



**2015 GOVERNOR'S HONORS PROGRAM
ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES**

Congratulations on being selected as a finalist for the 2015 Governor's Honors Program!

REGISTRATION STEPS:

1. Print, read and keep for your records the Acceptance Procedures.
2. Carefully review the General Rules of the Governor's Honors Program as stated below.
3. Go to the link provided in your acceptance email and complete the online **Student Acceptance Form no later than 11:59 PM, Wednesday, April 1, 2015**. This reserves your space for the 2015 session. There is NO option to save the form and return later.
4. Parents and/or guardians will be contacted in early April with instructions to provide information to the program for planning purposes. A designated parent or guardian must complete the online **Parent Permission and Assurance Form**. Failure to complete the form by the designated deadline may result in losing the privilege to attend GHP.
5. Make one photocopy of your medical insurance card (front and back). Please print and have a health care professional complete the **Student Health Form**. The form and the photocopy of the medical insurance card **must be uploaded** to your online application account. Parent/guardian signature **MUST** be notarized.*
6. GHP students must bring their **original** forms and submit them to their assigned dormitory Resident Assistant upon arrival on Sunday, June 21, 2015.

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 or call 404-463-0373 or contact Mrs. Marlo Mong by email at mmong@georgia.gov or call 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 and mmong@georgia.gov. Please copy your parent/guardian, school and/or district GHP coordinator on the 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 at all times. Swimwear or other inappropriate apparel should not be worn in classes or rehearsals. 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 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 expulsion 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.