

## The Governor's Honors Program

### 2016 GOVERNOR'S HONORS PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

**Congratulations on being selected as a finalist for the 2016 Governor's Honors Program!**

#### **REGISTRATION STEPS:**

1. Please print, read and keep this document for your records.
2. Carefully review the General Rules of the Governor's Honors Program as stated on page 2 of this document.
3. Go to the link provided in your acceptance email and complete the online **Student Acceptance Form no later than 11:59 PM, Friday, April 1, 2016**. This reserves your space for the 2016 session and prompts you to complete the roommate survey.
4. Parents and/or guardians will be contacted by email with instructions to provide information to the program for planning purposes. A designated parent or guardian **must** complete the online **Parent/Guardian Permission and Student Data Request Form**. Failure to complete this process by the designated deadline (**May 20, 2016**) may result in losing the privilege to attend GHP.
5. Parents/guardians and students are required to read the GHP Student Handbook, print out the legal agreement, sign and have it notarized.
6. Please print the **Student Health Form** and have a health care professional complete it. Make one photocopy of your medical insurance card (front and back).
7. The original health form, the photocopy of the medical insurance card and the original signed copy of **Governor's Honors Program Legal Agreement** must be presented **onsite** during the check in process. Resident Assistants (RAs) will collect these documents in students' assigned dormitories on Sunday, June 19, 2016.\*
8. All parent/guardian signatures **MUST** be notarized.

If you have questions or concerns that you wish to discuss or need further information, please contact the GHP Program Manager, Mr. Ricky Parmer by email at [rparmer@georgia.gov](mailto:rparmer@georgia.gov), 404-463-0373 or Mrs. Marlo Mong at [mmong@georgia.gov](mailto:mmong@georgia.gov), 404-463-1502.

*\*Students will not be admitted, nor will they be allowed to participate in the program, until all required forms have been properly completed and returned as indicated. Please direct any questions or requests for direct assistance to the local system's GHP coordinator.*

**STUDENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE** must notify the GHP office **immediately** by emailing [rparmer@georgia.gov](mailto:rparmer@georgia.gov) and [mmong@georgia.gov](mailto:mmong@georgia.gov). Please copy your parent/guardian, school and your school and/or district GHP coordinator on the decline email.

## ***General Rules of Georgia's Governor's Honors Program***

*Integrity and respect for others must govern student behavior and performance in the program at all times. GHP students are expected to fully participate in all aspects of the program. Students are expected to abide by all rules, regulations, and expectations as set forth and interpreted by the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA).*

1. Students are **not** excused from instructional time at GHP with the exception of diagnosed illness or family emergency. Students may leave campus on a limited basis **only** with a parent, guardian, or approved adult (21 years of age or older) specified by name on the **Day Permission Form** and are not allowed to leave campus overnight during the program.
2. All GHP students and personnel must wear their Valdosta State University (VSU1) ID cards at all times. These ID cards not only identify students as GHP participants and authorize their presence on the VSU campus, but also provide admittance to all special events and to the Palms Dining Hall.
3. Students should dress appropriately (refer to GHP Student Handbook) at all times. Swimwear or other inappropriate apparel should not be worn in classes or rehearsals. Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
4. Students must refrain from inappropriate sexual conduct, including but not limited to, unseemly public displays of affection.
5. Students are not permitted to have any type of vehicle on the VSU campus (car, motorcycle, scooter, etc). Bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, hover boards, and skates are also prohibited.
6. Any possession of any firearm, explosive device, or object that is intended to or that could be used as a weapon will result in immediate dismissal.
7. Any possession or usage of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, illegal drugs, or prescription drugs that are not prescribed to the student will result in an immediate dismissal from the program. This policy will be enforced without exception.
8. Theft of property will result in an immediate dismissal from the program.
9. Vandalism of GHP or VSU property will result in an immediate dismissal from the program.
10. Any form of harassment (physical, sexual, mental, or emotional) of faculty, staff, or fellow students will result in an immediate dismissal from the program.
11. Failure to disclose a known health condition may result in a health risk to your child, and your child's privilege of participation in the program being revoked.
12. Students who pose a potential safety risk to themselves or others may be asked to leave the program.

**Attending GHP is a privilege and not a right. As such, a student may be expelled without providing advanced notice to the parent(s)/guardian(s) for either a single incident (such as the use or possession of a controlled substance or damage to emergency devices) or for a pattern of misbehavior deemed as sufficient grounds for removal from the program by the GOSA/GHP Program Manager. If a student is engaged in any form of illegal behavior, the appropriate legal enforcement authorities will be promptly notified and a police report will be filed.**