



Governor's Scholars Program

Quarterly News & Updates

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Poll

Which activity is most memorable from your Scholar summer?

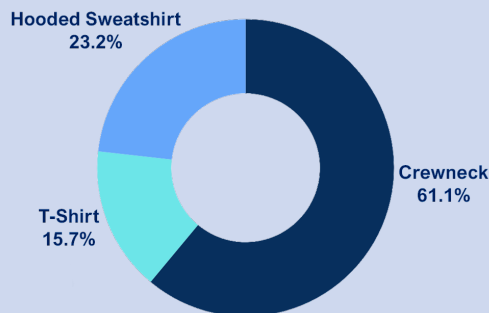
Clubs & Activities

Convocation Speakers

Showcase

Q3 Poll Results

What GSP memento are you purchasing?



GSP Tribute

Governor Martha Layne Collins was the first woman Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, an advocate for education, and a critical part of the GSP history. With the support of Governor John Y. Brown, Jr., his successor, Governor Martha

2025 Churchill Downs Winners Circle Governor's Scholars



For the twenty-fifth consecutive year, Churchill Downs, Inc. joined the Governor's Scholars Program in recognizing a highly talented group of Governor's Scholars from Jefferson County as Churchill Downs Winners Circle Governor's Scholars. These high-achieving students have overcome personal and/or academic challenges to achieve excellence at every level. All of the selected Scholars have demonstrated determination and courage in fulfilling their goals and realizing their dreams. Thank you to Churchill Downs for their generous support and continued partnership

2025 Academic Report

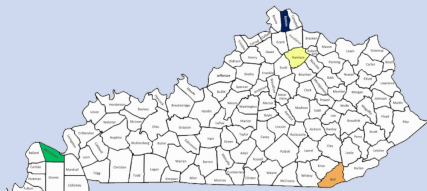
Layne Collins, and other community leaders, the GSP was created in 1983 as a summer program for high-achieving rising high school seniors in Kentucky. We are thankful to Governor Collins and will remember her lasting legacy. To read more about Governor Martha Layne Collins, click [here](#).



Save the date for GSP Day at the Races on Thursday, April 16! where we can visit, reminisce, place our bets, and enjoy a part of Kentucky tradition!

Mark your calendars as tickets will be limited! More information and a link to purchase tickets will be emailed out in the coming months.

Did you know? Kentucky County Trivia



Bell County: Middlesboro is one of only a few cities on the North American continent located in the basin of a meteorite impact structure ([learn more](#)).

Harrison County: Every Post-It Note used in the world originates at the 3M factory in Cyntiana ([learn more](#)).

Kenton County: The Vent Haven Museum in Fort Mitchell is the only museum in the world dedicated to ventriloquism ([learn more](#)).

McCracken County: Paducah is one of only nine UNESCO Creative Cities in the United States, recognized for its crafts,



To get a glimpse of this past summer and see a summary what the GSP has been doing this year, view our 2025 Academic Report [here](#)

Alumni Videos

We need your help creating content to promote and support the Program!

Choose as many questions as you would like to answer from the following list and record a video of yourself answering the question(s)! A few guidelines/tips are on the form to help you create the best video.

[Submit Your Video](#)

This link <https://forms.gle/43TLXj61YCCusT8S7> will take you to a Google Form where you can upload your videos.

Questions to answer:

What was your favorite class at GSP and what made it special?

What was your favorite memory or favorite part of GSP?

How did GSP challenge the way you think or learn?

How do you think GSP will help or helped you in your senior year, in college, or beyond?

If you are talking to someone who is a current junior,

folk art, and National Quilt Museum ([learn more](#)).

why should they apply to GSP?

What was it like to live and learn with the GSP community around you?

If you could thank someone who helps make GSP possible, what would you say?

Thank you for helping us promote and support the GSP!

Planning for the 44th Summer

2026 Student Application Timeline

Jan 9, 2026: Deadline for districts with one school, private schools, or homeschools to mail applications.

Jan 23, 2026: Deadline for districts with more than one school to mail applications.

April 13, 2026: Latest date for GSP to mail notifications to students.

May 1, 2026: Last day for students to accept or decline their appointments.

May 19, 2026: Notifications mailed to Scholars of session, campus and class assignment.

Governor's Scholars Program Application & Selection Process

2025-2026



HELPFUL HINTS

Best Practices & Important Information

Governor's Scholars Program
112 Consumer Lane
Frankfort, KY 40601
Phone: 502-209-4420
E-mail: gsp@gspky.org
gsp.ky.gov

Student application materials and helpful hints packets are now available on the [GSP website](#).

Faculty and staff applications are available on the [GSP website](#).

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Role	Duties	Duration	Starting Salary	Room & Board
RESIDENT ADVISOR	- Provide mentorship and guidance to rising high school seniors. - Support the health & well-being of the community. - Develop & lead community events and extracurricular activities. - Lead, with faculty support, a Leadership Seminar class.	6 WEEKS	\$3,300	FREE ROOM & BOARD
OFFICE STAFF	- Assist in setting up & dismantling GSP administrative offices on their assigned campus. - Provide support to GSP community in coordination of daily activities. - Assist in developing & implementing scholar events. - Create and distribute campus newsletters & informative flyers. - Maintain campus website. - Budget & Sales (Business Internship Opportunity)* - Maintain a campus budget & assist with purchasing of supplies (instructional materials, community supplies)	7 WEEKS	\$3,300	FREE ROOM & BOARD
INTERNSHIPS*	- Build Skills - Join the Community - Earn a Stipend	WEEKENDS OFF		

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The emphasis of the Governor's Scholars Program is on the students' development of critical thinking, adaptability, creativity, widened horizons, future-orientation, and constructive responses to the obligations of life. The curriculum of the Governor's Scholars Program has been built with the recognition that talented students have a wide variety of interests and concerns. The three-tiered curriculum provides opportunities to develop both general and specific intellectual skills and talents.

Role	Duties	Description
FOCUS AREA	- A "major" subject of study, assigned according to scholar preference. - Meant to provide broad, interdisciplinary intellectual exposure and enrichment. - Not designed to prepare students for any high school or college course or to equip them to go on higher in the ACT or SAT. - Emphasis is placed on individual and/or group projects, the development of ideas and scholar-led pursuits.	
GENERAL STUDIES	- Innovative areas of study selected by faculty in consultation with GSP Administration. - Emphasis on the development and application of problem-solving skills, creative thinking and hands-on learning strategies. - Courses are often interdisciplinary and may include service-learning, components, in the community, as well as scholar-led initiatives.	
LEADERSHIP SEMINAR	- Co-facilitated by a Resident Advisor with a Faculty partner. - A discussion-based small group session. Emphasis is placed on respectful discussion. Scholars are encouraged to ask probing questions. - Topics such as interpersonal communication, college choices, and the responsibilities of academically talented students to society will be among issues discussed.	

Join the Community this Summer!
[gsp.ky.gov](#)

Alumni Highlights



This fall, some of our Young Alumni on Kentucky college campuses gathered to create community and learn more about applying to work for the Program in the summer of 2026! Thanks to our hosts at Centre, Lindsey Wilson, Morehead State, Murray State, UofL, and WKU!



Alumni Updates



[View Alumni Page](#)

Visit the GSP website under "Alumni Updates and Highlights" to see what your fellow scholars have been up to.



[Submit an Update](#)

Share your personal and professional milestones with your GSP Community. Send career changes, promotions, weddings, or milestones to be included in the Quarterly Newsletter!

Donor Spotlight

The GSP was designed to be funded and supported through a unique partnership between the Governor and state legislature and the private community – corporations, foundations, organizations, and friends of the Program.

Neil Ramsey
GSP Board Member & Parent of GSP
Alumni

Neil Ramsey has been a cornerstone of the Governor's Scholars Program (GSP) for many years, serving as a dedicated Board Member and passionate advocate for Kentucky's future leaders. His vision and commitment have helped strengthen the GSP's mission to provide transformative educational experiences for high-achieving students across the Commonwealth.

Neil's leadership has been instrumental in expanding opportunities for scholars, supporting initiatives that enhance academic rigor, personal growth, and civic engagement. His stewardship as a board member has ensured that GSP remains a program that not only celebrates excellence but also fosters a sense of community and purpose among participants. Neil is also the proud parent of Mary Ramsey, a 2015 scholar. This personal connection provides him with a unique perspective on the program's value and impact.

We are proud to recognize Neil Ramsey for his unwavering support and leadership. His impact on GSP and education in Kentucky continues to inspire scholars and strengthen communities.

Jack and Sydney Easley
Parents & Grandparents of GSP
Alumni

Jack and Sydney Easley embody the spirit and mission of the Governor's Scholars Program. Their connection to GSP runs deep—not only as proud parents of three GSP scholars (Daniel Easley '93, Gentry Easley '95, Jeremiah Easley '97) and grandparents of two others (Searcy Lotz '24, Jackson Easley '25), but as steadfast supporters who have championed this program for 22 consecutive years.

Jack and Sydney have continued to give generously, ensuring that future generations of scholars have the same transformative opportunities their family experienced. Their unwavering commitment reflects a profound belief in education, leadership, and the power of community. The Easley's remind us that GSP is not just a program—it's a family, strengthened by those who invest in its future year after year.

We are deeply grateful for Jack and Sydney's extraordinary dedication and the legacy they have built with us. Their story is a testament to the lasting impact of generosity and vision.

General Motors

We are proud to recognize General Motors as a long-standing champion of the Governor's Scholars Program. GM's generosity has been instrumental in advancing GSP's STEAM initiatives (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics), empowering scholars to explore cutting-edge fields and develop skills that shape the future.

As a long-standing partner of the Governor's Scholars Program, GM's commitment to STEAM education reflects their belief that creativity and technology go hand in hand. By supporting these programs, GM helps scholars develop critical thinking, problem-solving, and design skills that mirror the very principles driving GM's own breakthroughs.

With GM's continued partnership, the GSP will expand its STEAM curriculum, by helping offset the cost of hiring accomplished STEAM faculty who bring their experience and innovative teaching methods to the program; purchase classroom materials, equipment, and technology that enable interactive, inquiry-based learning; and organize STEAM-focused field trips that connect students with professionals and industries. This forward-thinking approach will prepare scholars for careers in fields that don't even exist yet, ensuring Kentucky's brightest minds remain at the forefront of innovation. We are proud to partner with General Motors, a company that shares our passion for shaping the future.



Help us clear out the GSP Store and make room for new mementos (coming soon!) by purchasing a GSP hoodie, blanket, water bottle, etc. - all at 75% off!

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