

Visual & Performing Arts

Program and Application Process

The Governor's School for Excellence is a week-long, half day virtual 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.

Where: University of Delaware live-online via Zoom and Canvas

When: Sunday, July 11 – Friday, July 16, 2021

How to Apply: (You may only apply to 1 of the 7 Visual & Performing Art Programs)

Three important parts of the selection process for the Visual & Performing Arts programs:

- 1. Application Form:** Fill out completely
- 2. Resume Letter:** 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. Virtual Audition:** Follow the directions in this packet to prepare for the audition.

Due to principal: May 3, 2021

Virtual audition: Dates and details will be announced later

Notification of acceptance: Beginning of June

If you have questions about the application form or the process, please contact Jason Thompson, Governor's School Coordinator, at jason@udel.edu or visit www.pcs.udel.edu/govschool.

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General Information for Students

Read these directions carefully and fully prepare in advance for the Audition.

There are 7 Visual and Performing Arts programs offered as part of the 2021 Governor's School for Excellence. You may only apply for one.

MUSIC: 30-32 students

1. Choral Music
2. Brass
3. Piano/Percussion
4. Woodwinds
5. Strings

6. THEATRE: 8-10 students

7. VISUAL ARTS: Painting and Drawing; 8-10 students

Each school may nominate:

Music categories: up to 8 students

Theatre: 2 students

Visual Arts: 2 students.

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:

Suggested deadline for applications to Principal: May 3, 2021

Deadline for Visual Art images to Governor's School Coordinator: May 7, 2021

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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.

How to Apply:

1. Submit completed application form AND resume to their principals by **May 3, 2021**.
 - a. Resume to include list of any vocal training, experience as a performer (solo, group or chorus), and any music honors or awards they have received.
2. 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.

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

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.
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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.

How to Apply:

1. Submit completed application form AND resume to their principals by **May 3, 2021**.
2. Resume to include listing of music instruction (individual and group) received, related experience as a performer, and any music honors or awards received. 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.

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

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.
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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!

How to Apply:

1. Submit completed application form AND resume to their principals by **May 3, 2021**.
2. Resume to include listing of music instruction (individual and group) received, related experience as a performer, and any music honors or awards received. 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.

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

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.

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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.

How to Apply:

1. Submit completed application form AND resume to their principals by **May 3, 2021**.
2. Resume to include listing of music instruction (individual and group) received, related experience as a performer, and any music honors or awards received. 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.

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

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.

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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.

How to Apply:

1. Submit completed application form AND resume to their principals by **May 3, 2021**.
2. Resume to include listing of music instruction (individual and group) received, related experience as a performer, and any music honors or awards received. 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.

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

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.

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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.

How to Apply:

1. Submit completed application form AND resume to their principals by **May 3, 2021**.
2. Resume to include listing of 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. 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.

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

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.

How to Apply:

1. Submit completed application form AND resume to their principals by **May 3, 2021**.
2. Resume to include listing of 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.
3. Five (5) digital images of recent works that depict level of achievement in drawing or painting or a combination thereof. (*No three dimensional artwork accepted.*)
 - a. Digital images must be accompanied by a document 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 and emailed directly to the program's assistant, Jessica Netta at jnetta@udel.edu.

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APPLICATION FORM

Complete the next 3 pages and then provide to your Guidance Counselor so they may complete the application.

I am applying for:

Choral Music

Instrumental Music Instrument (fill in blank)

Brass: _____

Piano/Percussion: _____

Woodwinds: _____

Strings _____

Theatre

Visual Art (Painting/Drawing)

Name of School

Student's Full Name

Home Address

City/State

Zip Code

Home Phone No.

Cell Phone No.

Parent Contact Phone No.

Date of Birth

Gender Identity

Student's E-signature

Parent/Guardian's Full Name

Parent/Guardian's E-mail Address

Parent/Guardian's E-signature

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Student/Parent/Guardian Permission Form

Be sure to select a t-shirt size and both parent and student e-signature are required

I give my permission for _____ to participate in the Governor's School for Excellence, scheduled from July 11-16, 2021 at the University of Delaware. I understand the following rules and policies will apply:

1. All students are expected to attend the virtual session each day of the program.
2. 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.
3. Infraction of the rules or regulations may be just cause for immediate dismissal.
4. 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.

Type in t-shirt size (S, M, L, XL, 2X):

I also 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.

Parent or Guardian E-signature: _____ Date: _____

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.

Student E-signature: _____ Date: _____

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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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