

Program and Selection Process Overview

The Governor's School for Excellence is a week-long 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. The program is held on the University of Delaware, Newark Campus on Sunday, July 17-Friday, July 22, 2022.

PLEASE NOTE:

The University of Delaware's COVID-19 policies for in-person learning will apply to Governor's School. As summer policies have not yet been issued by UD, we will provide updated guidance for Governor's School participants as soon as it is available. For additional information about UD's COVID-19 policies, see <https://www.udel.edu/home/coronavirus/>.

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. Each school may nominate up to 8 students for Music, 2 students for Theatre and 2 students for Visual Arts.

There are 7 Visual and Performing Arts programs offered. You may only apply for one.

1. **MUSIC:** 30-32 students accepted
 - a. Choral Music
 - b. Brass
 - c. Piano/Percussion
 - d. Woodwinds
 - e. Strings
2. **THEATRE:** 8-10 students accepted
3. **VISUAL ARTS:** Painting and Drawing; 8-10 students accepted

Important dates to remember:

Resume and supporting materials to Principal/designee

Due May 2nd

Principal/designee to send resume and supporting materials to Jessica Netta, jrnetta@udel.edu

Due May 9th

If you have questions about the application form or the process, please contact Jessica Netta, Governor's School program assistant, at jrnetta@udel.edu or visit www.pcs.udel.edu/govschool.

Choral Music Instructions

Overview

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.

Applying Instructions

Important date to remember:

Students must submit to the principal/designee a resume letter to include any vocal training, experience as a performer (solo, group or chorus), and any music honors or awards received.

Due by May 2nd

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

For 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.
3. Audition requirements are subject to change by the instructor.
4. 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.

Notification of acceptance: Beginning of June.

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:

Important date to remember:

Students must submit to the principal/designee a resume letter to include any instrumental training, experience as a performer (solo or group), and any music honors or awards received.

Due by May 2nd

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

For 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.
4. Audition requirements are subject to change by the instructor.
5. 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.

Notification of acceptance: Beginning of June.

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:

Important date to remember:

Students must submit to the principal/designee a resume letter to include any instrumental training, experience as a performer (solo or group), and any music honors or awards received.

Due by May 2nd

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.
4. Due to the transition to a virtual audition process, audition requirements are subject to change.
5. 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.

Notification of acceptance: Beginning of June.

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:

Important date to remember:

Students must submit to the principal/designee a resume letter to include any instrumental training, experience as a performer (solo or group), and any music honors or awards received.

Due by May 2nd

Virtual audition: Dates will be announced later

For 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.
4. Audition requirements are subject to change by the instructor.
5. 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.

Notification of acceptance: Beginning of June.

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:

Important date to remember:

Students must submit to the principal/designee a resume letter to include any instrumental training, experience as a performer (solo or group), and any music honors or awards received.

Due by May 2nd

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.
4. Audition requirements are subject to change by the instructor.
5. 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.

Notification of acceptance: Beginning of June.

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:

Important date to remember:

Due by May 2nd

Students must submit to the principal/designee a resume letter 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.

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/headshot of yourself to the audition. The photo should be from the waist-up. A school photo is fine.
4. Audition requirements are subject to change by the instructor.
5. 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.

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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:

Important date to remember: Due by May 2nd

Submit to your principal/designee:

1. Resume letter 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. List any outstanding achievements or awards you have received in the arts.
2. 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.

Final student selection will be made by the Governor's School faculty and instructors who teach in the program.

Notification of acceptance: Beginning of June 2022.
