

2023 West Virginia Governor’s School for Arts, Culture, and History – Student Application Part II

Final State Deadline February 10

Student Name: _____

Do not complete the application before reading this page.

1. Before completing the application, read all sections of the website. It’s important that you know something about GSACH before applying.
2. The first step of the application process is to be sure you meet the proper qualifications. Please click on the Qualifications link on the website which is on the “How to Apply” page.
3. If you meet the qualifications, the next step is to fill out the Student Application, which includes a Consent Form.
4. Part I of the application is to be submitted online. Confirmation of receipt of Part I must be attached to this page. The remainder is to be completed and submitted to your counselor. Complete Part I before moving to Part II.

Before continuing, be certain that you have printed the confirmation page from Part I of the application.

5. Part II is a fillable pdf, so you can type directly on it. The essay and your recommendation **must also be typed**.
6. Answer the short essay questions. This applies to all applicants. Directions and the space for writing are on Page 5. We suggest that you type your answers using a word processor such as “Word”. Then you can simply paste it into the application itself.
7. Provide one letter of recommendation from a **teacher** who has worked with you in either 7th or 8th grade. Letters should be submitted on professional letterhead and are to be typed using a 12-point Roman or Arial font. The use of fancy, italicized fonts is strongly discouraged. Writers should speak candidly about your work as well as noting the kind of person you are.
8. Pay careful attention to the parent/student signature page. If you have questions about the requirements, you may direct them to ray.lowther@k12.wv.us or rjwisema@k12.wv.us.
9. Inform your counselor no later than January 15 that you will need a copy of your transcript, first nine-weeks grades, discipline report, and attendance report. This will allow for enough time to have those documents printed when you submit the entire packet to your counselor by January 27.
10. Finish and then print the entire application and take it to your counselor who will complete page 3, give it to your principal to sign, put it in order in your application, and attach the necessary school records. Please remind your counselor that your Social Security number is NOT to be included.
10. Applications will be considered at both the school and county levels. The names of selected students will be submitted by the county superintendent of schools.
11. **By checking this box, I certify that I have read and understand items 1-10.** _____

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County in which you attend school _____

If any of the following information has changed between the time you complete Part I and the time you complete this section, please notify ray.lowther@k12.wv.us or rjwisema@k12.wv.us

Home Address _____ Email _____

City, State, ZIP _____ Phone _____

School You Attend _____ School Principal _____

Student and Parent Signatures Agreeing that Rules Have Been Read and Understood

My signature guarantees that I have read “How to Apply,” the instructions (Page 1) for applying, that I have attached confirmation for Part I on Page 1, and that I have familiarized myself with the class content and the audition process.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

Student Statement

The decision to apply for the Governor’s School for Arts, Culture and History is my own. I want to participate fully in the program. **If selected, I will abide by the rules and expectations of the program and the program director (dean).** The responses contained in this application are my own work and are truthfully offered.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parental consent section is on Page 4 of the application.

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To be filled out by the school counselor/principal and returned to the student.

Student has a grade-point average of at least 2.2 for the first semester of the current school year 1. GPA _____

(Simply check off #2-7)

2. Student has a record of regular attendance/acceptable discipline record (It is not necessary to send the record itself; check to denote that the record is acceptable.) If there are discipline issues, include that record. See #5 below. 2. _____

3. One recommendation letter that addresses the student’s school interest and school citizenship is attached to this application. It should also address the student’s likelihood to fare well with 109 other students in a residential setting for an entire week. 3. _____

4. Includes all six pages of the application form. 4. _____

5. Includes photocopy or transcript of grades, discipline report (if any), and attendance record for the current school term. Home-schooled students must provide verification of required immunizations. 5. _____

6. Packet is **stapled** in the following order: application—in page-number order, teacher recommendation, a n d school records. 6. _____

7. Confirmation of receipt of Part I is attached to front page of packet. 7. _____

Principal or assistant principal must check and sign the following statement. If student is recommended with reservation, an explanation must be attached.

I recommend the above-named student. Please check one of the choices below.

Without reservation _____

With reservation _____

Principal’s Signature _____ Date _____

Please redact Social Security numbers if they still appear on student transcripts.

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Consent Form/ Student Application

I (we) give permission to the West Virginia Department of Education and the administration of GSACH to release the herein named student's name, contact information and likeness to organizations or news media, including the Internet, that are interested in recognizing and/or supporting efforts in the arts. Contact information may be sent to colleges and professional schools for recruitment. Student comments and identification may be published on the Internet, newspaper, radio or TV. I also give permission to the Governor's Schools to publish contact information submitted by my minor child to the alumni section of the Governor's Schools website and for a student directory.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

I (we) agree to a full-time commitment for the duration of the Governor's School for the Arts, **June 25-30, 2023**, including evenings and weekends. I (we) realize that a choice must be made between attending GSACH or another event (including family gatherings) that may conflict with the dates since leaves of absence will not be granted.

Parents: Your signature indicates that you support your son or daughter in this endeavor, that you will respect the residential nature of the school, and that you will not attempt to visit or have him/her leave for another event.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

I (we) agree to participate in and to abide by the regulations of the West Virginia Governor's Schools and the hosting institution, including a mask mandate if required. Signatures also indicate an understanding that students who do not follow the rules will be sent home. Students will wear a name tag whenever they are out of the residence hall, and a signature indicates the willingness to do so. Students who repeatedly "forget" the name tag or to follow directions will be sent home.

Student Signature _____ **Date** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

I give permission for the West Virginia Department of Education to collect the personal data required on the application. Data collected from page that is submitted online will be transferred to the Dean of GSACH for the students who are ultimately selected. Your agreement signifies that you are aware of this process. We always take precautions to safeguard student records, and there has not been an incident with a security breach in Governor's Schools applications. More stringent rules regarding privacy have necessitated such a procedure.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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Answer the following questions in the space provided. You may type your answers using a word processor and after proofing it, simply paste it in the appropriate space in this application.

1. It has been said that in grades 1-4 we learn to read, but after that we read to learn. Do you enjoy reading? Why or why not? Why is reading so important? Explain your answer below.

2. Why do you want to attend GSACH?

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3. Have you ever been to an overnight function for a week without your parents? Yes No
Explain why you'd look forward to living in a college residence hall for a week.

4. Are you interested in sharing what you learn with other students when school starts next year? Why might that be important?

5. Why should you be chosen to attend the GSACH?