



# BRIGHT

## Bringing Resources and Involvement to Gifted Homes Together

Maryland Mensa developed BRIGHT – Bringing Resources and Involvement to Gifted Homes Together – to provide enrichment and support for gifted youth, their families, and their educators. Whether you are just learning about giftedness, or have been working for years to advocate for your exceptional child, BRIGHT is a dynamic tool in your toolkit, providing opportunities tailored to the unique interests of your youth and a supportive community of intellectual peers.



**STEP 1 – LEARN MORE ABOUT US.** Reach out to Kristine Poptanich, Maryland Mensa’s Gifted Youth Coordinator, at [Kristine.Poptanich@gmail.com](mailto:Kristine.Poptanich@gmail.com) to find out more about the opportunities available to your gifted family via BRIGHT.

**STEP 2 – JOIN.** Whether you submit evidence of prior testing (all ages), or take the Mensa Admission Test (for youth over the age of 14 and parents), we’ll work with you to make sure that joining is as easy as possible!



**STEP 3 – PARTICIPATE!** Via the BRIGHT Maryland Facebook group, parents have access to all of BRIGHT’s enrichment activities, a parent-to-parent support network, and BRIGHT’s unique offerings including a grant program, the Intellectual Leadership Program, an annual awards program, and more.



### INTELLECTUAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Intellectual Leadership Program allows gifted youth to distinguish themselves through completion of substantive projects within their areas of interest and culminates in receipt of Maryland Mensa’s Distinguished Scholar Award.

#### **EARLY EXPLORERS (0 – 5 YEAR OLDS)**

For our youngest members, BRIGHT hosts playgroups and a broad range of enrichment activities with the goal of helping them build lifelong friendships and explore the world around them.

#### **SEEKERS (6 – 12 YEAR OLDS)**

For the maturing intellects of our Seekers, BRIGHT concentrates on activities that allow Seekers to explore their interests without losing the fun that makes learning come naturally for them.

#### **INNOVATORS (13 – 17 YEAR OLDS)**

Older youth take a deep dive into their interests through more elaborate activities and outings with the goal of helping them formulate and achieve their personal and academic goals.