

GEMS APPLICATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Please carefully read all questions and complete the entire application. Request recommendation forms to be completed on your behalf from **one** current instructor and **one** additional non-related individual who can attest to your academic abilities and potential to be a teacher. Submit this application form together with an essay describing your interest in teaching and copies of all transcripts (unofficial copies are accepted). *Participants must be US citizens or Permanent Residents.* Participants will sign a commitment letter to the ODU Research Foundation affirming their commitment to work at a designated high-needs secondary school, two years for every year of scholarship. Submit application materials to: ODU GEMS Program, EDUCATION building, Office 4132 or email monarchteach@odu.edu . Applications for fall scholarships are due March 1st of the prior spring semester. Applications for spring scholarships are due November 15th of the prior fall semester.

All **Noyce GEMS** applicants should:

- Be currently enrolled at ODU (or transferring to ODU) as an undergraduate student and have a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher. If you do not have an ODU GPA, include your GPA from your last school/institution
- Have an eligible major in biology, chemistry, ocean and earth science, physics, mathematics, computer science
- Be accepted or intend to apply to MonarchTeach
- Be a United States citizen, national, or permanent resident alien.
- Agree to serve as a middle or high school STEM educator in a partnership district for two years per year of the scholarship (four years total).

I am currently: ☐ Attending ODU ☐ Transferring to ODU ☐ Applying to ODU

I am applying to be a: ☐ GEMS Sprout (freshman and sophomore) ☐ GEMS Scholar (juniors and seniors)

PART 1. PERSONAL and CONTACT INFORMATION

1. ODU Student ID _____
2. Date of Birth _____
(Month/Day/Year)
3. Full Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Maiden) (Suffix – Jr., etc.)
4. Gender:
☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary / third gender ☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Other _____
5. Nationality _____
6. Ethnicity: ☐ Hispanic or Latino ☐ Non-Hispanic and Non-Latino
7. Race: ☐ American Indian ☐ Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African-American
☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ White/Caucasian ☐ Other _____
8. Address _____ Apt.# _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____ Cell/Other _____
9. Email Address _____ (will be required if accepted into the program)
10. Emergency contact: Full Name _____
Relationship _____ Contact Number(s) _____

PART 2. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

11. Major: _____
12. GPA (If you do not have an ODU GPA, include your GPA from your last school/institution) _____
13. Pre-baccalaureate students: Student Credit Hours (all college work) _____ ;

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Expected college graduation date _____

14. If you took the VCLA, list your scores: Reading _____ Writing _____

15. Name of Middle School: _____

Middle School Address: _____

16. Name of High School: _____

High School Address: _____

17. In which city would you prefer to participate? _____ Chesapeake _____ Norfolk _____ Suffolk _____ Virginia Beach

18. Please list a school near you that you did not attend, but that you would be interested in participating at. We cannot guarantee placements at particular schools. _____

PART 3. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

19. Are you currently employed? ____ Yes ____ No

Employer	Position Title	Duties	# of hours per week
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20. Please provide the names and contact information of two references. One should be a **current instructor**, and the other should be a **non-related individual** who can attest to your academic abilities and potential to be a teacher. These individuals should be familiar with your academic performance and career goals. **Once your application is received, GEMS will contact your references and provide them with a recommendation form to fill out on your behalf.**

Name	Institutional Affiliation	Email
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Name	Relationship to Applicant	Email
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21. I certify that this information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the ODU GEMS Program Selection Committee to review my academic record and standardized test scores as submitted to Old Dominion University

Signature: _____ Date: _____

22. Personal Essay. Suggested length: 1-2 pages. Please attach PDFs only

- Sprouts Personal Essay** - Please attach your essay submission. Your essay should address (A) who/what has inspired you to become a teacher, (B) your professional goals relative to becoming a teacher, and (C) the benefits you hope to experience if selected as a GEMS program participant.
- Scholars Personal Essay** - The personal essay should specifically address (A) your interest in teaching in high need schools, (B) any experiences you have had that might be relevant, (C) experiences or achievements that might show potential for success in teaching in high-need schools, and (D) your understanding of what your four-year commitment to teach in a high-need school system would entail for you. This is a serious and important commitment of a Noyce Scholarship, and your statement should reflect your understanding of and comfort with it.

State law requires that you be informed of the following: (1) you are entitled to request to be informed about the information about yourself collected by use of this form (with a few exceptions as provided by law); (2) you are entitled to receive and review that information; and (3) you are entitled to have the information corrected at no charge to you.