

Governor's Scholars Program: 2026 Student Application Checklist

Application(s) must include and be submitted in the following order:

- ☐ Completed Student Application Front Page
 - ☐ complete address
 - ☐ parent/guardian information
 - ☐ sex / race
- ☐ Focus Area Page (must have student's name in top right corner)
 - ☐ **Three** Focus Area choices selected
- ☐ Consent Form
 - ☐ signed by both the student and a parent/guardian
- ☐ Student Profile (Extracurricular Activities, Service, and Honors & Awards)
- ☐ Writing Entry

In addition, Counselors should include:

- ☐ Completed Counselor Page
 - ☐ name and telephone number for Counselor
 - ☐ marked test score, unweighted GPA, and difficulty of course load
- ☐ Copy of official test score. Score included (ACT, PSAT or SAT) should be that which gives the student the most points in the scoring process. Test must be from student's 9th, 10th or 11th grade year.
- ☐ Copy of student's transcript that clearly shows student's **unweighted** GPA.
- ☐ Counselor Statement - **Three copies**, *if included*.
- ☐ One 2026 Teacher Recommendation Form - one completed **2026** Teacher Recommendation Form from a teacher that taught the student in the 9th, 10th or 11th grade in an academic subject: (e.g., English; social studies or history; world languages; the sciences; or mathematics).
 - ☐ both student and recommender name boxes complete
 - ☐ subject line and year taught are marked/completed
 - ☐ verify one number is checked for **each** quality listed.
 - ☐ ensure recommender responses are included for required questions
- ☐ One 2026 Community Recommendation Form - one completed **2026** Community Recommendation Form from a community member who is not a member of the student's family, or of any GSP Selection Committee and who can provide a perspective of the applicant as a community member rather than as a student.
 - ☐ student name and recommender name/position boxes are complete
 - ☐ verify one number is checked for **each** quality listed.
 - ☐ ensure recommender responses are included for required questions

REMEMBER:

- Check to make sure all pages are included, including all attachments.
- One-Sided copies ONLY. **Do not staple** applications! Use ONLY paper clips.
- Please **keep a copy** on file of all applications submitted to the Governor's Scholars Program. Copies should be kept until June of the current school year.