2023 – 2024 G.R.E.A.T. Program Application Instructions

Below is information to help you complete the application, providing an overview of questions and guidelines on response submissions. **The application can be accessed [here](#).** For additional information about the G.R.E.A.T. Program, visit the [website](#).

Section 1:   **Basic Information**

Questions 1 – 5: Share basic contact information (**name, email, PSU ID, major preference**) and ensure you **meet basic qualifications**:

- Be an accepted or current Penn State New Kensington Student in any major
- Have a high school or current Penn State New Kensington grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0. Students with an overall high school GPA lower than a 3.0 may still apply and be considered for provisional acceptance.

Section 2:   **Help Us Get to Know You** (*You'll be asked to provide response to the following questions*).

6. What excites you about your future work? What innovative skills do you plan to develop and how might you use them to solve problems in our world? (*You may respond to this question in a variety of formats. See submission guidelines below.*)

7. Please share why you are interested in participating in the G.R.E.A.T. program. (*Please provide response in a short paragraph, 100 words or less.*)

8. In what ways have you contributed to your community, family, and/or school? Your response might include service or volunteer experiences, family, employment, school involvements, and/or other contributions. (*Please provide response in a short paragraph or list, if relevant.*)

Section 3:   **References** (*Contact information only. No Letter of Recommendation Required):*

Questions 9– 14: Provide contact information for two References:

- One **school-based reference** (teacher, professor, coach, club advisor, etc.)
- One **out of school reference** (employment, community involvement, neighbor, or family friend. No family members).

We do not require an official letter of recommendation; however, references may be contacted by the acceptance committee as needed.

Submission Guidelines for Question 8

Submissions can be in any of the following format:

- Essay
- Creative Writing: short story, play, or other
- Digital Media, such as:
    - Presentation
    - Video
    - Physical representations such as a painting, illustration or sculpture. With physical representations, please share photos or a video and include an abstract of 100 - 300 words to accompany your submission that will provide contextual clues for your mode of expression.

All submissions will be reviewed by an acceptance committee. Although no submission limits have been indicated, we recommend that your submission take no more than 5 - 10 minutes to review.

To submit, provide the links to view your submission in the open text box.

- For Essays, photos or non-recorded presentations, please save your files to a cloud service such as Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive, etc. and provide the link to the file in the text box.
- For videos/audio can be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo, and the link to view the video can be provided in the text box.

If you have any questions or trouble submitting links, please email great@psu.edu.