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IGNITING THE
ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT
OF KENTUCKY TEENS

THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ENTREPRENEURS

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WHAT IS GSE?

GSE is a transformative experience that brings teens from around the state together for a three week residential experience. During the program, motivated teams of high school students develop a business model, design a prototype, and pitch their startup to a large audience and panel of entrepreneurs. This culminating event is known to us as Demo Day. Participants leave with not only a newfound understanding and love of entrepreneurship, but an innovator's eye and a founder's grit.

Our entrepreneurs live on a college campus in dormitories. They learn a great deal about themselves and others as they live in an immersive community and develop life long friendships. Influential guest speakers and entrepreneurs, field trips to startup companies and other businesses, special events and engagements, surprise challenges, and recreational opportunities are also part of the GSE experience.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

GSE is open to rising 9th, 10th, and 11th grade Kentucky teens. We look for entrepreneurs from all content areas: engineers, tech gurus, hackers, public speakers, leaders, creative thinkers, scientists, and more! Entrepreneurs are selected based on creativity, work ethic, and skill set. GSE looks for teens who thrive in a hands-on environment, who want to roll up their sleeves and truly create their own work, their own answers, and embrace failure every step of the way. Successful entrepreneurs must be determined and disciplined, confident and competitive and unafraid of failure.

Entrepreneurs from around the state evaluate GSE applications. No minimum GPA or test score is required to apply for our program.



WE WANT TO INVEST IN YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY

WHY CHOOSE GSE?

- ✓ GSE alum are applicable for a wide array of scholarship opportunities.
- ✓ We cultivate a unique mindset, allowing you to see the world as an entrepreneur.
- ✓ We work with guidance counselors to help you earn high school class credit for the work you do at GSE.
- ✓ After GSE, you'll be integrated into our statewide network, ensuring you have tools and resources to continue your journey.

HOW DO I APPLY TO GSE?

STEP 1: 2 MINUTE VIDEO



The video component will give you the opportunity to set yourself apart from other applicants. In the video, pitch yourself. Who are you? Why would you be a valuable member to a team? What are your strengths, talents, and skill sets? Be creative, and plan well.

STEP 2: ONLINE APPLICATION

The online application will collect your basic information. You will also be asked several short answer questions. They can't be answered with just a yes or no. Think through each question before responding.



STEP 3: TWO REFERENCES



Who thinks you're awesome (other than your family and friends)? Find two individuals to complete the GSE reference form. They should be able to speak to your character, as well as the skills, talents, and experiences you've referenced in your application.



"Your entrepreneurial journey isn't a check-list, but an evolving and ever-changing lifestyle -- and, now more than ever, I am ready for it."

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