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# Summer Institute Application 2013

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Governor's Institutes of Vermont. Here is your application and guide to the application process. Please email us at [shelby@giv.org](mailto:shelby@giv.org) if you have any questions.

## Step 1 – Print and complete an application.

Complete the application. Make sure a parent or guardian completes his/her portion of the application and signs it. (Incomplete application can delay consideration of your application.)

## Step 2 – Ask two adults to fill out recommendation forms.

You can choose teachers, mentors, or adult friends (no relatives) – whoever you feel is best suited to write about your interests and abilities. They can use the forms included in this packet or simply write a letter of recommendation. Recommendations are due with your application.

## Step 3 – Submit your completed application with your \$25 application fee to your school!

Be sure to submit your application to your school before their deadline. **Each school sets its own deadline, so check with your school contact or name listed on the GIV poster.**

All applications must include a check for the \$25 application fee made out to Governor's Institute or GIV. **If you are applying for reduced tuition**, you do not need to send a \$25 check if we receive the completed financial worksheet at the same time. *Please note that the application fee is non-refundable.*

### ***Don't Let Finances Stop You From Applying! Reduced Tuition Is Available!***

Admission decisions are made independently of a candidate's financial need. We encourage families who need financial assistance to apply for reduced tuition. Print the Financial Worksheet from <http://www.giv.org/applynow/application-process>. Please be sure to include a copy of the first page only of your family's most recent tax returns with your application. If parents are filing separately, we need documentation from each parent. We cannot fund reduced tuition applications without fields filled in or without the tax information.

### **Governor's Institutes Application Checklist**

Before your school's application deadline, you need to submit to your school contact:

- Application (be sure to include your 2<sup>nd</sup> choice Institute if you are willing to accept it if your first choice is full.)
- A parent or guardian's signature and date on page 3
- Two recommendations
- \$25 non-refundable application fee (unless requesting waiver)

If you are applying for reduced tuition, you can submit the following directly to GIV:

- Financial aid worksheet (with a copy of both parents' most recent tax return- first page only.)

*Once you've applied, be sure to check your email often. Much of GIV's communication with you will be via email!*

**Email [shelby@giv.org](mailto:shelby@giv.org) if you have questions.**

**GIV APPLICATION COVER PAGE - Return this form with your \$25 application fee (unless requesting a waiver) to your school contact.**

I would like to participate in a Governor's Institutes summer program. My **first** and **second** choices are: (please fill out a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice only if you are willing to accept this choice!)

- Arts** June 23-July 7                       **Environmental Science & Tech** June 23-June 29  
 **Asian Cultures** June 23-June 29                       **Information Technology** June 22-June 30  
 **Engineering** June 22-June 29                       **Mathematical Sciences** June 16-June 21  
 **Current Issues & Youth Activism** June 25-July 6                       **Farms & Food** July 28-August 3

Have you ever attended a Governor's Institute?    No    Yes   Which/When: \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Information**

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male / Female  
 First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your school: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ (GIV uses this only for anonymized alumni outcome study purposes.)  
 Will you be applying for a reduced tuition?    Yes    No  
 VSAC Student:    Yes    No (If yes, you MUST complete a reduced tuition application for GIV as well as VSAC! )  
 Enrolled in the Vermont Adult Learning program?:    Yes    No

**Parent/Guardian #1 Information**   Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian #2 Information**   Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (work): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Governor's Institutes?  
 Alum/Friend (name?) \_\_\_\_\_ Radio ad (station?) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Teacher (name?) \_\_\_\_\_ School (where?) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Website (which one?) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

## Sliding Scale Tuition

Towards our goal of being affordable for all Vermont families, in 2013 we have implemented a new sliding scale summer tuition rate. What it means is that the amount you pay will be based on your ability to pay. Although it costs GIV an average of \$1700 per student to supply room accommodations, meals, faculty, staff and content, most students will pay far less.

The below chart shows the recommended summer tuition levels based on family incomes. We ask that you select the highest tuition level that your family can comfortably afford. Any tuition you pay over your recommended amount will provide a tax-deductible scholarship to help another student in need to attend an Institute.

<b><i>Annual Family Income</i></b>	<b><i>\$0-\$20,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$20-\$45,000*</i></b>	<b><i>\$45-60,000*</i></b>	<b><i>\$60-\$80,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$80-100,000</i></b>	<b><i>&gt;\$100,000</i></b>
<u>Short course</u> - Engineering - Environmental Sci/Tech - Mathematical Sciences - Info Technology - Asian Cultures (first year) - Farms, Food & Your Future	<b>\$10</b>	<b>\$150</b>	<b>\$450</b>	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$950</b>	<b>\$1250</b>
<u>Long course</u> - Arts - Current Issues & Youth Activism	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$250</b>	<b>\$550</b>	<b>\$950</b>	<b>\$1350</b>	<b>\$1850</b>

**Minimum summer tuition without requesting financial aid is \$750 short course/\$950 long course.** To qualify for a rate in the shaded columns, you must provide a financial aid worksheet and income tax documentation. If your income does not qualify you for lowered tuition but you have extenuating circumstances, submit the same financial aid worksheet and tax documentation plus a note describing those circumstances.

### **HELPFUL HINTS:**

- For a split household, please combine both family incomes.
- Extenuating circumstances can include anything that affects your ability to pay, such as job loss, family size, elder parent care, hurricane damage, siblings in college, illness or injury, etc. Please send us a note describing the situation so that we are best able to help.
- Some schools and foster care agencies pay for tuition. The school/agency tuition rate is \$750 (short course) and \$950 (long course).

## 2013 Student Tuition

A **parent or guardian** must complete this portion of the application and sign in the spaces provided below.

I hereby submit an application for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Governor's Institutes of Vermont in the summer of 2013. Enclosed is a \$25 application fee (unless applying for reduced tuition). I understand that this will NOT be refunded if my student is not enrolled.

**Preferred Tuition Level:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (See chart on previous page)

**Please contact me about a payment plan:** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**I am sending in an application for reduced tuition:** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Find the application at <http://www.giv.org/applynow/application-process>

If accepted by the Governor's Institutes, I agree to pay a non-refundable deposit by **May 1** and the full balance of student tuition I owe by **June 1** in order to secure my son's/daughter's enrollment.

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT Parent or Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Questionnaire** - Please use a computer or extra sheets for your response as needed.

1. What are your favorite and least favorite classes in high school and why?
2. What have been your most positive learning experiences? What made them so constructive?
3. If you could be an expert in something, what would it be?
4. Describe an activity you have participated in or initiated that has had a positive impact on your school, class or community?
5. Why is attending a Governor's Institute important to you? What do you hope to gain from the experience? Do you have a specific focus in mind for your experience at the Institute?
6. How will you share the benefit of your GIV experience with your peers and community after you return home?
7. What are some of your thoughts about future education plans and career goals?
8. **For Math applicants only:** Please include a list of high school math courses you have taken, the grades you received, and the name of your most recent math teacher. On a scale of 1-5 (5 being the highest) what is your level of computer competency?
9. **For Asian Cultures applicants only:** If you have been to Asia, please describe your experience. Include locations, dates and a description of other members of your group.



## **2013 NOMINATION & RECOMMENDATION FORM**

*Teachers, counselors or principals: Please return this form or a personal letter to the applicant so she/he may submit it with their application. **WE PREFER A PERSONAL LETTER FOR ALL APPLICANTS AND REQUIRE IT FOR MATH APPLICANTS.***

**I hereby recommend this student to be accepted into the 2013 Governor's Institutes.**

(Note: If your nomination is the first step in the student's application process, please help him/her to have the confidence to apply.)

Student Name: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Institute 1<sup>st</sup> choice: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Please check one more of the following that best applies to the student's MOTIVATION:

- Highly self-motivated and engaged in learning
- Consistently shows excitement about ideas for learning activities
- Has good energy and ideas
- Usually works hard but only when directed
- Show occasional but brief interest in learning new things

B. Please check one or more of the following that best applies to the student's ABILITY:

- Exhibits superior skills and ideas in one or more areas
- Has good ideas and strong skills for implementing them
- Has some weaknesses but compensates fairly well
- Strength of ideas outweighs this student's ability to communicate them
- Has reasonable skills, weak ideas


*Use the back of this sheet or an additional sheet as needed for the following:*

C. Has this student previously experienced enrichment activities like the Governor's Institutes? Please give examples, if you know any:

D. Please comment on the student's interest in the subject matter at this Institute.

E. Please comment on the evidence of this student's potential to gain by attending a Governor's Institute.

F. Will this student be applying for financial aid? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ I don't know  
(Note: GIV admissions are need-blind. Your answer here helps us help students with financial needs by cueing us to ask for a financial aid application if it's missing.)

 A signed letter must be attached for Math Institute applicants.

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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