

Governor's School Application Tips

The Application and Essays

- Should be typed using Times New Roman, labeled according to application guidelines and printed.
- The essays are a large part of the selection process. Have an adult provide feedback on your essays to help you submit a well-written composition.
- Things to think about:
 - Does the content specifically address the essay prompt?
 - Is it focused on the prompt and organized in a logical manner?
 - Are there examples and elaboration to support the response?
 - Is it well-written with little to NO grammatical or spelling errors?

The Personal Readiness Form

- List participation, awards, honors in the following areas:
 - Academic (honor roll, Honor Societies, All-County, AIMS Biomedical, etc.)
 - Service-oriented (Beta Club, Student Council, Citizenship Awards, service-learning activities, NCNAYO, JROTC, Pow Wow Committee, etc.)
 - Athletic (captain positions, All-County selections, AAU, dance, cheer, Black Belt in Martial Arts, Step Team, Community Dance Team, etc.)
 - Community involvement (Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church activities, Jack & Jill, GLAAD, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)
 - Employment (part-time, number of hours)
 - Home responsibilities (taking care of younger siblings)
- Include any leadership positions you have had (chairing a committee, officer, team captain). How has your participation in these activities prepared you for the Governor's School experience?

Recommendations

- NO PARENT, RELATIVE, or STUDENT should submit a recommendation.
- You must have TWO recommendation forms completed by people who can speak to your strengths in the area of nomination.
- At least ONE recommendation must be from a high school teacher, preferably in the area of nomination. It does not have to be your current teacher; but should be from a high school teacher who can speak to your intellectual curiosity, love of learning, and potential to profit from the Governor's School experience.
- Ask early enough for the recommenders to have time to complete the form.
- Ask if the person feels comfortable filling out a positive recommendation for you.
- Recommendations **MUST** be emailed to your counselor, not to you.