

GSEA Student Qualifications

Who is Qualified to Participate in an EO GSEA Competition?

*** Eligibility to compete is at the discretion of the GSEA Management Team. ***

The applicant must meet the following criteria:

1. Enrollment in a university/college at the time of application. Full-time enrollment is not required; part-time enrollment is acceptable.
 - a. If an applicant is attending university/college in a country other than his/her origin of birth, he/she will represent the country of study if he/she advances to the EO GSEA Global Finals.
2. Operation of the business for at least six months before the competition date joined with generated revenue of US\$500 or US\$1,000 in investment/backing.
 - a. The EO GSEA Local Chair may use their judgment to determine when business operations were actively taking place and if the student meets the six-month threshold.
Suggested methods of verification:
 - Date of business incorporation
 - Date of bank account opened
 - Date of first investment
 - b. Cash prize earnings from prior competitions are accepted as revenue and/or investment backing.
 - c. The student can graduate before the competition takes place as long as he/she is actively enrolled upon application submission.
3. The age cap for participation is 30 years of age.
4. The student must be an undergraduate or graduate student, as defined by the level of collegiate education following secondary/ high school.
 - a. Graduate students are eligible to apply only if they have continually enrolled in a university following their undergraduate degree and not left school to work on their business or to seek other employment. Exceptions can be made for students who have taken one academic year break before beginning their postgraduate education.
 - b. Secondary/high school students are not eligible for the EO GSEA program.
 - c. Students who competed in prior EO GSEA competitions are eligible to participate again, unless they were previously selected as a final round competitor, provided they meet the other criteria.
5. The student must apply and compete in a competition in their country of origin or study.