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## GSP Student Information

HCS Juniors

[www.gsp.ky.gov](http://www.gsp.ky.gov)

**\*GSP APPLICATION:** Be sure you go to the [www.gsp.ky.gov](http://www.gsp.ky.gov) site to download and save your application. Suggestion is to type your information in a word document so you are able to spell check then cut/paste into your GSP application. You may begin to complete parts, edit, and save (NO HANDWRITTEN APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED).

**\*HELPFUL HINTS DOCUMENT:** Remember to use the Helpful Hints information (Helpful Hints packets are available on the GSP website) as you complete your application.

**\*TEACHER/COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS:** Be sure you ask your teacher/community rep well in advance. They MUST use the form provided by GSP on the website (NO letters). It is recommended that you provide them with the link and a sample (from the Helpful Hints packet) of what a “good” recommendation should look like. **Note:** The community person you select needs to know you well. Please do not ask someone with an impressive job title who does not know you. There is no weight nor special consideration given to a job title when scored.

**\*PREVIOUS GSP STUDENTS:** Ask previous GSP students to see their applications and/or to help you with your application and possibly review it for you.

**\*EXTRACURRICULAR SECTION:** List anything you do outside the classroom—inside or outside of school. Judges like to see versatility and leadership.

**\*SERVICE SECTION:** Be sure to explain what you gained and learned from your service activities.

**\*HONORS/AWARDS SECTION:** List anything you have been chosen, selected or elected for inside/outside of school.

**\*WRITING ENTRY:** Be sure to make an appointment with your English teacher (or former English teacher) so they may proofread, edit and review your writing. Be a story-teller and be entertaining and interesting with your writing! No “texting” in your writing—be sure to use proper capitalization, spelling, grammar and complete sentences.

**\*START NOW!!!** Do not wait until the last minute to complete this application. As you can already see it takes quality time and organization. If you want a stronger GSP application, be sure to **PROVIDE DETAIL, DETAIL, DETAIL, and MORE DETAIL!** Be sure to use proper capitalization, grammar, and spelling...**PROOFREAD!!!** Remember that GSP applications are

pulled apart and scored by the state judges--no one person is scoring an entire application. Therefore, you may need to list your activities in different sections of your application...example Honor Society is both an Activity and an Honor/Award.

**\*APPLICATION DEADLINE INFORMATION:** Be sure to contact your high school administrator for application deadline and any other school-specific GSP information.

**\*\*There is an application preview opportunity at each school due November 12** (if you submit your rough draft application to them and would like feedback and suggestions).

**\*\*Application Deadline is December 10, 2021 to the school contact listed below for CHHS, JHHS and NHHS.** You must turn in two copies of your application. One copy should be a blind copy with your name and personal information blanked out or stars (\*\*\*) in place of your name. This applies to ALL parts of your application including your recommendations. The other copy should be with all of your information provided. The blind copy is used when scored.

**\*SELECTION PROCESS:**

Every submitted application will be forwarded to the Hardin County Schools Central Office if you meet all the requirements. The local district scoring committee will review and blind score applications from all three HCS schools (CH, JH, NH) and forward the top applications to the state GSP Selection Committee. The district is limited in the number of applications that may be sent to Frankfort. The state committee will score blindly all applications to insure fairness. The state committee consists of college admission personnel, college and high school teachers and education leaders from different areas of the state. Reminder that GSP applications are separated into sections and then totaled for final score.

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**NHHS:** Ms. Jamie Cheatwood, [jamie.cheatwood@hardin.kyschools.us](mailto:jamie.cheatwood@hardin.kyschools.us), 270.352.3163

**EC3:** Ms. Kristi Wright, [kristi.wright@hardin.kyschools.us](mailto:kristi.wright@hardin.kyschools.us), 270.769.7930

\*please note, juniors who attend EC3 are applying under their high school (CHHS, JHHS, NHHS) GSP deadline dates and school-specific requirements.