



December 2019

Dear Candidate:

CONGRATULATIONS on your decision to apply to The Commonwealth Governor's School. This year's application will be completed primarily online with some additional paper documents to complete. Applicants will need a Gmail account to utilize the Google application form. We recommend printing and reviewing this document prior to logging on to complete the application, as you will not be able to save your work as you go.

The following are online components of the application:

- Application Form
- Three Teacher/Mentor Emails for Recommendations
- Candidate Activities and Honor/Award Form

These components are for your information only:

- Candidate Application Calendar/Checklist
- Candidate Project/Presentation Self-Assessment Form (You may use this completed form during your interview.)
- Candidate Profile Sheet

Use the Candidate Application Checklist as a guide to complete your application. **Upon completion of your submitted electronic application you will receive an electronic confirmation via email. In this email will be a link to schedule your interview on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Please check with your parents before scheduling your interview. There is an option of interviewing at your school.** If you are not presently a student in a public school in Spotsylvania County, you must also include a signed Certification of Intent to Enroll (included in this packet). You must be enrolled full-time in a public school in Spotsylvania County to attend The Commonwealth Governor's School.

Upon receipt of your completed application, you will complete ability testing, and also be scheduled for an interview and project/presentation review. These will occur in February. You will receive notification of the time and place for each of these activities. You will bring one project piece that exemplifies you and the Candidate Project Assessment Form to your interview.

A committee will evaluate your completed application and supporting materials. A multi-criteria approach is used and includes the following: achievement and ability test scores, grades, teacher recommendations, candidate activities, and awards, and a project presented during an interview. Students will be ranked according to their total points on the Candidate Profile Sheet. A maximum of thirty qualified candidates per grade level will be accepted at each CGS site. All candidates who complete the application process will receive a letter of decision by February.

The faculty and staff of The Commonwealth Governor's School are committed to providing their students a challenging and exciting high school program. Please note that 8th grade students must be enrolled in or have completed Algebra 1 to successfully apply. If you have any questions, please call me at (540) 834-2500. Again, congratulations on your decision to apply for participation in this regional community of learners.

Sincerely,

Kristine Lentz-Johnston
Director of Professional Learning and Instructional Programs

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Online Application Form

The Commonwealth Governor's School is designed to provide gifted and highly motivated students a challenging, differentiated, and interdisciplinary academic program of study in the core subject areas of science, mathematics, social studies, and English using nontraditional activities supported by technology at their home school sites. Candidates must be prepared to pursue and create knowledge both independently and in groups.

Please utilize this form to assist in the completion of the online application.

Is your current school public, private, or homeschool?		What school do you currently attend?	
What high school will you attend next year?		Do you plan on submitting a transfer?	
Student's Full Name:			
Students 7 Digit ID #:			
Mailing Address:			
City:		State:	Virginia
Zip Code:		Home Phone:	
Student's Email:	@spotsylvania.k12.va.us		
Parent/Guardian's Full Name:			
Parent/Guardian's Work Phone:		Parent/Guardian's Cell Phone:	
Parent/Guardian's Email:			

English Teacher Name _____ email _____

Math (Alg. or Geo.) Teacher Name _____ email _____

Teacher or Other Mentor Name _____ email _____

The Commonwealth Governor's School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, political affiliation, disability or sex in its educational programs or employment.



Student Activities and Honors

Students will be asked to share a significant honor or recognition that they have achieved. It is recommended that this honor/recognition is academic in nature. They will be asked to elaborate on why this honor/recognition is important and how it may have impacted their lives.

Title and description of the Honor/Recognition: _____

What level of completion was this Honor/Recognition?: (check all that apply)

- _____ Local Level Honor
- _____ State Level Honor
- _____ National Level Honor
- _____ International Level Honor

What year did you receive this Honor/Recognition: _____

Describe in detail why this honor/recognition is important and how it may have impacted your life.

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| December 16, 2019 | Application available online from the SCPS website:
https://www.spotsylvania.k12.va.us/ |
| January 24, 2020 | Completed online application due to the school counselor in each public school or the Director of Professional Learning and Instructional Programs at the School Board Office (for private and homeschool students). |
| February 1, 2020 | Individual interview/project presentation (to be scheduled for each applicant) held at Post Oak Middle School, 6959 Courthouse Rd, Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA 22551. |
| February 18, 2020 | Letters mailed to candidates with notification of status. |
| March 3, 2020 | Decisions due back from students. |

ATTENTION CGS CANDIDATES: As a reminder, upon completion of your submitted electronic application you will receive an electronic confirmation via email. Print two copies of this confirmation. Keep one copy and provide one signed copy to the Gifted Resource Teacher (or the Director of Professional Learning and Special Programs) by Friday, January 24, 2020.

Project/Presentation Assessment Form



Candidate's Full Name: _____ Student

ID#: _____

Your short project presentation will be evaluated by an interview team. **The interview team wants to know how your project meets 6 of the 11 listed criteria below.** Choose the 6 criteria that best match your project and complete this form. Make sure your item is from the **past 3 years**. List your sample in the first row, then make notes about how your item supports the criteria chosen.

Bring this form along with your project item to your scheduled CGS interview. When presenting your project, you may use this form as your source for your presentation.

Sample Title	
Advanced for age or grade in subject or quality	
In-depth understanding of idea or skill	
Evidence of cited research to support ideas/ work	
Higher level thinking (analysis, synthesis, evaluation) Is evident in work	
Product conveys my ideas effectively	
Shows intellectual risk-taking, originality in choice of subject or style of presentation	
Unusual, complex, or intricate presentation of an idea	
Clever or resourceful use of materials or language	
Problem solving is evident	
High interest in topic and perseverance are evident	
Are you able to communicate effectively about concept and process of work?	

Additional Comments:



Candidate's Full Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

The rubric below will be completed by the scoring committee. It is provided so you better understand the process.

I. Academic Information	Test	Date Taken	Percentile	Points
Ability Measure				
Achievement 1- Reading Comprehension				
Achievement 2 - Total Math				
Grade Point Average				
Total Section I. (Maximum of 80 points)				

II. Recommendation	Total Points (divided by 3)
English Teacher	
Math Teacher	
Other Teacher or Mentor	
Total Section II. (Maximum of 36 points)	

III. Student Honor/Award	Total Points
Honor/Award Points (Maximum of 15 points)	
Total Section III. (Maximum of 15 points)	

IV. Student Interview and Project Presentation	Total Points
Interview (Maximum of 20 points)	
Project Presentation (Maximum of 31 points)	
Total Section IV. (Maximum of 51)	

Grand Total: Sum of Sections I-IV:(Max of 182)	
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CERTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENROLL FOR CURRENT PRIVATE/HOME SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

Current School:

- Out-of-County _____
(School) (County) (State)
- Private _____
(School) (County) (State)
- Home School

I hereby certify that I will enroll my son/daughter as a full-time student in the appropriate public school in Spotsylvania County if my child is accepted into the Commonwealth Governor's School program.

Candidate Name

Date

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature

Please return this form to:
Kristine Lentz-Johnston
8020 River Stone Dr.



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