

Realizing that ingenuity, preparedness, and team building may take longer than one 14-day block of time, the creative-thinking deans of GSE 2020-21 have developed a flexible schedule that will best serve our mission. The GSE will begin June 14 and conclude July 22, but it will run M-W only with no classes the week of July 4. Of course team members may choose to talk with each other during the "off days" as their ideas develop in intensity and creativity.

Week of June 14 - Begin	M-W
Week of June 21 - Continue	MW
Week of June 28 - Continue	M-W
Pause Week of July 4	-----
Week of July 12 – Resume/Continue	M-W
Week of July 19 – Conclude (Demo Day)	T-Th

Being part of GSE is not a solitary endeavor. One of the primary aims of the GSE is to engage 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 motivating; 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. **Become One in Twenty-One!**

2021 Governor's School of Entrepreneurship

Student Application Page 1--Due March 25

Applicant's Name: _____

I, the parent/guardian of _____, permit my son/daughter, if selected, to participate in the 2021 Governor's School of Entrepreneurship (GSE) presented by the iCenter at Marshall University's Brad Smith Schools of Business/Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business. I understand that if selected, he/she must abide by the rules and expectations and that failure to actively 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		
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 late April. A list of accepted students will be posted on the website three days after the letters are mailed. I agree to such posting. Only those selected will be notified.
		I understand that the participants will be expected to follow the rules and participate fully in the Virtual platform for GSE in 2021.
		Missing class is a cause for dismissal. If a student is dismissed, a letter will be sent to the county superintendent of schools.
		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 and shared with fellow students during GSE.
		I agree to lock in the dates June 14-July 22, for GSE 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 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.

2021 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 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/mailed, or electronic transfer 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.

PARENT/GUARDIAN 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 14-July 19, excluding the week of July 4, 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—March 25, 2021

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 remember the following:

1. Give the adult you ask AMPLE time to complete the recommendation.
2. 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.

Mail all completed applications to

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