

2026 Counselor's Application Checklist - Governor's Scholars Program

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

Transmittal Form

- _____ candidates' names and high school listed (in alphabetical by student's last name)
- _____ selection committee information listed on back

Completed Student Application Front Page

- _____ student and parent/guardian information complete (name, address, contact information, etc.)
- _____ student demographic information complete (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

Completed Counselor Page

- _____ name and telephone number for counselor
- _____ marked test score, unweighted GPA, and difficulty of course load

Copy of Official Test Score Report

- _____ included score should be the one that gives the student the most points in the scoring process;
- _____ test must be from student's 9th, 10th or 11th grade year (ACT, PSAT or SAT)

Copy of Student's Transcript

- _____ transcript should clearly show student's unweighted GPA

Counselor Statement (not required)

- _____ three copies of the counselor statement should be submitted, if included

Student Profile (Extracurricular Activities, Service, Honors & Awards)

Writing Entry

One 2026 Teacher Recommendation Form

- _____ only 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 and subject taught lines are complete
- _____ year(s) taught, and class type(s) marked
- _____ verify one box is checked for each of the 12 qualities listed on the form
- _____ ensure recommender responses are included for required questions

One 2026 Community Recommendation Form

- _____ only one completed **2026 Community Recommendation Form** from a community member who is not a member of any GSP Selection Committee and who can provide a perspective of the applicant as a community member rather than as a student
- _____ top portion of the form is complete (student name, recommender name, contact information, etc.)
- _____ verify one box is checked for each of the 10 qualities listed on the form
- _____ ensure recommender responses are included for required questions

REMEMBER:

- Check to make sure all pages are included and send only one complete copy of each candidate's entire application, 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.