



2026 Timeline

August 19, 2025 (Tues)	Information email to superintendents, independent heads of school and GHP coordinators.
August – November, 2025	Local selection processes occur during this time. Nominee selection at the local level will include internal deadlines that are not listed here. Please contact your local school admin for specific dates and deadlines.
November 11, 2025 (Tues)	Deadline for submission of 2026 GHP student nominations by public school districts, independent schools, and state charter schools.
November 14, 2025 (Fri)	Online application opens for student nominees.
December 4, 2025 (Thurs)	Online Information Session: GHP Application
January 9, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for completed online applications, including recommendations and records.
February 6, 2026 (Fri)	Notification of 2026 Semifinalists.
February 13, 2026 (Fri)	Semifinalist Event interview/audition time selection by parents.
February 28, 2026 (Sat) March 14, 2026 (Sat)	<u>All Areas (except music)</u> Semifinalist Event @ Georgia Southern University <u>Music</u> Semifinalist Event @ Kennesaw State University
March 20, 2026 (Fri)	Notification of 2026 Finalists and Alternates.
April 3, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for Finalists' acceptance.
April 13, 2026 (Mon)	Parents/legal guardians emailed links to required online student forms.
April 30, 2026 (Thurs)	Last day for GHP to invite alternates.
May 8, 2026 (Fri)	Deadline for parent/legal guardian completion of required online student forms.
June 14 – July 11, 2026	2026 Governor's Honors Program at Georgia Southern University.