

2027 GSP Application - Instructions for Students

Instructions for Students:

- Find out your school's GSP application deadline from your school counselor.
- Create a login at gspky.smapply.us using the email address you wish to use throughout the GSP application process.
- Review the Helpful Hints document posted on the GSP website and linked within the online portal.
- Complete the student portion of the GSP application, including:
 - Personal Information Form
 - Focus Area Form
 - Consent Form – submit a request to your parent/guardian within the online portal
 - Note: Tell your parent/guardian this request is coming so they can watch for it.
 - Student Profile – include activities from 9th, 10th, and 11th grades
 - Extracurricular Activities
 - Service (volunteer or paid work)
 - Honors & Awards
 - Writing Entry – 500 words, select a specific prompt within the online portal
 - One 2027 Teacher Recommendation Form – submit a request to your teacher within the online portal
 - Note: Ask your teacher recommender first!
 - One 2027 Community Recommendation Form – submit a request to your community recommender within the online portal
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- Mark each section as “Complete” and download your application for a final review to make sure you haven't left out any relevant information. As your school deadline approaches and you are sure your application is complete, you will need to “Submit” your application. **Note: You will not be able to edit your application after this point.**
- After submission of your portion, your school counselor will complete the Academic Achievement section of your application including,
 - Unweighted GPA
 - Test score – ACT, PSAT, or SAT (you may need to provide them with your score report)
 - Difficulty of course load
- You will receive an email notification when your school counselor completes their section and advances your application to your school's review committee.
- Your school counselor will notify you of whether your application advances to the district/state level. If it advances to the state-level, you will be notified by mail of your status by the GSP office after the Statewide Selection is completed in the spring.

REMEMBER:

- Consult the FAQs if needed by clicking on “Pages” on the Navigation Bar across the top as you work within the online application portal.
- Be thorough and honest in all responses – make sure all your work is your own.
- You can keep adding new activities/service/honors to the student profile section up until your school's deadline. Take your time, save frequently, and review your application before finalizing and submitting it.
- Be sure to download a copy of your application for your own records after it's complete. You might use it as a reference for college applications in the future!
- If you have any questions throughout the Application & Selection Process, please consult with your School Counselor first or utilize the help feature within the online application portal. You can also contact the GSP office at 502-209-4420 or gsp@gspky.org.