Summer Residential Governor's Schools

2025-2026 Student Application

Visual and Performing Arts

Virginia Department of Education

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Program Area: Visual and Performing Arts

Art Discipline
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include instrument or vocal part *(music only)*

Student Name:

Section 1: General Information

Provide your contact details below. Use a **personal email address only** (not a school-issued email, such as k12.va.us). This is the email that will be used to notify you of your application status.

First Name:
Middle Initial:
Last Name:
Personal Email (*must not be school issued*):
Graduation Year:
Phone Number:
Street Address:
City:
Zip:
Parent/Guardian #1 Phone:
Parent/Guardian #1 Email:
Parent/Guardian #2 Phone:
Parent/Guardian #2 Email:

Section 2: School Information

All students must provide the full school information (no acronyms or abbreviations). Public school students must provide the school division name. Private school regional coordinators will enter the correct region number.

School Name:
School Phone Number:
School Contact Full Name:
School Contact Email:
Public School Students Only
Division Name:
Private Schools Only
Region Number:

Section 3: Recommendations

All applicants must request two recommendations; one must be from a teacher; the second may be from another teacher or any adult who knows your strengths. Recommendation forms are available on the VDOE Summer Residential Governor's Schools website. Provide the names and email addresses of the two individuals you will ask to submit recommendations on your behalf.

Teacher Recommendation (A) Full Name:
Teacher Recommendation (A) Email:
Teacher/Adult Recommendation (B) Full Name:
Teacher/Adult Recommendation (B) Full Name:

Student Name

Section 4: Resume (Training, Experience, and Honors)

Training

Beginning with the most recent, list training you have had during the past three years in your art discipline. Include the type of training, name of the teacher or school, or the name of the company.

Example: True Color Theater Ensemble, 2 hrs./month, 2019-2020

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Experience

Beginning with the most recent, list any experiences related to your discipline during the past three years. Include a brief description with details that may include any (or more) of the following: name of event, description, teachers or mentors involved, roles/parts or responsibilities, time involved, etc.

Example: TCTE Performance, A Raisin in the Sun, April 2023 (Lincoln Theater) Role: Lena Younger

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Honors and Recognitions

List up to 3 significant honors or recognitions received in the past three years related to your area of interest. Include the following: *Honor or Recognition, Scope of Event (local, regional, state…), Year(s)*

*Example***:** *Lemon Andersen Honor Society, National, 2022*

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Section 5: Assurances & Acknowledgments

Carefully read the following expectations & type your initials into the space provided.

	Student Initials	Parent Initials
A. Program Eligibility & Expectations		
1. Previous participants of any Summer Residential Governor's School program (including Governor's Foreign Language Academies) shall not apply for nor participate in the Summer Residential Governor's School program.		
2. I am expected to thoroughly read, understand, & follow the 2026 Student & Parent Guide for Governor's Schools & any other instructions provided by the program director.		
3. Final notifications will be made by mid-April 2026, & no information will be available before.		
4. The programs require focus, preparation, & motivation. Emotional maturity, self-discipline & respect for myself, others, programs, & school is expected.		
5. Participants are expected to arrive by the opening ceremony & remain through the closing ceremony. Leaves of absence are granted ONLY in the case of medical or family emergencies.		
B. Conduct & Consequences		
1. Possession of tobacco, alcohol, weapons, or nonprescription drugs will result in the immediate dismissal & be subject to any disciplinary action that the sponsoring school division or private school chooses to invoke. Certain infractions may also result in legal consequences as outlined in the Code of Virginia.		
2. Failure to provide complete & accurate medical, mental, & prescription information may result in immediate dismissal.		

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C. Technology Assurances	Student Initials	Parent Initials
1. All responses & materials submitted with this application (including essays, portfolios, recordings, or other work products) are my own original work. I have followed all applicable school division and local school policies regarding the use of technology and artificial intelligence.		
2. The email address(es) listed in this application are my personal accounts, which are checked regularly. I understand that important communications will be sent to these addresses, including messages that could appear in spam or junk folders.		
D. Special Requirements		
1. A video recording is required as part of the adjudication process for VPA applicants. The video will only be viewed by Radford University & will be uploaded using Opus Event, a secure virtual auditioning platform.		
2. I waive my rights to review & inspect the application & score sheet for the Summer Residential Governor's School program.		

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I certify that I am a resident of Virginia & eligible for free, public education in the Commonwealth, I am not applying for a 2026 Governor's Foreign Language Academy or for another Summer Residential Governor's School program & that these are my truthful responses to these assurances.

Full Name Date

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I permit my son/daughter, if selected, to participate in the 2026 Summer Residential Governor's School. I agree that I have been duly informed that leaves of absence from these programs are allowed only for severe cases of medical &/or family emergencies. Medical & family emergencies include major illness, hospitalization, or death of an immediate family member or guardian. Additionally, I understand that transportation to & from the Governor's School & money for personal expenses must be provided by participants. If selected, he/she must abide by the rules & expectations set forth for the school; failure or refusal to participate & abide by these rules & expectations may be just cause for immediate dismissal.

Full Name Date