# **2024 Summer Residential Governor’s School (SRGS) Marine Sciences at VIMS Application Information Page**



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Each summer, graduate students and professors at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) conduct research and field studies encompassing the study of biological, chemical, geological and physical oceanography, wetlands ecology, fisheries science, coastal law, marine resource management, and advisory services, in the estuaries and tidal basins, and of the Chesapeake Bay.Six gifted high school students are selected to participate in the Governor's School for Marine Science; these students become members of one of the existing research teams, with the team leader serving as the student's mentor. Mentorship activities and responsibilities typically include a combination of the following: field and vessel work; collection, preparation and interpretation of data; library research; computer analysis; and laboratory studies. At the conclusion of the four-week program, each student composes a college-level research paper and delivers an oral presentation about his/her research activities to VIMS mentors and research staff, and other Governor's School students. For more information, visit our [VIMS website](https://www.vims.edu/education/high_school/governorsschool/index.php).

**Students must key in the data on the first page of this application for clarity and accuracy.**

For division information, please contact the gifted education coordinator whose contact information is available on the [Virginia Department of Education Website](https://www.doe.virginia.gov/).

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## 2024 SUMMER RESIDENTIAL Governor's SCHOOL (SRGS) Marine Science Application

**APPLICANTS MUST TYPE THIS PAGE FOR CLARITY AND ACCURACY.**

**I attend**  Public School  Private School  Home School

Applicant Information: Complete all requested information

| **Item** | **Personal Information** | No Data | No Data |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| First Name |  | Date of Birth |  |
| Middle Name |  | Nickname |  |
| Last Name |  | Graduation Year |  |
| Mailing Address |  | No Data |  |
| City |  | Virginia ZIP |  |
| Home Telephone |  | Student’s Email  **(NOT school email)** |  |
| Parent’s/Guardian’s Work Phone |  | Parent’s/Guardian’s Email |  |
| Parent’s/Guardian’s Work Phone |  | Parent’s/Guardian’s Email |  |

**High School Information: Complete all requested information.**

| **Item** | **Personal Information** |
| --- | --- |
| High School | Potomac High School |
| School Address | **3401 Panther Pride Drive** |
| City/State/ZIP | Dumfries, VA 22026 |
| Telephone | **703.441.4200** |
| Fax Number | 703.441.4497 |
| HS Contact Name and Email | **Marilyn McGrath** [**mcgratmm@pwcs.edu**](mailto:mcgratmm@pwcs.edu) |
| **Public School Students Only** | **No Data** |
| Division Name | Prince William County Public Schools |

**Student Statement:**

The decision to apply for Governor's School is my own. I want to participate fully in the program. If selected, I will abide by the rules and expectations explained in the program handbook and all other expectations provided by the program director. The responses contained in this application are my own work and are truthfully offered.

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE**

**For Official Use Only by Gifted Education Coordinator: Indicate student's score and rank.**

**Score (from page 8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Rank\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**(round to the nearest hundredth)**

| Applicant's Full Name |  |
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### Career Highlights: Activities, RESEARCH, and Honors

*In the three sections that follow, list accomplishments that highlight your positions of leadership or intellectual activities. Higher scores will be awarded to activities/programs in which you hold a position of leadership and to research, study, presentations, and competitions associated with extracurricular clubs, community groups, national organizations, etc.*

**Activities/Programs**

List the three most significant activities/programs in which you have participated **during the past three years** **that relate to your area of interest.** Include the name of the organization, sponsoring agency, or group. Also, describe the time involved and any leadership position you have held. Under “Year”, indicate the calendar year of the training or activity. If you need more space, attach a second sheet. Please explain any acronyms that you use.

| Activity and Organization | Position Held | Time Involved | Year |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Example: Environmental Club – supporting local efforts like Clean the Bay Day* | *Vice President* | *4 hours/month* | *2021-22* |
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**Research/Study Experiences**

List the three most significant research/study experiences you have had **in the past three years that relate to your area of interest**. Make sure you include the name of any group, organization, or individual with whom you studied. If you need more space, attach a second sheet.

| Study/Brief Description | Teacher | Organization | Time |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Example: VJAS research project exploring the consequences of fertilizer run-off on the York River* | *Danny Peters, Biology* | *York High School* | *2 semesters*  *2022-23* |
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Honors/Recognitions

In this section, please list the three **most significant honors/recognitions you have received during the last three years in your area of interest**.

| Honor/Recognition | Level of Competition – Regional, State, National, International | Year |
| --- | --- | --- |
| *Example: Selected participant/Virginia Rotary Youth Leadership Seminar/ Virginia Tech* | *State* | *2020* |
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| Applicant's Full Name |  |
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Final selection of mentorship participants is made by the program and/or site directors and is based on the strength of the application, program needs, and the availability of mentors.

**Have you worked with a mentor during your high school experience?  Yes  No**

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| With whom do/did you work? |  |
| Where do/did you work? |  |
| For how long have you worked with this mentor? |  |

VIMS Program **-** Indicate your **first and second areas of interest** in the space below.

| Rank | Mentorship Focus |
| --- | --- |
|  | Biological Oceanography/Fisheries Science |
|  | Chemical Oceanography |
|  | Geological Oceanography |
|  | Physical Oceanography |
|  | Wetlands Ecology/Environmental Science |
|  | Coastal Law, Marine Resource Management, Advisory Services |

### Academic Essay

Students must respond to the essay topic indicated below. The essay should be 300-500 words (approximately two pages of double-spaced 12-point type, with a 1” margin on each side). Include your name in the upper right-hand corner of each page of the essay. Sources should be cited at the conclusion of the essay. Students are asked to number the pages 3a and 3b and place them in the final academic application after this page. Students should review the rubric at the bottom of this page and consider each of the areas carefully as they proofread and edit their essays. Students may seek advice from appropriate teachers as they draft and revise their essays. Your essay will be reviewed for its central idea, logic, elaboration, organization, unity, and voice; similarly, the essay will be reviewed for its adherence to grammatical conventions in sentence structure, usage, and mechanics.

**VIMS Essay Topics**

Research activities at the VIMS involve various fields in Marine Science and extend from fresh water to salt water.  Using the list of mentorship focus areas listed above, identify one specific environmental issue within one of these areas that you might research while participating in your mentorship.  Discuss the relevance of this issue and the consequences that the world might experience if this issue were not studied.  Describe relevant research and experience you have had that would assist you in the study of the issue. Your essay should verify that you have completed research consistent with the Virginia Junior Academy of Science or the International Science and Engineering Fair methodologies.  This essay will be instrumental in matching your interests, research, and experiences with marine science mentors.

**Scoring Rubric**

| **Composition** | **0 – 1** | **2** | **3** | **4** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Central Idea/Position | Missing | Unclear | Weak | Strong |
| Evidence/Details | Unclear | Minimal | Adequate | Precise/Relevant |
| Organization/Unity | Lacking | Random/Many digressions | Lapses/ Some digressions | Logical/Unified |
| Counter Claims | Absent | Weak | Attempted | Effective |
| Word Choice | Lacking | Limited | Some Specificity | Highly Specific |
| **MECHANICS** | **0** | **1** | **2** | No Data |
| Sentence Structure | Weak | Some variety | Varied | No Data |
| Usage | Incorrect | Some incorrect | Consistently correct | No Data |
| Mechanics | Incorrect | Some incorrect | Consistently correct | No Data |

| Applicant's Full Name |  |
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**ALL APPLICANTS AND PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE**

### Applicant and Parent/Guardian Assurances

I, the parent/guardian of , permit my son/daughter, if selected, to participate in the 2024 Summer Residential Governor's School. I realize that transportation to and from the Governor's School and spending money for personal expenses must be provided by the participants. I understand that if selected for the program, he/she must abide by the rules and expectations set forth for the school. I further agree that I have been duly informed that **LEAVES OF ABSENCE** from these programs are allowed only for **SEVERE CASES OF MEDICAL AND/OR FAMILY EMERGENCIES**. Medical and family emergencies include major illness, hospitalization, or death of an immediate family member or guardian. I also understand that failure to participate in the programs, or unwillingness to abide by the rules and expectations, may be just cause for immediate dismissal.

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN DATE**

Both student and parent/guardian must initial after having read the following assurances. These constitute the expectations for students who apply or accept invitations to the summer residential governor's school program.

| Student  Initials | Parent or  Guardian  Initials | Assurances |
| --- | --- | --- |
| No Data | No Data | I understand that leaves of absence are granted ONLY in the case of medical or family emergencies as described above. Participants are expected to arrive at the site by the opening ceremony, indicated in the *2024 Student and Parent Guide for Governor's Schools*, and remain at the site through the closing ceremony. |
| No Data | No Data | I understand that the programs require concerted academic focus, preparation, and motivation from all participants and that participants are expected to demonstrate the emotional maturity and self-discipline to participate in the activities and to demonstrate respect for self, others, program, and school. |
| No Data | No Data | I understand that participants will be expected to follow the rules and expectations outlined in the *2024 Student and Parent Guide for Governor's Schools*, and any other instructions provided by the program director. These rules and expectations have been thoroughly read and are understood. |
| No Data | No Data | I understand that each nominee and division gifted education coordinator/private school regional coordinator will be mailed acceptance and alternate information by mid-April 2024, and that no information will be available before that date. |
| No Data | No Data | I understand that possession of tobacco or alcohol, weapons, or nonprescription drugs will result in the participant's immediate dismissal from the program and that participants are also 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*. |
| No Data | No Data | I understand that previous participants of any Summer Residential Governor's School program (including Governor's Foreign Language Academies) shall not apply for or participate in the Summer Residential Governor's School program; and I am not applying for a 2024 Governor's Foreign Language Academy or for another Summer Residential Governor’s School. |
| No Data | No Data | I certify that I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia and eligible for a free, public education in the Commonwealth. |
| No Data | No Data | **I understand failure to provide complete and accurate medical, mental health, and prescription information may result in immediate dismissal from the program**. |
| No Data | No Data | I understand that I waive my rights to review and inspect my child’s application and score sheet for the Summer Residential Governor’s School program. |
| No Data | No Data | I certify that these are my truthful responses to these assurances. |

| Applicant's Full Name |  |
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**INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPROPRIATE CONTENT AREA TEACHER**

### Teacher Recommendation A

This recommendation must be completed by a teacher in the student's area of interest who can assess his/her current abilities, preferably a teacher who has taught the student in a course closely related to the selected program. There are two required parts to the recommendation: a rating scale and a narrative.

Rating Scale Teacher A

1. What course or program of studies has the student taken under your supervision? In what year(s)?

1. Please estimate the extent to which the student has demonstrated in your class(es) the qualities listed below. Use the scale from 0-2 as indicated. Be sure to respond to all qualities; items omitted are included as a zero when computing a score. Please use only whole number values.

**0=Good (Above Average) 1=Excellent (Top 10 Percent) 2=Outstanding (Top 2-3 Percent)**

| No Data | **Quality** | **Score** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Motivation and initiative | No Data |
|  | Self-direction | No Data |
|  | Intellectual curiosity | No Data |
|  | Independence of thought | No Data |
|  | Originality of ideas | No Data |
|  | Use of higher-level thinking skills | No Data |
|  | Attitude toward learning | No Data |
|  | Ability to contribute to a group process | No Data |
|  | Willingness to accept ideas of others | No Data |
|  | Emotional stability, maturity, and self-discipline | No Data |
|  | Openness to new experiences | No Data |
|  | Cooperative behavior | No Data |
|  | Respect and tolerance for the views of others | No Data |
| No Data | **Subtotal A (out of 26 points)** | No Data |

**Narrative Teacher A**

Teachers, please complete the narrative portion of the recommendation using specific examples from your work with this student to indicate how the student demonstrates these qualities: ability to work cooperatively and meaningfully in groups; openness to new and diverse situations; goals for academic growth; creativity; and intellectual and social maturity. Please print your narrative on school, personal, or professional letterhead. Sign and date both the printed rating scale and narrative and return them to the guidance office or as otherwise directed.

| Signature of Teacher | Printed Name | Date |
| --- | --- | --- |
| No Data | No Data | No Data |
| Email Address | Phone # | No Data |
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| Applicant's Full Name |  |
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**INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPROPRIATE ADULT**

### Adult Recommendation B

This recommendation must be completed by any teacher/instructor/advisor/adult (outside of the student's family) who is familiar with the student’s work. There are two required parts to the recommendation: a rating scale and a narrative.

Rating Scale Adult B

1. What course or program of studies has the student taken under your supervision? In what year(s)?

1. Please estimate the extent to which the student has demonstrated in your class(es) the qualities listed below. Use the scale from 0-2 as indicated. Be sure to respond to all qualities; items omitted are included as a zero when computing a score. Please use only whole number values.

**0=Good (Above Average) 1=Excellent (Top 10 Percent) 2=Outstanding (Top 2-3 Percent)**

| No Data | **Quality** | **Score** |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | Motivation and initiative | No Data |
|  | Self-direction | No Data |
|  | Intellectual curiosity | No Data |
|  | Independence of thought | No Data |
|  | Originality of ideas | No Data |
|  | Use of higher-level thinking skills | No Data |
|  | Attitude toward learning | No Data |
|  | Ability to contribute to a group process | No Data |
|  | Willingness to accept ideas of others | No Data |
|  | Emotional stability, maturity, and self-discipline | No Data |
|  | Openness to new experiences | No Data |
|  | Cooperative behavior | No Data |
|  | Respect and tolerance for the views of others | No Data |
| No Data | **Subtotal A (out of 26 points)** | No Data |

**Narrative Adult B**

Recommender, please complete the narrative portion of the recommendation using specific examples from your work with this student to indicate how the student demonstrates these qualities: ability to work cooperatively and meaningfully in groups; openness to new and diverse situations; goals for academic growth; creativity; and intellectual and social maturity. Please print your narrative on school, personal, or professional letterhead. Sign and date both the printed rating scale and narrative and return them to the guidance office or as otherwise directed.

| Signature of Adult | Printed Name | Date |
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| No Data | No Data | No Data |
| Email Address | Phone # | No Data |
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| Applicant's Full Name |  |
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**INFORMATION ON THIS PAGE MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE GIFTED EDUCATION OR**

**PRIVATE SCHOOL REGIONAL COORDINATOR**

**THIS PAGE DOES NOT NEED TO BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION**

### 2024 Summer Residential Governor’s School Academic Scores Page

1. **Career Highlights: Activities, Research, & Honors**

1 or 2 points possible per activity/program; no more than 3 may be counted.  (6 max)

1 or 2 points possible per research/study experience; no more than 3 may be counted.  (6 max)

1 or 2 points possible per honor/recognition; no more than 3 may be counted  (6 max)

**TOTAL I: (      Activities) + (      Research) + (      Honors) =       (18 max)**

1. **Essay Evaluation**

Reader One: Rate as 6 5 4 3 2 1

Reader Two: Rate as 6 5 4 3 2 1

**TOTAL II: [(      Reader One) + (      Reader Two)] x 2 =       (24 max)**

1. **Teacher/Adult Recommendations**

**Rating Scale:**

[Teacher A       (26 max) + Adult B       (26 max)] **divided by** 2 =       (26 max)

**Narrative Evaluation:**

[Teacher A       (6 max) + Adult B       (6 max.)] **multiplied by** 2 =       (24 max)

**TOTAL III: [(      Rating Scale) + (      Narrative)] multiplied by .52 =       (26 max)**

1. **Applicant Aptitude and Achievement**

Mark the correct response in each category. Include test information below. Use scale (8, 7, 6, 5, 4 or 3) to assign points to each category. Private schools should consider the courses their students take that are comparable to AP/IB/Cambridge/AYGS courses when determining course difficulty.

| **Norm-referenced Test 1** | No Data | **Norm-referenced**  **Test 2** | No Data | **Grade Point Average** | No Data | **Course Difficulty** | No Data | No Data |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (99-98%) | **8** | (99-98%) | **8** | 4.0-3.8 | **8** | College scholar… | **8** | No Data |
| (97-95%) | **7** | (97-95%) | **7** | 3.7-3.5 | **7** | Challenging… | **7** | No Data |
| (94-90%) | **6** | (94-90%) | **6** | 3.4-3.0 | **6** | Moderate degree… | **6** | No Data |
| (89-85%) | **5** | (89-85%) | **5** | 2.9-2.5 | **5** | General program… | **5** | No Data |
| (84-80%) | **4** | (84-80%) | **4** | 2.5-2.0 | **4** | No Data | No Data | No Data |
| (<80%) | **3** | (<80%) | **3** | (<2.0) | **3** | No Data | No Data | No Data |
| **TOTAL IV:** |  | **+** |  | **+** |  | **+** |  | **(32 max)** |

| Test 1: | No Data | Date Taken: | No Data |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Test 2: | No Data | Date Taken: | No Data |

**GRAND TOTAL: (Add Totals of Parts I + II + III + IV) =**

***Round to the nearest hundredth; e.g., 92.36*  (100 max)**