



The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University

Program Application

Thank you for your interest in The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University! We are very pleased you are applying for the program. To assist you in completing this application, please review the timeline and checklist below for important dates and requirements. If you have questions about the application process, please feel free to call the program office at the number listed below.

- Review** this entire packet before proceeding with the application process. Be sure to carefully read the "Eligibility" and "Applicant Responsibilities and Understandings" on Page 2.
- Notify** guidance counselor/school administrator and teacher reference of intention to file application. Do this as soon as possible and well in advance of the application deadline. Discuss "pre" deadlines for completing work in order to send off packet in time. Scholars who are home-schooled should contact the program office for specific instructions on who may complete the forms.
- Select one** science or agricultural science teacher as per the guidelines on the respective forms, pages 6 and 7, of this application, to serve as a reference. Fill out the information lines on the tops of the forms, and then give the form to the teacher. The teacher will complete the form and send it directly to your guidance counselor/school administrator to maintain confidentiality.
- Fill out** the information lines on the top of the Guidance Counselor/School Administrator Reference Form (pages 8 and 9) and give both pages to your guidance counselor/school administrator.
- Complete** the Personal Data Form.
 - Complete the information lines on page 3 of the application
 - Complete a resume of extracurricular activities, narrative statement, volunteer or service activities, and essay as detailed on page 4.
 - Staple your responses to the form.
 - You and your parent/guardian should review and sign your respective sections on page 5.
- Give** the completed Personal Data Form to your guidance counselor/school administrator.
- Keep** this page and page 2 for your records.
- Stay** in communication with your guidance counselor/school administrator and teacher reference to make sure that the application is completed appropriately and sent off by the postmark deadline.
- Submit** application, postmarked no later than January 29, 2016, mailed by the applicant's guidance counselor/school administrator.

ELIGIBILITY: *No exceptions are made to these requirements.*

- **GRADE LEVEL AT TIME OF APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Current juniors only.
- **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** Scholars should have a 3.0 unweighted GPA and a minimum composite ACT score of a 22.
- **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** Must currently attend a public, charter, or non-public secondary school or be home-schooled.
- **LOUISIANA RESIDENCY:** The primary full-time residence of at least one parent or legal, court-appointed guardian of the applicant must be in Louisiana. Military dependents based in Louisiana are eligible.
- **COMMITMENT TO PROGRAM:** If accepting an invitation to participate, the scholar must commit to being in residence for the full program, July 5-29, 2016. Trips home or other absences are not allowed. Formal training unrelated to the curriculum (e.g. music practice, dance practice, or athletic training regimens for individual or team competitions) cannot be accommodated in the program.
- **GROUND FOR DISQUALIFICATION OF APPLICATION:** Ineligibility (see above), lateness, failure to send application to the correct office, incompleteness of the application (it must be submitted in its entirety and on time), plagiarism, or falsification of information on the application.

APPLICANT RESPONSIBILITIES AND UNDERSTANDINGS

- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST WEEK TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.**
- **DO NOT ADD UNSOLICITED REFERENCES, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR MATERIALS.** Send only those requested. Do not add newspaper clippings, photographs, research papers, certificates or other unsolicited materials. Extraneous letters of recommendation other than the teacher reference and the counselor/school administrator's recommendation and other unsolicited materials will be removed from applications. The only exception is the optional extra letter of reference allowed if the applicant opts to respond to the Topical Essay C1.
- **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED:** The applicant/counselor/school administrator may include (DO NOT STAPLE) a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED POSTCARD (NOT AN EMPTY ENVELOPE) with the words "The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University application received" for the acknowledgement of the receipt of the application. If this has not been received three weeks after posting the application, call the program office at (225) 578-2081.
- **NOTIFICATION OF FINAL STATUS.** Notification is by email by March 7, 2016, a first-class letter to the applicant's home address will be sent after status notification. This information is not available in advance or over the internet or by telephone.
- **UNDERSTANDINGS.** The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University cannot provide individual assessments or grant appeals to the selection process. Furthermore, The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University is not responsible for late, lost, and/or incorrectly addressed applications.

DEADLINE NOTICE & PROCEDURES

POSTMARK DEADLINE: January 29, 2016

The application must be completed according to the directions on page 8 and mailed by the applicant's guidance counselor/school administrator, postmarked no later than January 29, 2016. Scholars who are home-schooled should call the program office (225-578-2081) for instructions on who may complete the various parts of the application.

Applications postmarked after January 29, 2016 will be disqualified. It is the applicant's responsibility to make sure the application has been completed according to directions and that it has been mailed in complete form and postmarked by the deadline. The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University is not responsible for lost, incomplete or delayed applications, or those sent to an incorrect address

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Personal Data Form

- **TYPE** or **CLEARLY PRINT** all information requested on this page in dark ink.
- **COMPLETE** Parts I, II, III, and IV. Staple responses required to Part II to this form. **Read** and **sign** Part III. The parent/guardian must sign Part IV.
- **Submit** the completed form and attached responses **to the guidance counselor/school administrator** before the deadline date.
- The postmark deadline is January 29, 2016.

PART IA: Scholar Information

Scholar’s Name (First, Middle, Last): _____ Sex: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Scholar Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Email address (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): _____ @ _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of School District in Which You Reside (even if you do not attend the public school): _____

Scholar’s Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____

OPTIONAL ETHNICITY INFORMATION: How do you identify yourself? Please check all that apply. (This information is confidential and will be used for statistical accounting).

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Black/African American
- Asian American
- Latino/Hispanic American
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White American
- Other

PART IB: Parent or Legal Guardian Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Home Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Parent Cell Phone: (____) _____ - _____

Email address (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY): _____ @ _____

PART II:

The following three responses to items A, B, and C are required. Staple your work to this form. An application missing any part may be disqualified for incompleteness. These responses receive emphasis in the selection process.

A. EXTRACURRICULAR BULLETED RESUME

- **Format.** Resume format: three page maximum, typed, single- or double-spaced, letter quality font no smaller than 12 points. Your name should appear at the top of each page.
- **Instructions:** Divide the resume into two parts.
 - In the first part, make a bulleted list of academic agriculture/science-related activities, such as independent research projects or special study projects, or competitions in which you have been involved in the past two to three years in your school, community, or personal pursuits. Identify your role in each. List awards and honors for science and/or agricultural science-related achievements and the source, reason, and date of each.
 - In the second part of the resume, make a bulleted list of extracurricular/leadership activities, including sports, jobs, personal pursuits, volunteer or service activities, etc.

B. NARRATIVE STATEMENT

- **Format.** Essay format: two pages maximum, typed, double-spaced, letter quality font no smaller than 12 points. Your name should appear at the top of each page. Title the essay "Narrative Statement."
- **Instructions:** Introduce yourself to the selection committee. Discuss why you wish to participate in The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University. Be as specific as possible about why you are willing to spend four weeks of your summer at this Governor's School, and why you think the committee should choose you. You may include information about your background, your interests, your pastimes (academic and nonacademic) and any other aspects of your life that will aid the committee in understanding who you are and why you want to participate.

C. TOPICAL ESSAY

- **Format.** Essay format: Two pages maximum, typed, double-spaced, letter quality font no smaller than 12 points. Your name should appear at the top of the page. Title the essay with the keywords of the chosen topic.
- **Instructions:** Select ONE of the following essay topics, and focus on that topic.

(1) Science/Agricultural Achievement. Describe a science or agricultural-related achievement of which you are most proud. Explain why you are particularly proud of it. **Optional:** *You may include an additional letter of support related to this particular achievement from an adviser if it is not otherwise addressed in one of the prescribed teacher forms.*

-OR-

(2) Most Influential Person or Event. What single person or event in your science or agricultural education has been most influential in your decision to pursue a career in agriculture/science? Please be specific about why this person or event has been so influential.

-OR-

(3) Proposed Future Agricultural Pursuit. What would you like to research or what problem would you like to investigate and potentially solve?

PART III: Applicant’s Statement and Signature

- *I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all of the information I have provided is accurate and the work submitted is my own. I acknowledge that information about my selection to The Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University and the project I may develop there may be shared with the public.*
- *I understand that it is my responsibility to return this form and the required attachments to my guidance counselor/school administrator.*
- *I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to stay in touch with my guidance counselor/school administrator to ensure that the application is submitted in complete form, postmarked no later than January 29, 2016, and mailed to The Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University.*

APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PART IV: Parent/Guardian’s Statement and Signature

- *I have reviewed the information on this form and give my permission for my child to proceed with the application procedures. I authorize my child’s school and its employees to release any information necessary for this application.*
- *I acknowledge that it is my child’s responsibility to ensure that the application is submitted in complete form, postmarked by the January 29 deadline, and mailed to the program office.*
- *I understand that the application becomes property of The Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University and cannot be returned. I am aware that the program cannot respond to requests for individual assessments or appeals.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

The Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University Science/AgScience Teacher Reference

Applicant’s Name: _____ Counselor/School Admin: _____

High School: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Name of Teacher: _____ Subject: _____

Instructions

1. WHO MAY COMPLETE THIS FORM: A teacher in any subject considered “science” or agricultural science who has had the applicant in class or as an advisee may complete this form. The applicant selects the reference. The applicant need not be studying with the reference at present; however, the applicant should be careful to choose someone who can best and most completely answer all questions on this form. *Parents or legal guardians may not complete this form.*
2. COMPLETE PARTS I THROUGH V. Using the criteria below, please evaluate the applicant in detail. The Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University is seeking evidence of mature and conscientious study; a commitment to examining complex issues related to the agricultural sciences; the ability to apply analytical processes, research and technology; and the flexibility to work both independently and in cooperation with culturally diverse peers and adults.
3. This form must be signed and dated on the reverse side.
4. Please complete this form and return it to the scholar’s guidance school counselor/school administrator as soon as possible, before the date set by the counselor/school administrator. The counselor/school administrator must be able to mail the complete application no later than the application deadline, January 29, and must therefore set an earlier deadline for receiving your recommendation.
5. The application will be disqualified if it is late or incomplete.

PART I

How does the applicant compare in overall promise with other scholars you have taught during your career? Please check one statement below.

- Among the very best I have known
- Very good, but not the best
- Average
- Below average

What is the comparison group? _____

Approximate number of students _____ over _____ years of teaching.

PART II

Please check one selection below to indicate your recommendation for the applicant for The Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University:

- Highly recommended
- Recommended
- Recommended with reservations
- Not recommended

PART III

For each item below, please assess the applicant by assigning one of the following values:

A = exceptional **B** = above average **C** = average **D** = below average **E** = no opportunity to observe

- _____ Analytical ability
- _____ Appropriate reaction to and use of criticism
- _____ Initiative and independence
- _____ Written communication skills
- _____ Oral expression
- _____ Leadership qualities
- _____ Personal organizational skills
- _____ Interaction with others
- _____ Maturity/responsibility

PART IV

Please write a statement about this applicant's strengths and weaknesses, explaining why you rated the application as you did in Parts I—III. Please cite examples of outstanding contributions, achievements, or challenges. Your response is important and will assist the selection committee in understanding if this scholar is ready for a sustained, intensive, living/learning experience. *You may use the space below or staple a letter to this form.*

PART V

TEACHER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University

Counselor or School Administrator Recommendation Form

Applicant's Name: _____ High School: _____

School Address: _____ Current Grade Level: _____

Counselor/Admin's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Thank you for assisting the applicant listed above complete an application to The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University. In addition to providing the selection committee information on the applicant, we are also requesting that you submit the application on the scholar's behalf.

Instructions:

1. Reminder: This applicant must be a current junior in high school. No other grade levels are eligible.
2. Complete this form, Parts II—VI, filling in all information requested in Parts IV and V, even if it appears on the transcript. *An application missing information may be disqualified for incompleteness.*

Application Deadline, Contents and Submission Address:

- POSTMARK DEADLINE: JANUARY 29, 2016.** The complete application must be postmarked by January 29, 2016. Applications postmarked after January 29, 2016 will be DISQUALIFIED. ***Faxed or emailed transmissions will not be accepted.***
- Application Contents: STAPLE** the completed application parts **in the order listed below.** Please do not attach extra references or material not requested in the application.
 - Required:** Personal data form (provided by the applicant)
 - Required:** Attachments to the personal data form (1 resume and 2 essays)
 - An extracurricular resume, an autobiographical statement and an essay.
 - *You are encouraged to set a "pre" deadline by which the applicant returns this material to you.*
 - **Note: An applicant who opts to respond to the essay prompt in Part II C1 may include an extra recommendation. This is the only situation in which an extra reference is allowed.**
 - Required:** 1 Science/AgScience Teacher Reference Form, returned by the teacher directly to you
 - Required:** Counselor/School Administrator Recommendation (this form, completed)
 - **Optional but highly recommended:** Your separate letter of recommendation for this applicant.
 - Required:** The applicant's transcript and current report card.
 - Optional but strongly recommended:** The counselor/school administrator or the applicant may enclose (DO NOT STAPLE) a SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED POSTCARD (NOT AN EMPTY ENVELOPE) for acknowledgement of the receipt of the application packet.

SEND APPLICATION TO:

The Governor's School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University
 c/o The Office of the Dean
 142 Martin D. Woodin Hall
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

PART I: Attendance Record

- Number of absences in the last full academic year: _____
- Number of tardies in the last full academic year: _____

PART II: Academic Scores and Standing

Please complete the following information as thoroughly as possible, even if it appears on the transcript. If there are no PSAT or ACT scores, please explain why.

Class rank: _____ Class size: _____ GPA: _____ Scale: _____

PSAT Verbal/Critical Reading: _____ Writing: _____ Math: _____ Date: _____

ACT English: _____ Math: _____ Reading: _____ Science: _____ Date: _____

PART III: Counselor/School Administrator’s Recommendation

Please check one selection below to indicate your recommendation for the applicant for The Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences at Louisiana State University:

- Highly recommended
- Recommended
- Recommended with reservations
- Not recommended

PART IV: Counselor/School Administrator’s Statement

Please comment on the applicant’s special qualities, challenges, or problems of which the selection committee should be aware. You are strongly encouraged to attach a separate letter.

PART V: Counselor/School Administrator’s Signature

- *The information I have is complete and correct.*
- *I have read the procedures and deadline submission, and I understand that an application may be disqualified if it is late, incomplete, or sent to an incorrect address.*
- *I understand that the applicant can be disqualified on the basis of grade level ineligibility, residency ineligibility, or falsification of information.*

COUNSELOR/ADMIN’S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____