

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

☐ Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

☐ Culinary Arts

☐ Office Administration

☐ Early Childhood Education

☐ Plumbing

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?