



The Governor's Office of
Student Achievement

2014 Governor's Honors Program

GHP RESA Informational Presentation

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What's New?

In July 2013, Gov. Nathan Deal signed an executive order to transfer the administration of the Governor's Honors Program from the Georgia Department of Education to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement (GOSA).

Governor's Honors Program (GHP)

- 4-week summer residential program
- Designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students *challenging* and *enriching* educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year
- *Free* program
 - Only costs are travel expenses to the interview and program campus
 - Discretionary spending money (i.e. laundry, snacks)
- This is the **50th Year Anniversary of GHP**

Governor's Honors Program (continued)

- Open to 10th and 11th grade students in public, private, and home schools
- Approximately 2,900 students were nominated and interviewed at the state level in 2013
- Between 650-690 students are accepted into the program
- There are twenty (20) areas of study
 - Culminating performances and events in each subject area
- No grades given in GHP and students receive no credit towards graduation for attending

GHP Subject/Content Areas

Social Studies

Communicative Arts

Dance

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Executive Management

Visual Arts

Math

Technology & Engineering

FRENCH, GERMAN, LATIN, SPANISH

Ag Science (Biotechnology and environmental)

Theatre (performance and design)

Science (biology, chemistry, and physics)

Music (Strings, piano, woodwinds,
brass, voice, percussion, and jazz)

GHP Student Experience

Students Benefit from GHP

- Gain skills, knowledge, and attitudes to become independent, lifelong learners
- Attend classes in the morning and afternoon in a collegiate environment

Students Grow in GHP

- Valdosta State University campus
- Variety of social and instructional opportunities every evening

Selecting a Minor

- **Minor Interests**
 - Students choose from the same subjects available for Majors.
- **Experiment**
 - Choosing a minor gives students the opportunity to explore other subjects in an advanced setting.
- **Preparation for College**
 - Students discover their interests in unique areas that they may have previously written off. They are also able to mature in a competitive, yet supportive environment.

Living in a Collegiate Setting

- **Dorms**
 - Having a roommate, communal laundry/showers, living with a family of boys/girls
- **Dining**
 - Being responsible for eating habits and times
- **Classes**
 - Flexible schedules, homework, accountability
- **GHP Society and Culture**
 - Students learn to function in a collegiate environment- free from the constraints of a regular high school setting. Students learn to be surrounded by similarly competitive bright students.
 - #EmotionalDevelopment. GHP is both a humbling and inspiring experience.

Typical Day	
Time	Activity
6:00 am	Dorms Open Breakfast
8:00 am 12:30 pm	Majors Lunch
2:00 pm 4:30 pm	Minors Seminars/Activities Dinner
10:30 pm	Hall Check
11:30 pm	Lights Out

Ideal Candidate for GHP

- Enthusiastic interest in the Governor's Honors Program
- Independent learner
- High academic performance
- Gifted and talented in content area
- Welcomes challenges and has a positive commitment to learning
- Strong support from nominators

GHP Student Nomination Process

Due before Nomination Forms deadlines

- Log into Secure coordinators page on the GOSA website to access *Master Student List*.
- Fill out form by entering Nominees information.
- Return to the secure coordinators page to submit file.

Due December 6th for small schools Due December 13th for large schools

- Student Nomination Forms (Three Forms)
 1. Student and Parent
 2. Nominating Teacher
 3. Coordinator
- Submit your forms by mail before the deadline.
- Follow the directions in the coordinator's manual.

Coordinator's Web Page

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GHP Coordinators Page

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This page provides information and forms to designated GHP coordinators in each school system, charter school, and private school. Only designated GHP coordinators can access it by password.

Please note the following dates for submission of GHP Nomination Forms. Please review all documents posted below before submitting forms.

December 6, 2013

Deadline to submit completed Nomination Forms for school systems with enrollment of 999 or less in grades 10 and 11

December 13, 2013

Deadline to submit completed Nomination Forms for school systems with enrollment of 1,000 or more in grades 10 and 11

Before the Nomination Form deadline, please submit your Master Student List by clicking on the link below. Please read and follow the instructions carefully on the form before submitting.

[GHP Site Coordinator Student Nomination List Submission](#)

- [Logout](#)

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GHP Interview Dates

- **January 25, 2014**
 - Pebblebrook High School, Mableton, GA
 - For students nominated in Music and Visual Arts
 - Luella High School, Locust Grove, GA
 - For students nominated in Communicative Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Social Studies, AgScience/Biotechnology, AgScience/Environmental
- **February 1, 2014**
 - Pebblebrook High School, Mableton, GA
 - For students nominated in Dance and Theatre
 - Luella High School, Locust Grove, GA
 - For students nominated in Math, Design, Technology, Executive Management, French, German, Latin, Spanish

Other Important Dates to Know

August 29, 2013	Release of GHP 2014 Information on the GOSA GHP web page <i>Before the Nomination Form deadline, submit your Master Student List</i>
December 6, 2013	Deadline to submit completed Nomination Forms for school systems with enrollment of 999 or less in grades 10 and 11
December 13, 2013	Deadline to submit completed Nomination Forms for school systems with enrollment of 1,000 or more in grades 10 and 11
January 3, 2014	State level interview schedule posted to GHP Web Page
January 25, 2014	State level interviews for students nominated in Music and Visual Arts (<i>conducted at Pebblebrook High School, in Mableton, Georgia</i>) - AND - State level interviews for students nominated in Communicative Arts, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Social Studies, AgScience/Biotechnology, and AgScience/Environmental (<i>conducted at Luella High School, in Locust Grove, Georgia</i>)

Other Important Dates to Know (continued)

February 1, 2014	State level interviews for students nominated in Dance and Theatre <i>(conducted at Pebblebrook High School, in Mableton, Georgia)</i> - AND - State level interviews for students nominated in Mathematics, Design, Technology, Executive Management, French, German, Latin, and Spanish <i>(conducted at Luella High School, in Locust Grove, Georgia)</i>
March 7, 2014	GHP 2014 Finalist list posted to the GHP Web Page
March 25, 2014	GHP 2014 Finalist Acceptance Deadline
May 30, 2014	GHP 2014 Dormitory Assignment/Report Time posted to GHP Web Page
June 22, 2014	Opening Day of the 2014 session of GHP
July 19, 2014	Closing Day of the 2014 session of GHP

General Tips for Coordinators & Students

- Not what, but WHY
 - In the interview, explain why you like the activities you like, why you have the interests you have, and why you would like to be in the program.
- Please refer to the coordinator's handbook for guidance.
- Check the GHP web page for important information and documents.
- Remember GHP is not a reward for academic achievement. It is a challenge program for gifted and talented students eager to learn.

Documents to Know

All

Document	Description
GHP Organizational Timeline	GHP Calendar with important dates and deadlines.
GHP Coordinators Contact List	You may find the contact information for each district and private school's GHP Coordinator.
GHP Coordinators Handbook	Resource document for coordinators, parents, and students.
GHP Description & Criteria	Explains the criteria for nomination in each subject area. Nominees can learn what is needed in their application.
GHP Student Nomination Forms	Teachers complete this form for each nominee.
GHP Home School Student Verification Form	This form is used for home school and private school nominees and is attached to the student nomination form.
GHP Master Student List	Coordinators use this Excel spreadsheet to list student nominees and submit to GOSA for approval. This document also calculates how many students each school is allowed to nominate (for each subject area).

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Documents to Know (continued)

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Innovation in Teaching winners announced

Gov. Deal has announced three winners in round one of the Innovation in Teaching Competition. GOSA also released the Request for Proposals for round two of the competition.

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Governor's Message

Welcome to the Office of Student Achievement's website. This agency provides meaningful education information to stakeholders across Georgia. It focuses on all levels of education, from pre-kindergarten centers to higher education institutions. Parents, educators, business leaders, and community activists alike are able to use this information to help support and improve education statewide to build a more educated Georgia.

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All GHP Documents, information and updates can be found on the GOSA website.

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GOSA Webpage: <http://gosa.georgia.gov>

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Governor's Honors Program

General Information

The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a four-week, summer residential program designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year.

Activities provide each participant with opportunities to acquire the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to become independent, life-long learners. The Georgia Governor's Honors Program is fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly and operates at no cost to participants.

High School sophomores and juniors in public, private, and home schools are eligible for nomination in one of twenty areas.

In July 2013, Gov. Nathan Deal signed an executive order transferring the administration of the Governor's Honors Program from the Georgia Department of Education to the Governor's Office of Student Achievement, effective August 1, 2013. As this transition occurs, GOSA will post more information about 2014 Governor's Honors Program during late summer and fall 2013.

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