



Student Application

Due Date: February 20, 2018

Dear Students:

Congratulations on deciding to take this significant step in your life! We are excited to receive your application to participate in the 2018-2019 CEO class.

The Warren County CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) Program is much more than a textbook course. Students are immersed in real-life learning experiences with the opportunity to take risks, manage the results, and learn from the outcomes.

This year-long course is open to juniors and seniors at Monmouth-Roseville High School and United High School. Homeschooled students in Warren County may apply, as well. CEO is a four credit class (two credits per semester). Students may also receive dual credit from Carl Sandburg College at no cost.

The class meets with a facilitator for 90 minutes each school day from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. off-campus, in local businesses. (Students are responsible for their own transportation.) Thanks to support from our business investors, *there is no cost to students for this program.*

Throughout the year, students visit area businesses, learn from guest speakers, participate in a class business, write business plans, and start and operate their own business. Students learn problem solving, teamwork, self-motivation, responsibility, and communication during the course.

Please complete the attached application in full and *return it to your guidance counselor* by **Tuesday, February 20, 2018**. You will be notified of your acceptance status by March 15.

Thank you for your interest in CEO! We look forward to reviewing your application.

Sincerely,

Warren County CEO Program
Board of Directors

Warren County CEO Program Application

Date due to high school guidance counselor: 2/20/2018

Blind judging number (for office use only): _____

Student's Statement

- *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 Program 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 my guidance counselor. I further recognize that it is my responsibility to stay in touch with my guidance counselor 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 Program, I am making an ongoing commitment to remain engaged with the CEO Program as an alumni.*

Student's signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____ Female Male

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Birth date: _____

Email: _____

Please circle: Monmouth-Roseville, United, Home schooled Current grade: _____

Parent/Guardian's Statement

- *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.*

Parent/guardian's signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed name: _____

Address (if different than above): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Application Rating System

- Personal narrative statement—60 points
- Guidance counselor character reference—20 points
- Two additional personal or business character references—10 points each

Personal Narrative Statement

Please submit the narrative as a separate, one-page typed document, which is double-spaced, with a 12 point font and 1” margins. Your name should be at the top of the page. Do not bind the application or place it in a folder—simply paper clip the pages together.

Please address the following questions in your narrative.

1. Introduce yourself to the selection committee. Please provide examples of your personality, work style, skills and goals.
2. Why are you interested in the Warren County CEO Program?
3. Include any relevant work, volunteer experiences, or entrepreneurial activities you have undertaken (babysitting, social media, lawn mowing, dog walking, online sales, etc.), and/or any examples of activities you have initiated or led.

References

Please request three character reference forms as follows:

- One or two personal references—10 points each
- One or two business references—10 points each
- One high school guidance counselor reference—20 points

Do not submit more than two personal or business references.

All reference forms must be received by **Tuesday, February 20.**



Character Reference

Dear Warren County CEO Reference:

Thank you for taking the time to provide a reference for a Warren County CEO candidate!

CEO is about Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities throughout Warren County. It is a year-long experience that aims to empower talented young adults to become innovators, creative problem-solvers and enterprising, action-oriented entrepreneurs. Students visit area businesses, learn from experts, participate in a class business, write business plans, and start and operate their own business.

We believe the most successful candidates are highly motivated self-learners who value personal achievement and have the ability to empower themselves to seek opportunities and take action.

We meet for 90 minutes each school day from 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. in different businesses throughout the area. The class is open to all Warren County high school juniors and seniors in good standing.

Thank you again for submitting this reference form. Your input is very valuable to our evaluation process and the success of the program.

Please return this form by **Tuesday, February 20**, to:

For Monmouth-Roseville Students:

Emily Adolphson
Monmouth-Roseville High School
325 West 1st Ave.
Monmouth, IL 61462

For United Students:

Kay Shaver
United Senior High School
1905 100th St.
Monmouth, IL 61462

For homeschooled students, please send forms to Monmouth-Roseville High School.

Sincerely,

Warren County CEO Program Board of Directors

Character Reference for Warren County CEO Program

Blind judging number (for office use only): _____

Student's name: _____

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

Please refrain from using the student's name in the following comments.

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

Business Reference Personal Reference Guidance Counselor Reference

Why do you believe the applicant is a good candidate for the CEO Program?

How do you think 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?

If you have additional comments regarding student concerns, challenges, special qualities, or any other information for the committee to consider, please attach them to the application.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____