

## GHP is a great opportunity for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors to:

- Take part in an exceptional summer enrichment program
- Spend six weeks of study (four weeks in 2012) on a college campus in Georgia
- Be taught by outstanding high school and college instructors
- Study in depth their academic or artistic field of interest
- Enhance interpersonal skills through peer group living.

## How are instructors chosen?

GHP Instructors are among the most qualified high school and college teachers. They are chosen according to their experience and recommendations. The GHP teacher-to-student ratio is usually 1:15.

## Who pays for the program?

Funds for each student's tuition, room, board, and instructional supplies are appropriated each year by the Georgia General Assembly as part of the state's education budget. Students need only provide spending money and travel expenses.



## How can I find more information about GHP?

Visit the GHP Web Page online, found at:

[http://snipurl.com/ghp\\_doe](http://snipurl.com/ghp_doe)

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# The Georgia Governor's Honors Program

## What is the Georgia Governor's Honors Program?

The Georgia Governor's Honors Program (GHP) is a six-week summer residential instructional program (four weeks in 2012) designed to provide intellectually gifted and artistically talented high school students challenging and enriching educational opportunities not usually available during the regular school year. Activities are designed to provide each participant with opportunities to acquire the skills, knowledge and attitudes to become independent, lifelong learners. The Georgia Governor's Honors Program is fully funded by the Georgia General Assembly, and operates at no cost to the participant.

## Who can participate?

Rising juniors and seniors in Georgia's public, private, and home schools may be nominated by their teachers.

## Nomination Guidelines

Students are nominated in a specific instructional area in which their abilities, aptitudes and interest lie. Each school system or private school is assigned a nomination quota based on the average daily attendance of its 10th and 11th grades.

Transcripts of grades and records, nomination forms, endorsements and other pertinent information are submitted to substantiate the nominations. Local nominees are then sent to statewide screening interviews/auditions.

The written evidence and data gathered in the student interview/audition are used to evaluate nominees and select finalists.

In early September, information pertaining to the Governor's Honors Program nomination process will be posted to the GHP website. Postings include the *GHP Timeline*, *GHP Instructional Descriptions and Criteria for Selection in All Areas*, and other documents pertinent to the GHP selection process. Also at that time, the full nomination guidelines document will be available to program coordinators so that they may begin the identification and nomination process within their school systems.

## What are the instructional areas?

Major instructional areas are agricultural science (biotechnology), agricultural science (environmental science), English (communications arts), foreign languages (French, German, Latin, Spanish), mathematics, science (biology, chemistry, physics), social studies, visual arts, theatre, music, dance, design, technology and executive management. Instruction is also provided in four support areas - computers, counseling, library/media, and physical fitness.



## What other activities are offered?

Students also select a minor area outside their major area of study. These include all the major instructional areas as well as the support areas in Computers, Counseling, and Fitness. A minor area of study in Education is also provided. The minor area of study is selected during the first week of the program.

In addition to the major and minor areas of study, students elect to attend extracurricular activities from the nearly 100 educational seminars offered each week. These afternoon and evening activities are delivered by, and reflect the interests and abilities of, the GHP residential and instructional staff. Arts performances such as music concerts, theatre and dance productions, and visual arts shows are ongoing throughout the summer and provided by the GHP students, GHP faculty, and special guest artists.

## Where is the program conducted?

Students attend the program on the campus of Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.

## What schedule will a student usually follow?

While time schedules vary, the following is similar to the schedule students will experience. The times are approximate:

Interest area ( <i>available fitness activities</i> )	1 hour
Breakfast	1 hour
Major area ( <i>Monday through Saturday</i> )	4.5 hours
Lunch	1 hour
Minor area ( <i>Monday through Friday</i> )	2.5 hours
Dinner	1 hour
Evening activities ( <i>rehearsals, performances, seminars, special events</i> )	after minors