

Sophomores: If you are interested in applying for the Governor's School for the Arts, please note that the application deadline has been **extended to January 28**. The audition deadline is one week later, February 4.

To find out more about the free three-week experience on the campus of Marshall University and how to apply for GSA, go to <https://govschools.wv.gov/gsa>. From there you can follow the links to the applications as well as information about how to plan for your audition.

We're Going Live--for Now



GSA June 26-July 16, 2022

Sophomores are already getting excited about attending the state's highly respected Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) at Marshall University. After postponing the residential immersion in the arts in 2020, and having an abbreviated, hybrid experience in 2021, the West Virginia Department of Education and Marshall University are moving full steam ahead with plans for three weeks of live, in-person instruction.

GSA Dean Maribea Barnes says, "The theme for GSA 2022 is *Building Community Through the Arts*. Living in a community of artists provides unique opportunities for personal and artistic growth along with diverse opportunities for collaboration.

The GSA mission is to enable students to explore multiple art forms, learn from one another, and experience first-hand the power of the arts. "

An emphasis will be placed on collaborating and sharing our work within our GSA community. The inclusion of regional guest artists and interactions with works beyond our Appalachian area will provide unique opportunities to grow as artists. Our goals are to develop stronger artists, empower students with collaborative skills, and introduce students to strategies that employ the arts to positively influence communities.

Information -

<https://govschools.wv.gov/GSA/Pages/default.aspx>

Qualifications for successful application to GSA

1. Be a resident of West Virginia and a high-school sophomore within the state this year, with plans to do so next year. Students who attend public or private schools or home schools within West Virginia are included. If you are chosen to attend GSA and know that you are moving to another state after 10th grade, it is dishonorable to apply;
2. Have a 2.2 average during freshman year;
3. Have an acceptable attendance and discipline record;
4. Be recommended by the school principal;
5. Exhibit a strong commitment to personal artistic development;
6. Provide a valid immunization record if you attend a private school that does not require immunizations or if you are home schooled. The Governor's Schools are under the auspices of the West Virginia Department of Education, and all students must meet the minimum vaccination requirements.

Link to Apply -

<https://govschools.wv.gov/GSA/Pages/howtoapply.aspx>