

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS APPLICATION GUIDELINES

What is the Governor's School for Excellence?

Governor's School is a week-long residential program sponsored by the Office of the Governor of Delaware that provides traditional and non-traditional college level education, leadership training, and social activities for academically and artistically gifted rising eleventh graders. Students live in University dorms, eat at the dining hall, and participate in a stimulating, educational experience.

Where? University of Delaware, Newark

When? Sunday, July 9 – Friday, July 14, 2017

How to Apply:

We encourage talented students entering eleventh grade in Fall, 2017 to apply. Applicants must reside in the state of Delaware. Governor's School is a shared experience for its participants, including intensive training and practice in your chosen specialty. There are three important parts of the selection process for the Visual & Performing Arts programs:

1. Fill out this **Application Form** completely and submit it, along with a signed permission form and a resume letter listing your accomplishments, to your principal by **March 15, 2017**. By signing the permission form, you and your parents agree that you may live on campus for the entire week and attend all activities, except in case of an emergency.
2. The **Resume Letter**, which must be submitted with the application form, should include the instruction you have received, related experience, and honors or awards you have earned in the arts area to which you are applying.
3. **Audition or Group Interview** at the University of Delaware, Newark campus. Follow the directions in this packet to prepare for the audition or group interview.
4. Auditions typically take place on the second or third Saturday of April. The exact date and times are yet to be determined but will be posted when established. Applicants will be mailed a letter confirming the individual audition date and time.

Notification: You will be notified by mail of your acceptance status in mid-May.

Questions? Contact Governor's School Coordinator at (302) 831-1523 or jasont@udel.edu.

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Visual & Performing Arts Programs General Information for Students

Detailed instructions on how to apply and participate in the selection process for the Visual and Performing Arts programs at the 2017 Governor's School for Excellence are outlined in the following pages. Read these directions carefully and fully prepare in advance for the Audition or Group Interview. There are seven (7) Visual and Performing Arts programs offered as part of the 2017 Governor's School for Excellence:

MUSIC: (30-32 students)

Choral Music

Brass

Piano/Percussion

Woodwinds

Strings

THEATRE (8-10 students)

VISUAL ARTS--Painting and Drawing (8-10 students)

You may only apply to one (1) of these seven (7) programs.

Each school may nominate up to eight (8) students in the music categories, two (2) students in theatre, and two (2) students in visual arts. Nominees are generally selected by arts-related teachers, guidance counselors, or the principal based on their talent and previous experience. Nominations are only accepted when accompanied by the Principal Nomination Form. *Do not send in an application form independently.*

The selection process for Governor's School is highly competitive. There is space for only one accepted student for every 4-6 students who are nominated by their school. Acceptance to any of the arts programs is based on performance criteria, and judges include University faculty members, instructors, and outside experts in the arts.

Important dates to remember:

March 15, 2017

Suggested deadline for applications to Principal

March 22, 2017

Deadline for Visual Art images to Governor's School Coordinator

April 1, 2017

Extended deadline for submission of visual art images to Governor's School Coordinator for those students who require additional time and have contacted the Governor's School.

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Choral Music Instructions

Students selected for the Choral Music program will have an opportunity to rehearse and perform several kinds of music. They will work with professional vocal artists and instructors to improve their technique and knowledge, both as solo performers and as participants in a chamber vocal ensemble.

Applying:

Students who wish to be considered for this program must submit completed application forms to their principals by **March 15, 2017**. Nominees must also submit a resume letter listing any vocal training, experience as a performer (solo, group or chorus), and any music honors or awards they have received. **Your Resume Letter must accompany the application form.** Final student selection will be made by the Governor's School faculty and instructors who teach in the program. Selection is solely based on performance criteria, so it is important to prepare thoroughly for the audition.

Audition Scheduling:

Auditions (date to be determined, typically the second or third Saturday in April) will be held in the Amy E. du Pont Music Building on the University of Delaware, Newark campus (time to be announced). An audition time will be scheduled for you. There will be about 30-40 students auditioning for the 6-8 places available. You will be notified of your audition time in the mail. Make sure an accurate address and telephone number and email address are included on your application form.

At the Audition:

1. You will be asked to sing a solo vocal selection of your choice. We would prefer that the selection be chosen from the classical vocal art song repertoire. However, a popular song or Broadway musical selection is acceptable.
2. You will be asked to sight sing and perform vocal exercises at the discretion of the vocal judge.

Nominees must bring their own music to the audition. The vocal instructor will act as the accompanist during the auditions.

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Brass—Instrumental Music Instructions

Students who play brass instruments with proficiency are invited to apply and audition. Final student selection will be made by University faculty and instructors who are associated with Governor's School. Selection is based on performance criteria at the audition.

Applications:

Students who wish to be considered for this program must submit completed application forms to their principals by **March 15, 2017**. Students must also submit a resume letter listing music instruction (individual and group) received, related experience as a performer, and any music honors or awards received. This Resume Letter must accompany the application.

Auditions:

Auditions (date to be determined, typically the second or third Saturday in April) will be held at the Amy E. du Pont Music Building on the University of Delaware, Newark campus (time to be announced). You will receive notification of the scheduled time for your audition in the mail. In advance of the audition, each nominee is asked to compile a list of the music he or she is prepared to perform. ***Bring this repertoire list with you to the audition.***

At the audition:

1. You will select one piece from your repertoire to perform.
2. The judges may select a second piece from your repertoire to perform.
3. You may also be asked to sight read from music provided by the judges and/or to play scales to four sharps and four flats.

You must bring your own music and your own instrument to the audition. If selected, students must provide their own instruments the week of the Governor's School.

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Piano/Percussion—Instrumental Music Instructions

Students who play percussion instruments with proficiency and advanced pianists are invited to apply and audition. Final student selection will be made by the University faculty member and outside instructors who teach in the program. Selection is based on performance criteria at the audition.

Pianists selected for the program will perform primarily in group activities as pianists and percussionists. There will be some solo work, but this program is primarily ensemble activity!

Applications:

Students who wish to be considered for this program must submit completed application forms to their principals by **March 15, 2017**. Students applying in this category must submit a resume letter listing music instruction (individual and group) received, related experience as a performer, and any music honors or awards received. This Resume Letter must accompany the application.

Auditions:

Auditions (date to be determined, typically the second or third Saturday in April) will be held for all percussion instruments at the Amy E. du Pont Music Building on the University of Delaware, Newark campus (time to be announced). You will be notified by mail of the time that your audition is scheduled. In advance of the audition, each nominee is asked to compile a list of the music he or she is prepared to perform. ***Bring this repertoire list with you to the audition.***

At the audition:

1. You will select one piece from your repertoire to perform.
2. The judge(s) may select a second piece from your repertoire to perform.
3. You may be asked to sight read from music provided by the judge.

You must bring your own music to the audition. Pianos and percussion instruments will be provided, but please bring your own mallets and sticks to the audition. If selected in percussion, you must also bring mallets and sticks to Governor's School.

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Woodwinds—Instrumental Music Instructions

Students who play woodwind instruments with proficiency are invited to apply and audition in the category. Final student selection will be made by University faculty and instructors who teach in the program, and will be based on performance criteria at the audition.

Applications:

Students who wish to be considered for this program must submit completed application forms to their principals by **March 15, 2017**. Students must also submit a resume letter listing music instruction (individual and group) received, related experience as a performer, and any music honors or awards received. The Resume Letter must accompany the application.

Auditions:

Auditions (date to be determined, typically the second or third Saturday in April) will be held at the Amy E. du Pont Music Building on the University of Delaware, Newark campus (time to be announced). You will be notified by mail of the time of the audition. In advance of the audition, each nominee is asked to compile a list of music he or she is prepared to perform. ***Bring this repertoire list with you to the audition.***

At the audition:

1. You will select one piece from your repertoire to perform.
2. The judges will select a second piece from your repertoire to perform.
3. You may also be asked to sight read from music provided by the judges and/or to play scales to four sharps and four flats.

You must bring your own music to the audition and provide your own instruments for both the audition and the week of the Governor's School.

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Strings—Instrumental Music Instructions

Students who play string instruments with proficiency are invited to apply and audition. Final student selection will be made by the University faculty member and outside instructors who teach in the program. Selection is based on performance criteria at the audition.

Applications:

Students who wish to be considered for this program must submit completed application forms to their principals by **March 15, 2017**. Students applying in this category must submit a resume letter listing music instruction (individual and group) received, related experience as a performer, and any music honors or awards received. This Resume Letter must accompany the application.

Auditions:

Auditions (date to be determined, typically the second or third Saturday in April) will be held at the Amy E. du Pont Music Building on the University of Delaware, Newark campus (time to be announced). You will be notified by mail of the time that your audition is scheduled. In advance of the audition, each nominee is asked to compile a list of the music he or she is prepared to perform. ***Bring this repertoire list with you to the audition.***

At the audition:

1. You will select one piece from your repertoire to perform.
2. The judge(s) may select a second piece from your repertoire to perform.
3. You may be asked to sight read from music provided by the judge.

You must bring your own music to the audition and provide your own instruments for both the audition and the week of the Governor's School.

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Theatre Program Instructions

Students who have demonstrated talent and a strong interest in acting and/or theatrical production are invited to apply and audition in this category. Experience in school theatrical productions and/or other formal or informal dramatic performances are a plus, but final selection is based on performance criteria at the audition, as determined by the Governor's School Selection Committee.

Applications:

Students wishing to be considered for this program must submit completed application forms to their principals by **March 15, 2017**. In addition, students applying in this category must submit a resume letter listing theatre courses completed, acting experience (either formal or informal), training and/or experience in directing, theatrical lighting, stage makeup, costume design, or stagecraft, and any honors or awards received in drama or stagecraft. The Resume Letter must accompany the application.

Auditions:

Auditions (date to be determined, typically the second or third Saturday in April) will be held in Hartshorn Hall at the University of Delaware, Newark campus. You will be notified by mail of the time your audition is scheduled. Auditions are only open to nominees and the selection committee.

At the Audition:

1. You are expected to perform a prepared monologue or speech (a minimum of one minute and a maximum of three minutes) from a play of your choice.
2. In addition to your prepared piece, you may be asked to improvise, do some movement or vocal exercises or speak with the faculty selection committee.
3. Please bring a photo of yourself to the audition. The photo should be from the waist-up. A school photo is fine.

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Visual Art Program Instructions

Students who have demonstrated talent and strong commitment to art should apply for consideration in the area of drawing/painting. (*The program does not include three dimensional art.*) The emphasis in drawing will be to provide the student with the basic elements of visual thinking through drawing media and techniques as used in contour line drawing. Line, line systems and form will be emphasized along with the concept of light, three-dimensional space and texture. The media used in painting will be watercolors and acrylics.

Application:

Students wishing to be considered for this program must submit the following:

1. A completed Governor's School application form to the principal by **March 15, 2017** to be forwarded to the Governor's School Coordinator.
2. A resume letter listing art courses completed both in and out of regular school, amount of experience (i.e. how many hours per week spent in practicing art), any honors or awards received for artistic achievement, and any plans for future art study. *This resume letter must accompany the application.*
3. Five (5) digital images (burned onto a CD) of recent works that depict level of achievement in drawing or painting or a combination thereof. (*No three dimensional artwork accepted.*)
4. Digital images must be accompanied by a single 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper listing the dimensions of the painting/drawing and the media used. The description page must be clearly labeled with the student's name and school.

The digital images along with the description page should accompany the application form, but if a student needs more time, images may be sent by **April 1, 2017** directly to:

Governor's School Coordinator
University of Delaware
850 Library Ave
Newark DE 19711

Images will be reviewed by the selection team and students will be notified by mail in mid- May.

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VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS APPLICATION FORM

I am applying for (*check one (1) box only!*):

Choral Music

Instrumental Music Instrument (fill in blank)

Brass: _____

Piano/Percussion: _____

Woodwinds: _____

Strings _____

Theatre

Visual Art (Painting/Drawing)

Application Instructions:

1. Read the instructions on the arts area you are interested in carefully and follow directions to prepare for the audition.
2. Detach cover page and instructions; fill out the form completely and legibly, including permission slip on back.
3. Attach Resume Letter
4. Submit this full application to Principal by March 15, 2017 .

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION.

Student's Last Name	First Name	Initial	Date of Birth
Home Address	City/State	Zip Code	
Home Phone #	Day or Cell Phone #	E-mail Address	
Male or Female	School	Student's Signature	
Parent Signature	Parent Contact Phone Number		

Parent E-mail Address: _____ @ _____
(please print neatly as we will use e-mail to communicate)

List outstanding achievements or awards you have received in the arts:

Information to be provided by School Guidance Counselor:
On a four point grade scale, the student's grade point average is _____.

(Student must be in good academic standing to be selected as a nominee for your school.)

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STUDENT/PARENT PERMISSION FORM

I give my permission for _____ to be nominated as an applicant for the Governor's School for Excellence, scheduled from July 9-14, 2017 at the University of Delaware. I understand the following rules and policies will apply:

1. All expenses for room, board and tuition will be paid by the State of Delaware.
2. Transportation to and from the University of Delaware and money for personal expenses will be provided by the student. Suggestion: bring money for food delivery to the dorm (if desired).
3. Accommodations will be provided in residence halls on the campus of the University of Delaware. Residence hall advisors/chaperones will be provided for the students.
4. All participants will abide by the rules and regulations, **including no overnight absences or absence from any scheduled activity except in the case of an emergency**. No excuses will be granted for a student to attend other activities during the week.
5. No drugs or alcohol are permitted at Governor's School. Evidence of possession or use of either will result in immediate dismissal from the program.
6. All students are expected to cooperate with the School's staff, to be courteous to the instructors, and to participate fully in the activities of Governor's School.
7. Infraction of the rules or regulations may be just cause for immediate dismissal.

I grant permission for the school to forward my child's test scores and letters of recommendation to the Governor's School office for the purpose of selecting students.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
Parent or Guardian

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the rules for Governor's School for Excellence. I further understand any infraction of the Governor's School for Excellence rules will be just cause for immediate dismissal from the program.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____
Student

Please circle a t-shirt size: S M L XL