

The RISE application packet includes all of the items. **All items** must be received by the college by the application deadline of **January 1, 2026**. Applications completed after January 1 will be reviewed based on availability of seats in the program.

1. Completed application, including essay questions (***This form must be completed by the student***)
2. Most recent psychological-educational or neuropsychological evaluation by a licensed professional
3. Most recent Individualized Education Program (IEP)
4. **Two** Professional Recommendation Forms completed by people who have worked directly with the student, including a teacher, guidance counselor, employer, volunteer coordinator, etc. (*These forms cannot be completed by a family member*).
5. **One** Caregiver Recommendation Form completed by a parent, guardian, or caregiver of the student
6. High school transcript
7. Release of information for school district (*if applying to be a dually-enrolled student*)

The application materials must be submitted via email to killionm@westmoreland.edu with the subject line of "RISE Application."

Please print or type.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Student Name _____ Birth Date _____

Nickname or Preferred Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student's Phone No. _____ Student's Email _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of High School _____ Graduation Year (*if applicable*) _____

Have you taken college courses in the past? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where have you taken college courses? _____

Are you interested in being a dually-enrolled student? (This refers to a student who is still enrolled in high school but will be taking classes at Westmoreland County Community College) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please complete the following section:

DUALLY-ENROLLED STUDENT INFORMATION

High School Counselor's Name _____

High School Counselor's Email _____

Director of Special Education Name _____

Director of Special Education Email _____

* Please contact your Director of Special Education as soon as possible to begin discussing participation in the RISE Program.

** You must attach a release of information form for the school district to your application or email it directly to

killionm@westmoreland.edu.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Email Address _____

DISABILITY INFORMATION

What is your disability? _____

Please mark all services/support you receive or have received in the past:

☐ Special Education/Learning Support

☐ Medical Assistance

☐ Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

☐ Services through the ID or Autism Waiver

☐ Social Security Disability

☐ Other (please list) _____

CAREER PATHWAY PREFERENCES

Which career pathway program are you most interested in taking at Westmoreland? (Select one.)

Baking and Pastry

☐ Office Administration

Culinary Arts

☐ Plumbing

Early Childhood Education

☐ Security Professional

Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

☐ Social Work

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Structure of Classes and Support in High School (check all that you have used)

☐ 10 or fewer students in your class

☐ One-on-one instruction

☐ More than 10 students in your class

☐ Resource room

☐ Social skills training/support

☐ Personal aide for academic support

☐ Learning support

☐ Personal aide for behavioral support

☐ Emotional Support

INDEPENDENT SKILLS

The RISE program requires that students are able to independently navigate campus, participate in class, etc. Which of the following skills do you complete independently now? (*check all that apply*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tasks or chores at home | <input type="checkbox"/> Making friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining a job | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal care and hygiene |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Navigating in the community | <input type="checkbox"/> Using technology (phone, computer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Completing school work | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing money/finances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scheduling appointments | <input type="checkbox"/> Managing stress |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asking for help | <input type="checkbox"/> Making important decisions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking medication as prescribed | |

WORK EXPERIENCE

Have you ever been employed or worked a paying job? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where? _____ How long? _____

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Have you ever done volunteer work? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, where? _____ How long? _____

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STRESS TRIGGERS

Check all scenarios that typically cause you to feel stressed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Talking with others | <input type="checkbox"/> Trying to be on time |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asking for help | <input type="checkbox"/> Things being out of order |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social events | <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing feedback/criticism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loud noises | <input type="checkbox"/> Not getting enough sleep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Large crowds | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traveling alone | <input type="checkbox"/> Not understanding instructions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Changes in routine | <input type="checkbox"/> Trying to prioritize responsibilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

Check all that describe you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I make friends easily. | <input type="checkbox"/> I am active on social media. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I keep friends easily. | <input type="checkbox"/> I can talk to others if needed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like being social. | <input type="checkbox"/> I can talk to teachers if needed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy talking to teachers. | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to be alone. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I enjoy meeting new people. | <input type="checkbox"/> I avoid talking to others. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I like to try new things. | <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to be more social. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer to stay home. | |

Is there anything else you would like to share about social interactions? _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please answer each of the following questions in essay format. Using 100-200 words for each question, type or print your response here or on a separate sheet of paper.

What are your academic and career goals?

Describe a time when you faced a challenge. How did you overcome this challenge?

How do you think the RISE program will help you achieve your academic and career goals?