



CREATING ENTREPRENEURIAL
OPPORTUNITIES

Due Date: JANUARY 19, 2018

Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities
Granite City CEO Class
2018-2019 Student Application

Dear Student Applicant:

The Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities (CEO) Class Board of Directors welcomes your application to participate in the 2018-2019 Granite City CEO Class.

CEO / CEO A (accelerated) is a unique year-long course designed for Senior Students to utilize partnerships that provide an overview of business development and processes. The local business community partners with area schools to create project based experiences for students by providing funding, expertise, meeting space, business tours and one-on-one mentoring. Students visit area businesses, learn from guest speakers, participate in a class business, write business plans, and start and operate their own business. Business concepts learned through the experiential CEO class are critical; the 21st century skills of creative problem solving, teamwork, self-motivation, responsibility, higher order thinking, communication and inquiry are at the heart of student development throughout the course. **Through this class you will learn the art of networking with many, many business people, and YOU will develop and/or enhance your 21st century skills!**

The class meets for 1 ½ hours each school day from 8:00-9:30 a.m. in a variety of businesses. Students earn 4 hours of SWIC college credit, MGMT - 299 Special Topics in Management, upon completion of the year-long course. The class is facilitated by a GCHS business teacher and completely supported financially by our CEO Business Investors.

The attached application must be completed in full and returned to the CEO Facilitator, Mrs. Karen Greenwald, on or before the date indicated above. The reference letters must be mailed as indicated. You will be notified of your acceptance status no later than mid-March. If selected, you will receive a permit from Mrs. Greenwald to finalize the registration process for this class. It is in your best interest to complete this as soon as possible; and, to encourage your references to complete and mail as soon as possible too.

Thank you for your interest in CEO. For more information, please check out our webpage at www.granitecityceo.com From here you can read student reflections from the current CEO students as well as program alumni, check out recent news on our CEO program, and you can see our Granite City CEO investors. You can also follow us on Fb and Twitter @GraniteCityCEO

We look forward to reviewing your application.

CEO Board of Directors

2018-2019 Granite City CEO CLASS APPLICATION

Blind Judging # _____

Student Name _____

Male

Female

Home Address _____
Street Number Street or Route City State Zip

Student Telephone (____) _____ Student Date of Birth ____/____/____

Email address _____

Name of High School _____ Current Grade Level _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Full Name _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Home Address (*if different than student's above*) _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Telephone (____) _____ (____) _____
(*if different than student number*)

Parent email addresses _____

Student Statement and Signature

- *I certify that to the best of my knowledge all of the information I have provided is accurate and that the work submitted is my own.*
- *I acknowledge that information about my selection to the CEO Class and the projects that I develop in CEO may be shared with the public.*
- *I understand that it is my responsibility to return this form and the required attachments to the CEO Facilitator, Mrs. Karen Greenwald. I further recognize that it is my responsibility to stay in touch with her to ensure that the application is filed in complete form and submitted in a timely manner.*
- *I agree to participate in a formal interview process prior to my selection to the program, if requested.*
- *I understand that if I am selected and participate in the CEO Class, I am making an ongoing commitment to remain engaged with the CEO Program as an alumnus.*
- *I understand and accept that transportation to the class site and back to GCHS is my responsibility every day. The success of each student and the entire class is dependent upon on-time arrival at all activities.*
- *I understand and accept the responsibility to participate in ongoing communication with the facilitator, and having a cell phone and an email address, will make this work the best.*

Applicant's Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Statement and Signature

- *I have reviewed the information on this form and give my permission for my child to proceed with the application process. I authorize my child's school and its employees to release any information necessary for this application.*
- *I recognize that it is my child's responsibility to ensure that the complete application is filed in accordance with the stated deadline.*
- *I understand that the application becomes the property of the school and cannot be returned.*
- *I understand that my child will be meeting off GCHS campus every day and my child will be responsible for their own transportation.*

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

**RETURN THIS PAGE WITH THE PERSONAL NARRATIVE STATEMENT
to Mrs. Karen Greenwald,
Room 163 or her Main Office Mailbox at GCHS**

APPLICATION RATING SYSTEM (100 points total):

- Personal Narrative Statement – 50 Points (to be submitted with class application page to GCHS Facilitator, Mrs. Greenwald)
- Guidance Counselor or GCHS Teacher Character Reference – 30 Points
- 1 Personal and 1 Business Character Reference – 10 points each

PERSONAL NARRATIVE STATEMENT (50 points):

- To create your narrative, please see the three questions below and provide answers. This will be a separate document which you **return with the CEO Class Application page. SUBMIT BOTH to Mrs. Karen Greenwald, CEO Class Facilitator, GCHS.**
 - Applicant name should be at the top of the page.
 - 1 page maximum, typed, double-spaced, 12 point font, 1 inch margins
1. **Introduce yourself to the selection committee. Describe your personality, work style, skills, and goals.**
 2. **Why are you are interested in the CEO Class?**
 3. **If you have ever started or considered starting your own business, please describe that idea or business as a part of this narrative.**

REFERENCES (50 Points Total) *

Please request three Character References, using the form included in this packet, as follows:

- One Personal Reference **(10 Points)**
- One Business Reference **(10 Points)**
- One High School Guidance Counselor or Teacher Reference **(30 Points)**

Note: These will not be returned with your application, but **the person providing the character reference will need to mail the form separately.**

Please deliver the attached CHARACTER REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE to each reference and ask them to send the completed form directly to the following address:

**GCHS - CEO Application
c/o Schooley Law Offices
P.O. 1289
Granite City, IL 62040**

*All completed CHARACTER REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRES must be received by the Due Date noted at the top of the Application.

CHARACTER REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Confidential form

Complete on behalf of the student listed below

(Do not return the form to applicant)

Student Name: _____

	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Motivation				
Work Ethic				
Responsibility Level				
Communication				
Initiative				
Character				
Maturity				
First Impression				
Sense of Humor				

How long have you known the applicant? _____ Are you related in any way? _____

Why do you believe the applicant is well-suited for CEO?

How do you feel the student will be able to handle the responsibility of attending class off-campus, driving to and from class, meeting with community leaders, and representing CEO?

Indicate your recommendation for the applicant:

- Highly recommend
 Recommend
 Recommend with reservations
 Not recommended

Provide any additional comments regarding student concerns, challenges, special qualities or any other information that is important for the committee to consider. You may attach additional page, if needed.

Name (print) _____ Guidance Counselor/Teacher Business Personal

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Please mail this form ASAP to:
(Please do not return completed form to applicant)

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