

being part of GSE is not a solitary endeavor. One of the primary aims of the GSE is to gather students from all over West Virginia to create teams to invent, create a business, and pitch their ideas to a judges and other large audiences.

The community that will comprise GSE will be excited and exciting; motivated and motivated; inspired and inspiring. When immersed in a creative space with the tools they need to unleash their entrepreneurial spirits, the Young E's will open everyone's eyes and fill their hearts with hope for West Virginia's future.

We refer to the Young Entrepreneurs as Young E's. Perhaps by July 3, you will be adding that title to your name.

Good luck!

# 2019 Governor's School of Entrepreneurship - Student Application Page 1

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I, the parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, permit my son/daughter, if selected, to participate in the 2019 Governor's School of Entrepreneurship (GSE) at West Virginia University. I realize that transportation to and from the School of Entrepreneurship and spending money for personal expenses must be provided by the family of the participant.

I further understand that if selected, he/she must abide by the rules and expectations set forth by the school, and that failure to participate in the programs or unwillingness to abide by the rules and expectation will be just cause for dismissal.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

| PLEASE READ AND INITIAL |                          |   |
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| Student Initials        | Parent/Guardian Initials | Assurances  |
|                         |                          | I understand that the GSE programs require concerted focus, preparation, and motivation from all participants. Participants are expected to demonstrate emotional maturity, self-discipline, and respect for self, others, the program, and the host institution.   |
|                         |                          | I understand that applicants should receive acceptance letters by mid-April. A list of accepted students will be posted on the website three days after the letters are mailed. Only those selected will be notified.   |
|                         |                          | I understand that the participants will be expected to follow the rules and expectations outlined in the 2019 Student Handbook as well as specific onsite instructions provided by the GSE dean.  |
|                         |                          | I understand that possession of tobacco, alcohol, non-prescription drugs and prescription drugs not prescribed for the participant will result in the participant's <b>immediate</b> dismissal from the program. If a student is dismissed, a parent or his/her appointee must pick the student up within 12 hours. A letter will be sent to the county superintendent of any expelled student. |
|                         |                          | I certify that I am a resident of the State of West Virginia and that I attend school in West Virginia. This includes home-schooled, private and public-school students.  |
|                         |                          | I understand that failure to provide complete and accurate medical and prescription information may result in immediate dismissal from the program.   |
|                         |                          | I give permission to the West Virginia Department of Education to release my son/daughter's name, likeness and contact information to institutions recognizing or supporting scholarly efforts.   |
|                         |                          | I consent to my son/daughter's likeness, name, school, hometown and comments about GSE appearing in the public media, including newspapers, TV, radio and the Internet. Addresses (postal and email) and phone numbers may be printed in the Student Directory.   |
|                         |                          | I agree to lock in the dates June 13-July 3, and, if selected, will attend GSE in its entirety. If selected for another honor that would interrupt, GSE, I will choose between the two.   |
|                         |                          | I understand that GSE is a residential experience and that students will be involved in activities seven days a week. Although I may talk with my child on the telephone, I realize that I am not to visit.   |

# 2019 Governor's School of Entrepreneurship - Student Application Page 2

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS, READ AND THEN SIGN BELOW.

Student records and applications are kept in the Governor's Schools office at the West Virginia Department of Education except when it is necessary to take them off-site for review. The applications of the selected students and/or the data in an electronic format will be transferred to personnel at the Governor's School of Entrepreneurship. Every precaution is taken to safeguard student records, and there has not been an incident breaching student confidentiality. More stringent rules about maintaining privacy necessitate your agreement to this process.

I consent to my minor child's application to GSE being transported to another site for data entry and evaluation. In addition to personal statements and references, the application includes personal identity information, teacher and peer evaluations and a transcript of his/her grades. I understand that the selection committee will keep all information confidential.

I also understand that it is our responsibility to provide a certificate of health insurance and to provide transportation to and from GSE.

PARENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The decision to apply to the Governor's School of Entrepreneurship is my own, and I will abide the rules set forth in the handbook if I am selected. I will set aside the dates of June 13-July 3 for this outstanding opportunity.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Although a specific grade-point average is not required, students seeking the college credit must have a transcript on hand. For that reason, we are asking that all students submit a copy of their official transcript (must have raised seal) with their applications.

This page is for your information; do not mail it with the application

## Teacher/Principal Recommendations

**Deadline for Submission—February 28, 2019**

You must have an official transcript and letters of recommendation: one from a teacher and one from a principal in your school as stated on page 1.

The teachers who are writing your recommendation should fully address your qualities as a student, as a school citizen, and as a potential business leader as well as the qualities in the paragraph below.

The principal letter simply states that you are a school citizen in good standing with good attendance. If he/she wishes to add more, that is acceptable but not necessary.

After the letters are returned to you, place them after your transcript.

The student evaluation/recommendation should be typed in 12-pt. type, preferably on school, business, or personal letterhead. It should discuss how the student demonstrates the following qualities: ability to work cooperatively and meaningfully in groups; openness to new and diverse situations; creativity; social maturity; independence of thought; self-direction; school citizenship; comparison to other students in your class this year; personal qualities that might make it easy/difficult for the named student to adjust to an intensive residential experience. Please sign it give it to the student so that he/she can mail it with the rest of the packet.

### Tips and Suggestions

Let the person you ask know that this recommendation is important to you and what participation in this program would mean to you personally. When asking for a recommendation:

1. Please give the adult you ask AMPLE time to complete the recommendation.
2. Be sure to select adults who know your thinking skills and talents, and who are impressed with you personally.
3. When asking a teacher, select one who gives you detailed, written feedback on tests, papers, homework grades, reports, etc. These teachers are more likely to make an extra effort in completing your recommendation.

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 28, to

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