



School District Student Selection Guide

SEI Student Profile:

The right students for SEI are rising juniors or seniors in high school who would have a reasonable expectation of success at a college like Lehigh. They are academically capable and personally responsible enough to handle a two-week stay on a college campus. SEI nominated students are those who excel in math and science and are on pace to complete the higher levels of math and science offered at your school, which would allow them to be as competitive as possible in our applicant pool. But most of all, SEI students would enthusiastically engage in labs, classrooms, and field trips, learning alongside our dedicated staff of college-aged mentors and faculty members.

SEI Selection Process:

Students will each be nominated by their district for a specific SEI session. To assure as much equity in the process as possible, Lehigh is dividing up the total number of available slots for SEI among the districts represented on the LUSSC, in proportion to the total enrollment at high schools within each district. Superintendents at districts offered multiple slots may use their discretion in determining how to distribute them across high schools.

Each superintendent will work with their respective in-school personnel to identify students for each slot granted to their district. Please note that career and technical schools that draw from our districts' jurisdictions will also select students for this scholarship; students from Council districts enrolled (half or full day) in one of these schools could potentially be selected by both. Districts are asked to coordinate in order to avoid this situation.

Along with their district's SEI nominees, each superintendent will identify a member of district personnel (principal, guidance counselor, etc.) who will be responsible for initial contact with the SEI director to help in coordinating paperwork between Lehigh and each of the students and families. The paperwork required by the student nominees includes permission forms, medical records, etc. Lastly, each superintendent will also identify alternates from their district (1 per session); alternates may be called upon if other students are unable to attend the program or if open positions are available after the deadline..

Before forwarding the names of nominees and alternates to Lehigh, districts will discuss with the nominated students and their family to ensure that each of their selected scholarship recipients is capable, available, and enthusiastically interested in attending the SEI program. Only nominated students will receive an application.

By March 20, 2026, at 4 p.m. Eastern time, each superintendent or representative will forward to the email address ler2@lehigh.edu the following information:

- **The name and school affiliation of each student nominated, the session for which they are nominated, the birth date, gender, and current grade level of the student nominated, and direct contact information for both the student nominated (phone and both school and personal email).**
- **The name, title, and contact information for the district staff member tasked with coordinating between SEI director and the students/families.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS, CONTACT:

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