

Governor's School

2019 Virginia Summer Governor's School

Governor's School is a challenging and enriching Virginia program designed for highly motivated students who are looking for a challenging summer experience. Programs are offered in Visual and Performing Arts, Humanities, Math/Science/Tech, Agriculture, Life Science/Medicine, and Mentorships in Engineering and Life Sciences. The selection process is extremely competitive. Most students selected rank in the top 10% of their class and have scored in the 90th percentile on standardized measures of ability or achievement tests. These residential programs run from late June to late July. Only students who are available during that time frame and whose records match these criteria should apply.

Please complete the steps below in order using the links provided.

1. Complete the Google Form link below to declare your interest for the 2019 Summer Residential Governor's School. <https://goo.gl/forms/zWEIBhsBSBBNGEU1> by **November 2nd, 2018** (no late submissions will be accepted)

You must fill all sections and complete for the following reasons:

- The form establishes your contact details to for your High School governor's school representative. Find your school's SRGS representative
- This will provide district level communication to both you and your designated school contact to allow for an efficient application process.

2. Fill out the appropriate application. Use the links below to take you to the program you would like to apply to for the summer of 2018.

This fillable application form needs to be completed, printed and delivered to your school level governor's school contact

- **ACADEMICS AND MENTORSHIPS: BY DECEMBER 2, 2017 TO SRGS SCHOOL COORDINATORS. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- **VPA: BY JANUARY 25, 2019 TO SRGS VPA SCHOOL COORDINATORS. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

Link to the applications:

- [2019 Application for Agriculture-This is a Word document.](#) (Word)
- [2019 Application for Engineering-This is a Word document.](#) (Word)
- [2019 Application for Humanities-This is a Word document.](#) (Word)
- [2019 Application for Marine Science-This is a Word document.](#) (Word)
- [2019 Application for Mathematics, Science, and Technology-This is a Word document.](#) (Word)
- [2019 Application for Medicine and Health Sciences-This is a Word document.](#) (Word)
- [2019 Application for Visual and Performing Arts-This is a Word document.](#) (Word)

2. Request letters of recommendation. You **must** use the materials linked below and make your requests by email. It is advisable, and in your best interest, to make the email requests early on in the process so that your recommenders have adequate time to complete them.

When choosing references, it is advisable to choose people who have a positive vision of your skills and strengths. It is an honor to get asked to write a letter of recommendation for a student however, at certain times of the year, teachers may be very busy. When you follow up with your recommendations, be respectful of their time and ensure that you ask the recommenders well in advance of the due date. Students must use the links below for your teacher recommendations. **They may not be handwritten or scored by hand.** The teachers will be responsible for submitting them to your school level governor’s school contact. Please carbon copy, via email, your governor’s school contact in your teacher recommendation request.

- Academic/Mentorship Recommendation A (XLS)
- [Academic/Mentorship Recommendation B](#) (XLS)
- [Visual and Performing Arts Recommendation A](#) (XLS)
- [Visual and Performing Arts Recommendation B](#) (XLS)

Application timeline for Virginia summer Residential Governor’s Schools:

***Schools may have established internal process deadlines that applicants are responsible for adhering to as well.**

Academics and Mentorships:	VPA:
2nd week of October 2017: KIT message to all 10th and 11th grade students	2nd week of October 2017: KIT message to all 10th and 11th grade students
2nd or 3rd week of October 2017 at your school: School level meeting to review how to apply for SRGS	2nd or 3rd week of October 2017 at your school: School level meeting to review how to apply for SRGS
November 1st, 2017: Complete the google form (no late submissions will be accepted)	November 1st, 2017: Complete the google form (no late submissions will be accepted)
December 2, 2017: All applications including your letters of recommendation, essays and supporting documents are due to the school level contact.	Mid December: You will receive notification of when you will adjudicate for your application.

Before January 7, 2018: Your school will conduct a screening meeting to determine who will advance from the school level to the county level.

On or before January 9th, 2018: You will receive an email from your school level governor's school contact letting you know your status about whether you will advance to the county level.

It is critical to understand that if you move to the county level that does not automatically qualify you for the summer program. For this reason, it is advisable for you to pursue alternative opportunities throughout the year.

Mid-March 2018: Those candidates who advanced to the county level will receive an email from the Advanced Academics Office if you did not advance to the state level.

It is critical to understand that if you advance to the state level you are not guaranteed automatic qualification for the summer program. It is advisable for you to pursue alternative opportunities throughout the year.

Mid-April 2018: For those of you who moved to the state level, you will receive a letter from the state noting your status with the Governor's school. From that point forward, all communication about the logistics of the experience will come from the state.

January 6, 2018: You will adjudicate as part of your application for this opportunity at George Mason University.. You will receive notification of your slot in early to mid-December 2017.

January 19, 2018: All applications including your letters of recommendation, essays and supporting documents are due to the school level contact.

Mid-March 2018: Those candidates who advanced to the county level will receive an email from the Advanced Academics Office if you did not advance to the state level.

It is critical to understand that if you advance to the state level you are not guaranteed automatic qualification for the summer program. It is advisable for you to pursue alternative opportunities throughout the year.

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General information about Summer Residential Governor's Schools-from the VA DOE website:

Summer Residential Governor's Schools provide gifted high school juniors and seniors with intensive educational experiences in visual and performing arts; humanities; mathematics, science, and technology; or through mentorships in marine science, medicine and health sciences, or engineering.

Each Summer Residential Governor's School focuses on one special area of interest. Students live on a college or university campus for up to four weeks each summer. During this time, students are involved in classroom and laboratory work, field studies, research, individual and group projects and performances, and seminars with noted scholars, visiting artists, and other professionals. In the three mentorships, students are selected to work side-by-side with research scientists, physicians, and a variety of other professionals. A director and a student-life staff provide supervision of students 24 hours a day, throughout the program.

http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/governors_school_programs/summer_residential/index.shtml