



West Virginia  
**Governor's  
Computer Science  
Institute**

# 2026 Student Application Part II



July 6-12, 2026

West Virginia University Institute of Technology  
Beckley, WV 25801

## QUALIFICATIONS

DO NOT COMPLETE PART II UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED PART I

## Required Qualifications:

- Complete Part I of the Application online located here:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/QnBtGXDSYM>
- Attend high school in West Virginia and plan to be in attendance next year
- A resident of West Virginia
- A **freshman** or **sophomore** at the time of application
- Have a grade-point average of at least 3.0
- Have a recommendation from the school principal (within this application)
- Must satisfy all immunization requirements set by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR). Nonpublic school and homeschool students must provide proof of immunizations.

## General Information:

- The state deadline for Part I and II of the application is **Friday, April 3, 2026 at 11:50 PM**. It is the responsibility of the student to collect all required documents and submit Part II to the upload folder.
- Part II of the application (this form and all supporting documents as required within the application) are submitted directly to the state file submission location (on last page of this application).
- A copy of transcripts is required with the application. This document will need to be provided by the school counselor.
- Within the application, you will be required to secure two recommendations. Please provide sufficient notice to your teacher prior to submitting the application.
- On the final page of this application, you will find a checklist of all required pieces. It is your responsibility as the student to scan all components into a PDF and submit the entire application file to the upload folder. We recommend asking a teacher or counselor to review all your information before you submit it.
- **Students may not apply to attend GCSI if they have attended in the past.**
- **IMPORTANT: WV Governor's Schools is a summer commitment for students. If you are selected to attend and you confirm your participation, we expect you to fully participate in the programs. If you decide to leave voluntarily during the school, you will not be permitted to apply for any other Governor's Schools in the future.**

If you have questions, please contact Dustin Lambert, WVDE State Coordinator of West Virginia Governor's Schools – [dllambert@k12.wv.us](mailto:dllambert@k12.wv.us) or (304) 558-5325.

## Student Demographic Information

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Male ☐ Female

Are there lodging accommodations the college/university should consider? Please explain.

If there are additional dorm considerations, parents/guardians may contact Dustin Lambert, Governor's Schools Coordinator for further discussion at (304) 558-5325 or [dllambert@k12.wv.us](mailto:dllambert@k12.wv.us).

Student's K12 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Preferred/Secondary Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 1 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian 2 Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_



## Parent and Student Verification Form

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be printed and completed by both the student and a parent/guardian using blue or black ink. Please attach this document to the application when submitting to the school counselor.

The following assurances must be initialed by both a parent/guardian and the student to participate in the Governor's Computer Science Institute (GCSI) if selected by the state selection committee. Your initials confirm you agree with each statement.

West Virginia Governor's Computer Science Institute (GCSI)		
Student Initials	Parent/Guardian Initials	Please carefully read each statement before initialing.
		If selected, we agree to provide all requested medical (including prescriptions) and educational information to the GCSI Dean at WVU TECH.
		The GCSI program requires concerted academic focus, preparation, and motivation from all students. Participants are expected to demonstrate professionalism, self-discipline, and respect for self, others, the program, and the host institution.
		I consent to my son's/daughter's likeness, name, school, and hometown to appear in public media including newspapers, TV, radio, and the internet. Addresses and phone numbers may be printed in the student directory and shared with fellow GCSI scholars during the sessions.
		I certify that I am a resident of the state of West Virginia and that I attend a public, nonpublic, or homeschool within the state.
		I give permission to the West Virginia Department of Education (WVDE) to release my child's name, likeness, and contact information to institutions recognizing and/or supporting the GCSI program.
		<b>If selected for GCSI, I agree to fully participate for the entire duration of the school. Failure to fully participate in all programs means you forfeit your ability to apply for future Governor's Schools.</b>
		We agree to abide by the regulations and protocols of the West Virginia Governor's Computer Science Institute and WVU TECH. Your initials also indicate an understanding that students who do not follow the rules will be sent home.
		Student records and applications are retained by the West Virginia Department of Education within a secure database. The applications of the selected students and/or the data in an electronic format will be transferred to personnel at the Governor's Computer Science Institute. Every precaution is taken to safeguard student records. I understand the selection committee will keep all information confidential and securely maintained.
		Students may only attend GCSI once. We certify that the student applying has not attended GCSI in the past.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Principal Certification

This form is to be printed and completed using blue or black ink by the school counselor. The principal or assistant principal must sign at the bottom to certify the information below. Please attach this form to the application before submitting to the online file submission folder.

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please confirm the information below is accurate within the application, or attached, by applying a checkmark or X.

- \_\_\_\_\_ A GPA of a least 3.0. The grade can be weighted or unweighted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two teacher recommendation letter is attached.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A record of regular attendance/acceptable discipline record (It is not necessary to send the record itself)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of current student schedule
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photocopy of transcript of grades for grades 8 or 9 (depending on current grade level) and the grade card for the **first semester** of the current grade.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Photocopy of immunization records if the student is from a nonpublic school or homeschooled.

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I hereby certify that the above-named student and information is accurate. I further indicate with my signature a recommendation for the student to be considered for participation in the GCSI.

I further certify this student is not a sophomore who was selected to attend GCSI last year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal or Assistant Principal Signature and Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



## Student Activities, Leadership, and Honors

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space provided, please highlight school activities, leadership, and honors throughout high school.

Activity/Club/Organization, Honor, Recognition	Leadership Position (if applicable)	Year(s)

If you need more space, please attach a second form.



## **Special Interests and Community Service**

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please discuss your special interests and hobbies.

Please list your community service involvement during high school.



## Teamwork Response

Student's First and Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Governor's Computer Science Institute (GCSI) involves teamwork. Students will work in teams to find creative, valid solutions to coding and other computer science problems. Discuss any experience you have had being part of a team. Are you comfortable sharing information? Are you comfortable trusting another member's input? Do you consider yourself a leader or a follower? Explain.





## Computer Science Response

The field of computer science is an ever-changing and growing industry that includes many areas of interest. Sometimes, people think computer science is just coding. However, there are many other branches of computer science including artificial intelligence (AI), autonomous navigation, global information systems (GIS), game design, creating computer generated imagery (CGI) for movies, computing for scientific research, and cyber security.

1. There will be a variety of potential topics for exploration depending on faculty interests and experience. While it cannot be guaranteed you will be assigned to a specific group, an attempt to match your interests with available topics will be made. To help with that process, please rank your top three choices from the following list:
  - General programming (languages can vary)
  - Drone Programming
  - Web application development
  - Mobile application development
  - Artificial Intelligence
  - Introductory game creation
  - Other (please describe)

Your personal ranks from the list above:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why are you interested in the areas you listed above? What would you like to learn? Do you have any experience in any of them? Note: experience is not a prerequisite for acceptance to the program but, if accepted, knowing your ability level can help with group creation and class assignments.



## Application Specifications

Applications must include the following in one scanned PDF:

- Application Part II
- Parent and Student Verification Form
- Principal Certification
- Student Activities, Leadership, and Honors
- Special Interests and Community Service
- Teamwork Response
- Computer Science Response
- **2 Letters of Recommendations from Teachers** (please attach with this application)
- Transcript Record for grades 8 or 9 AND first semester grades of current grade (provided by counselor)
- Immunization records for nonpublic school and homeschool students.

**You may want to ask your school counselor to review all your information before you submit the application.**

A state selection committee will determine students who participate in GCSI.

**The West Virginia Department of Education is not accepting paper submissions of applications.** Once the student and school counselor have compiled the application and all required documents into one scanned PDF, students may upload the completed application to the file submission.

File Submission Location: <https://tinyurl.com/mrjnz9nv>

Due Date for GCSI Application Part II: **Friday, April 3, 2026 at 11:59 PM**



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