

# 2023 Governor's School of Entrepreneurship

## Student Application Page 1--Due March 15

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

I, the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, permit my son/daughter, if selected, to participate in the 2023 Governor's School of Entrepreneurship (GSE) presented by the West Virginia Department of Education and 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 Marshall University. They are expected to follow rules and participate fully.
		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 non-public-school students must provide verification of vaccines required by the West Virginia Department of Education. <b>(Attach if applicable)</b>
		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 but not limited to 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 18-July 8 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 as a public school, private school, charter school, or home-schooled student.

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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 ally transferred to another site for data entry and evaluation. In additional 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 18-July 8 for this outstanding opportunity.

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

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

## Teacher/Principal Recommendations

### Deadline for Submission—March 15, 2023

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Give your counselor at least two-weeks notice for your transcript. Attach it to the back of your application.

**Copy and give this to the teacher you ask for a recommendation.** 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. We prefer that it not be in an envelope.

### 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.
4. After the parts of the application you completed, add the letters of recommendation and the transcript. Add the confirmation page from Part I to Page 1 and secure all documents with a paper clip; do not staple.

**Mail all completed applications to**  
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