school on the application form.
3. Students are required to provide the name, phone number, and mailing address for at least one parent or legal guardian.
4. Students are also required to provide gender, grade in high school, race/ethnicity, tee-shirt size, and other information on the application form.
5. After completing the application form, press the "submit" button on the bottom of the form. If the submission is not successful, the applicant will be asked to provide additional information. If the submission is successful, an acknowledgement of the successful submission will appear on the screen.
6. After successfully submitting an online application form, the applicant will receive a confirmation email with further instructions regarding additional requirements, including (1) a letter of nomination from the applicant's high school; and (2) a 500-word essay written by the applicant explaining the applicant's interest in international affairs and how the program might increase the applicant's understanding of the world.

The letter of nomination should be written and signed by a guidance counselor, administrator, or teacher at the applicant's high school. Homeschooled students should ask an adult (other than the applicant's parents or other family members) who is familiar with the student to submit the letter of nomination. The letter of nomination should be directly emailed by a guidance counselor, administrator, or teacher before the May 15, 2026 deadline to Dr. Bailey Fairbanks at bfairbanks@uca.edu or mailed to Dr. Bailey Fairbanks, UCA Department of Government, Public Service, and International Studies, Irby Hall, Suite #217, 201 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, AR 72035.

The essay should be emailed by the applicant before the May 15, 2025 deadline to Dr. Bailey Fairbanks at bfairbanks@uca.edu or mailed to Dr. Bailey Fairbanks, UCA Department of Government, Public Service, and International Studies, Irby Hall, Suite #217, 201 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, AR 72035.

7. Students who apply to participate in the summer camp will be notified of the status of their applications by May 31, 2026. Students whose applications are not initially approved or who have previously attended the Model UN summer camp at UCA may be placed on a waiting list. Students on the waiting list will be contacted by June 15, 2026 if their applications are later approved.
8. On or prior to the first day of the summer camp, parents or legal guardians of students under the age of 18 are required to submit a signed Parental/Guardian Consent Form, Medical History & Consent for Treatment Form, and University Liability Release Form. These forms are available on the webpage of the Model United Nations Summer Camp at UCA.