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.