

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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Special Education/Learning Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Assistance
<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Services through the ID or Autism Waiver
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Disability	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please list) _____	

CAREER PATHWAY PREFERENCES

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

Baking and Pastry	<input type="checkbox"/> Office Administration
Culinary Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing
Early Childhood Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Security Professional
Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Work

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

<input type="checkbox"/> 10 or fewer students in your class	<input type="checkbox"/> One-on-one instruction
<input type="checkbox"/> More than 10 students in your class	<input type="checkbox"/> Resource room
<input type="checkbox"/> Social skills training/support	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal aide for academic support
<input type="checkbox"/> Learning support	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal aide for behavioral support
<input type="checkbox"/> 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)

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

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

If yes, where? _____ How long? _____

Have you ever done volunteer work? Yes No

If yes, where? _____ How long? _____

STRESS TRIGGERS

Check all scenarios that typically cause you to feel stressed.

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

SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

Check all that describe you.

- I make friends easily.
- I keep friends easily.
- I like being social.
- I enjoy talking to teachers.
- I enjoy meeting new people.
- I like to try new things.
- I prefer to stay home.
- I am active on social media.
- I can talk to others if needed.
- I can talk to teachers if needed.
- I prefer to be alone.
- I avoid talking to others.
- I would like to be more social.

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?