

## 2018-19 North Carolina Governor's School

Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residential program for gifted and talented high school students in the nation. This program is open to *rising* seniors /current juniors ONLY (with the exceptions made for *rising* juniors / current sophomores in selected performing / visual arts areas). This special program is located on two campuses: Governor's School West at Salem College in Winston-Salem and Governor's School East at Meredith College in Raleigh. The academic environment of Governor's School thrives upon the intellectual curiosity of students and faculty alike. Classes blend intellectual discussion with practical application of theory. The campuses are alive with visiting speakers, performances, exhibitions, field trips, demonstrations, optional seminars, and film series. Social and recreational events complement the academic focus. Tuition per student is \$500, but this cost has been funded in the past and (we hope!) will continue to be covered for students: families should only be responsible for transportation cost to and from campus.

Students will select an area in which to apply:

### Academic Disciplines include:

--English  
--Foreign Language (either Spanish or French)  
--Mathematics  
--Natural Science  
--Social Science

### Performing / Visual Arts Disciplines include:

--Art  
--Choral Music  
--Instrumental Music  
--Dance  
--Theater

### Important Dates:

\_\_ Student and Parent Informational Meeting Monday, September 24 at 6:00 PM at the Education Center (Large Conference Room) in Clyde. This meeting is optional, but it will provide helpful information (from students) about the program and the application process.

\_\_ Application due to the PHS Counseling Center **ON OR BEFORE Thursday, November 1 2018.**

(Each county's central office provides a committee to select the county's nominees to be submitted to the next level of evaluation. Each county is allowed a specified number of nominees based on total student enrollment numbers.)

\_\_ February 2019: Date TBD, Auditions in ALL Performing / Visual Arts areas

\_\_ March 2019: Selection / non-selection notices sent to school and nominees

\_\_ Friday, April 5, 2019: Deadline accept / decline selection

\_\_ Sunday, June 16 through Wednesday, July 24: If a student accepts the invitation to attend Governor's School, s/he must agree to attend the entire session. Students must remain on campus through the weekends, except during the middle of the session when all students leave campus with their parent(s) for three days. Brief approved visits by families and friends during weekends are allowed. (Planned recreational activities are available to students each weekend!)

**Sunday June 16: Opening day of 2019 Governor's School**

**Thursday July 4 – Sunday July 7: Mid-session break.**

**Wednesday July 24: Closing day of 2019 Governor's School**

### How do I qualify?

\_\_ 11<sup>th</sup> grader (or a 10<sup>th</sup> grader applying for Dance, Choral Music, or Instrumental Music); North Carolina resident

\_\_\_ Demonstrate academic achievement by scoring in the 92<sup>nd</sup> percentile or higher on an approved assessment *including* NC EOCs (Biology, English II, Math I), ACT, Pre-ACT, PSAT, or SAT. ***Please see your counselor if you want to see if you qualify for eligibility!***

- **Student Application** is available at <http://www.ncgovschool.org/docs/nomination/2018/student-application.pdf>. This is a fillable PDF. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO download and save this document onto your computer so that you can work on it over a period of time. You will print out the completed document to turn in to your school's counseling center by **Thursday November 1, 2018**.
- You are also encouraged to complete your essays in a word document and copy and paste them into the application.
  - You will see that Essay #1 is for all students.
  - Essay #2 is specific to the discipline to which you are applying. Please be careful to complete these parts correctly.
  - The third section is your "Personal Readiness" which includes your school and community involvement, which has been most important to you (and why!), and your "readiness" to embark in a residential program away from home.
- Your counselor will provide documentation of qualifying achievement test score and a copy of your transcript.
- Recommendation form is available at <http://www.ncgovschool.org/docs/nomination/2018/recommendation.pdf>. Your TWO recommenders MUST complete this form electronically, then print out and return to you or to the school counselor in a sealed envelope (signed across the seal). Please make sure you make these directions very clear to your recommenders.

A very thorough description of the Governor's School program AND the application process is available at <http://www.ncgovschool.org/docs/nomination/2018/nomination.pdf>

We hope you seriously consider this exciting opportunity! If your counseling center can be of any assistance in this process, please let us know!