



## **2024 – 2025 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 – 6: Share basic contact information (**name, PSU ID, email, cell phone, 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*).

7. We encourage creativity, innovation, and problem-solving in the GREAT Program.

What problem(s) in our world would you like to solve? Choose one, describe it, and let us know how you would apply creativity, innovation, and/or technology to a proposed solution. Feel free to tie your college and career interests into your response.

***Please note:*** *The response to this question is the most important part of this application. If you don't feel like your response is best represented through an essay, please review **Submission Guidelines below** for other formats you might choose. If you do choose an essay, please keep it to a powerfully written 300 - 500 word essay.*

8. It matters to us that the GREAT program matters to you.

What elements of the GREAT program are of the most interest to you? Please help us to understand why those aspects of the GREAT Program matter to you.  
*(Please provide response in a short paragraph of 250 words or less).*

9. We encourage GREAT students to be engaged students.

Please share the ways you have engaged, contributed, or served as a leader in your community, family, and/or school ... so far. Here's a chance for you to share a little story with us.  
*(Please keep your story/answer to 250 words or less.)*

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

Questions 10– 15: 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](mailto:great@psu.edu).**