

Frequently Asked Questions *Families*

What is SOAR?

Student Orientation And Registration is the time for your student to meet his/her advisor to discuss his/her fall schedule and register for classes. The SOAR Family Program gives you a chance to learn about the opportunities for McMurry families and the support that is available to your student.

How much does SOAR cost?

The SOAR program is \$30 for guests 12 years and up, \$10 for children 6-11 years, and free for children under the age of 5. Guests include parents, children, family members, friends, and others, excluding the student. This cost covers all meals while on campus, Thursday night entertainment, and printed materials. **All fees are nonrefundable.**

Students pay a fall orientation fee of \$150 that is billed to their account. Since this is billed, **they will not pay this amount during SOAR.**

How do I sign up for SOAR?

Easy--just fill out the registration form and mail it with any additional money that is due. Students may register online at <http://www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/students/soar.htm> or request information be mailed to them. **Each summer SOAR session is limited to the first 120 students and registration must be completed by June 19, July 3, or July 17.** If you have further questions, please call the Office of Admissions at (325) 793-4700.

Should my other children come?

Child care will not be provided. Children over the age of 12 will be charged a \$30 guest fee. Children 6-11 years of age will be charged a \$10 guest fee. Children under the age of 5 are free.

Where will I stay?

Guests have the option to stay at a local hotel or in the residence hall for a nominal fee (\$15/person). If staying in the residence hall, you must reserve a spot by indicating on your registration form that you wish to receive on campus lodging (2 persons per room). If you stay in the residence hall, you should bring linens for a twin bed, an alarm clock, pillows, towels. Students will stay in the residence halls.

Which local hotels are available?

The following hotels offer a decent rates and are close to the university:

Antilley Inn

325-695-3330

6550 US Hwy 83

King Single room

Queen Double room (2,3, or 4 people)

Comfort Suites

325-795-8500

3165 South Danville Drive

2 Queens or 1 King (1-4 people)

What should I bring?

You should bring pen, pencil, paper, and casual, comfortable clothes.

What should my student bring?

In addition to the above list, he/she should bring documentation for any AP credit, dual college credit, or THEA scores if applicable, as well as a completed health form. If your student is staying in the residence hall he/she should also bring linens for a twin bed, an alarm clock, pillows, towels.

What should be included on the health form?

All students must provide a completed health form including a current immunization record at the time of SOAR. In addition to the infant series of vaccines, students are **required** to have the following: Tetanus Booster within the past 10 years; two doses of MMR; TB skin test within the past one year; Hepatitis B series of three injections.

What is placement testing?

Placement testing is a tool to assist students in registering for the appropriate level of academic work. The following is a guideline that is used for placement testing:

SAT/ACT Sub scores

*Your student will **not** have to take the placement test if their test scores are:*

SAT Math: 530 or higher (Algebra placement test)

SAT Critical Reading: 490 or higher (Reading placement test)

SAT Writing: 490 or higher (Writing, Composition placement tests)

ACT English: 19 or higher (Writing, Composition placement tests)

ACT Math: 23 or higher (Algebra placement test)

ACT Reading: 19 or higher (Reading placement test)

(AP credit, THEA scores or concurrent/dual credit courses may also be used.)

Additional information on Placement Test Policies can be downloaded at:

http://www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/placement_testing/pdf/Preparation_for_Placement_tests.pdf

A practice Math Test and answers are available at:

http://www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/placement_testing/pdf/SOAR_Math_Placement_Practice_Problems.pdf

What if my student needs special accommodations for the placement tests due to a disability?

In order to receive special accommodations for testing, your student must first complete an Application for Disability Services and provide adequate documentation of his/her disability from a qualified professional such as a licensed psychologist or a diagnostician who has evaluated the student within the last three years. This information must be received by the Disability Services Coordinator at least 2 weeks prior to SOAR. An application may be downloaded from the website at <http://www.mcm.edu/newsite/web/students/disabilities.htm> or call Disability Services at 325-793-4880.

What is CLEP?

College Level Exam Placement testing is the most widely accepted way to receive college credit for knowledge you have already obtained. It is also called credit by examination. **CLEP testing is offered by appointment, throughout the year. To inquire about current test fees or to register, please call 325-793-4620.** Payment will need to be made to the McMurry Business Office prior to exam.

Students who plan to register for classes at one of these sessions must attend all SOAR activities. If you do not attend one of the SOAR sessions you will not be able to register for your fall classes until Friday, August 21. Please contact the Office of Admissions with any cancellations at (325) 793-4700.