



West Virginia

**Governor's  
Honors Academy**

# 2024 Student Application

## Part II

June 16-July 3, 2024

Fairmont State University  
1201 Locust Avenue,  
Fairmont, WV 26554

## QUALIFICATIONS

DO NOT COMPLETE PART II UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED PART I

## Required Qualifications:

- Complete Part I of the Application online located here:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/RQTzAzFxNy>
- Attend high school in West Virginia and plan to be in attendance next year
- A resident of West Virginia
- A junior at the time of application
- Must not graduate before January 2025
- Have a grade-point average of at least 3.5 or be in top 10% of class
- No transcribed grades below a C
- Must satisfy all immunization requirements set by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). Nonpublic school and homeschool students must provide proof of immunizations.

## Preferred Qualifications:

- Achieve a composite score at or above the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile on the PSAT, SAT, or another standardized test OR
- A score of three (3) or higher on an AP exam

## General Information

- The state deadline for applications from the county superintendent is **Friday, March 29, 2024**. The school and county will have established deadlines to provide time for review of applications before making selections and sending their recommendations to the WVDE. Please check with the school counselor or principal to determine the deadline to submit Part II.
- Part II of the application (this form and all supporting documents as required within the application) are submitted directly to the school counselor.
- Copies of transcripts and standardized testing reports are required with the application. These documents will need to be provided by the school counselor.
- Within the application, you will be required to secure one teacher recommendation. Please provide sufficient notice to your teacher prior to submitting the application.

If you have questions, please contact Dustin Lambert, WVDE State Coordinator of West Virginia Governor's Schools – [dllambert@k12.wv.us](mailto:dllambert@k12.wv.us) or (304) 558-5325.

### Student Demographic Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student’s Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Male  Female

Are there lodging accommodations the college/university should consider? Please explain.

If there are additional dorm considerations, parents/guardians may contact Dustin Lambert, Governor’s Schools Coordinator for further discussion at (304) 558-5325 or [dllambert@k12.wv.us](mailto:dllambert@k12.wv.us).

Student’s K12 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

Will the student be a CTE Completer (graduate with CTE certification)  Yes  No  
If yes, what area of study? \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of AP® or IB courses taken or currently taking: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of AP® scores of three or above: \_\_\_\_\_



### Parent and Student Verification Form

Student’s First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be printed and completed by both the student and a parent/guardian using blue or black ink. Please attach this document to the application when submitting to the school counselor.

The following assurances must be initialed by both a parent/guardian and the student to participate in the Governor’s Honor’s Academy (GHA) if selected by the state selection committee. Your initials confirm you agree with each statement.

West Virginia Governor’s Honors Academy (GHA)		
Student Initials	Parent/Guardian Initials	Please carefully read each statement before initialing.
		If selected, we agree to provide all requested medical (including prescriptions) and educational information to the GHA Dean at Fairmont State University.
		The GHA program requires concerted academic focus, preparation, and motivation from all students. Participants are expected to demonstrate professionalism, self-discipline, and respect for self, others, the program, and the host institution.
		I consent to my son’s/daughter’s likeness, name, school, and hometown to appear in public media including newspapers, TV, radio, and the internet. Addresses and phone numbers may be printed in the student directory and shared with fellow GHA scholars during the sessions.
		I certify that I am a resident of the state of West Virginia and that I attend a public, nonpublic, or homeschool within the state.
		I give permission to the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) to release my child’s name, likeness, and contact information to institutions recognizing and/or supporting the GHA program.
		If selected for GHA, I agree to fully participate in GHA from June 16-July 3, 2024.
		We agree to abide by the regulations of the West Virginia Governor’s Honors Academy and Fairmont State University, including a mask mandate if required. Your initials also indicate an understanding that students who do not follow the rules will be sent home.
		Student records and applications are retained by the West Virginia Department of Education within a secure database. The applications of the selected students and/or the data in an electronic format will be transferred to personnel at the Governor’s Honors Academy. Every precaution is taken to safeguard student records. I understand the selection committee will keep all information confidential and securely maintained.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



### Principal Certification

This form is to be printed and completed using blue or black ink by the school counselor. The principal or assistant principal must sign at the bottom to certify the information below. Please attach this form to the application before submitting to the school counselor for consideration.

Student’s First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PSAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: There is no actual test score requirement. The selection committee may consider these scores when comparing students within the same school or county.

Please list the IB and AP® scores of three or higher for the student.

IB Exams:

\_\_\_\_\_

AP® Exams:

\_\_\_\_\_

Number of dual credit courses completed with a B or higher:

\_\_\_\_\_

Student Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Please confirm the information below is accurate within the application, or attached, by applying a checkmark.

- \_\_\_\_\_ No **final** grades below a C during the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade year.
- \_\_\_\_\_ One teacher recommendation letter is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photocopies of the results from PSAT, SAT, AP® Exams are attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photocopy of transcript of grades for grades 9 and 10 and the grade card for the **first semester** of the grade 11.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photocopy of immunization records if the student is from a nonpublic school or homeschooled.



I hereby certify that the above-named student and information is accurate. I further indicate with my signature a recommendation for the student to be considered for participation in the GHA.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal or Assistant Principal Signature and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



### Student Activities, Leadership, and Honors

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space provided, please highlight school activities, leadership, and honors throughout high school.

Activity/Club/Organization, Honor, Recognition	Leadership Position (if applicable)	Year(s)

If you need more space, please attach a second form.



### Research & Study Experiences

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three of the most significant research/study experiences you've had during high school.

Research/Study Description	Teacher or Organization	Year

If you need more space, please attach a second form.



## Special Interests and Community Service

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please discuss your special interests and hobbies.

Please list your community service involvement during high school.





## Postsecondary Education Plans

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please discuss your postsecondary education plans.



## Student Essay Instructions

2024 GHA Theme: “The World We Will Create”

During the 2024 West Virginia Honor’s Academy at Fairmont State University, students will participate in academic and extracurricular activities that explore the embedded theme: **“The World We Will Create.”** Through this theme, students will explore a wide range of contemporary issues with an eye to the future and the aspirations of their generation. Generation Z will assume the reigns of leadership in the wake of myriad upheavals related to unprecedented events like the recent COVID-19 pandemic as well as an on-going technology revolution, the potentially catastrophic impact of climate change, growing political strife, challenging socioeconomic uncertainties, and intensifying social justice movements. The 2023 GHA theme will enable students to better understand how we got to where we are so they may better contend with the world they will inherit as they create a new world of their own. Programming will enable students to explore critical historical and contemporary realities at the local, state, national, and global level so that they can best determine what aspects of our shared past that they wish to keep and revitalize in the future and which elements are best left behind.

Write a short essay (300-350 words) convincing the reader of the importance of being a responsible citizen in our world. You may include several examples of what you see as issues facing our domestic communities and our global society.

Your essay must be completely formatted in a Word document using 12 Times New Roman and double spaced.

The following rubric will be used to evaluate your writing:

### Organization and content

- Strong topic sentence supports the thesis;
- points are well organized and well developed;
- includes sufficient details to defend positions;
- uses thoughtful vocabulary;
- uses a variety of sentence types;

Attach the completed essay to your application.



## Application Specifications

Applications must include the following:

- Application Part II
- Parent and Student Verification Form
- Principal Certification
- Student Activities, Leadership, and Honors
- Research & Study Experiences
- Special Interests and Community Service
- Postsecondary Education Plans
- Student Essay – formatted in Word and printed
- AP®/IB Scores (provided by counselor)
- One teacher recommendation on school letterhead with contact information and signature
- Transcript Record for grades 9 and 10 AND first semester grades of grade 11 (provided by counselor)
- Immunization records for nonpublic school and homeschool students.

**The school counselor will scan all documents into one file for each student application.**

A selection committee at the school will determine students who are recommended from each school. Students who are selected will be recommended to the county superintendent for final selections.

**The West Virginia Department of Education is not accepting paper submissions of applications.** Once the counselor has scanned all required documents into one file for each student, those files will be submitted electronically from the school to the county and then uploaded to the state file submission from the county superintendent's recommendations. The county contact uploads the county selections to the file submission.

