



The Governor's Program for Gifted Children

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Dear Prospective Student and Parents:

Thank you for your inquiry about the Governor's Program for Gifted Children (GPGC). The GPGC will celebrate its 63rd summer session beginning Sunday, June 4, 2023. The session will end on Saturday, July 22, after the final performances.

The cost of the **seven-week program** is \$3000 (\$4000 out-of-state fee) and covers the following: tuition, room/board including weekends, student allowance, and five uniform shirts (for first time students).

Substantial financial aid is available. A financial aid application is available on-line or by calling the office.

The GPGC will accept applications until all spaces are filled. **The application fee of \$20 will be waived for 2023.** Only those applicants who meet the criteria described below will be considered for admission:

- 1) Applicants for admission to the Junior Division must be in the sixth, seventh, or eighth grade this school term, 2022-2023.
- 2) If applicant is already classified as gifted by a Louisiana public school system, please submit a copy of the student's Pupil Appraisal report as well as the student's most current IEP.
- 3) If applicant is not already classified as gifted by a Louisiana public school system, he or she must be tested and submit scores for an acceptable aptitude test. The preferred tests are Wechsler Scale for Children or the KBIT.

A licensed psychologist, certified school psychologist, or qualified examiner under the supervision of a licensed psychologist must have administered the test. The examiner must report the results directly to our office.

To be accepted to our program, the child must score in the 96th percentile or higher.

An applicant for admission to the Senior Division, in addition to the aptitude requirements stated above, must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Senior Division applicants must be currently enrolled in the 9th or 10th grade.
- 2) Senior Division applicants must have maintained at least a "B" grade point average for the last full school term, and continue to maintain it during the current school year.

Students who are outstanding in the performing arts are strongly encouraged to apply for admission to the Musically Gifted Division. Please contact our office for more information about our programs for the Musically Gifted, or visit our web site, www.gpgc.org.

If you or other interested persons have any questions about our Program, please email, write to us at our office, or call 337-475-5446.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Brown', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joshua D. Brown, Director