



## 2025 IMPACT REPORT

The Governor's School for Entrepreneurs planned and executed another groundbreaking year in 2025, welcoming our largest Summer Startup single session in history and forging new partnerships that expand opportunities for students across the commonwealth.

**With your support, we continue to identify, inspire,  
and empower Kentucky's future leaders.**

### Summer Startup

During our intensive, inspirational three-week program, high school students develop life-changing entrepreneurial skills.

### Collegiate Pitch

College teams from across Kentucky make their pitches, competing for funds to pursue their business dreams in the Bluegrass.

### The Ecosystem

We're building an active network of GSE's Summer Startup and Collegiate Pitch alums. Events, support, networking, and more.

**GSE**  
Summer Startup



**80+**

Kentucky-based  
businesses launched  
by Summer Startup  
alumni

**106**

Counties Served

**1,258**

Young Entrepreneurs  
Empowered

Creating Opportunity Across the Commonwealth Since 2013

**52%**

Female  
Students

**48%**

Male  
Students

**24%**

Students  
of Color

**≥61%**

Attended/Attending  
College in KY

“You can’t put a price on the networking at GSE. I met incredible peers who will be future business leaders in Kentucky, along with inspiring speakers who may one day be my business partners.”

**Thomas M.**  
GRANT COUNTY





“Summer Startup will have a profound impact on my future. The friendships I made, the personal growth I experienced, and the confidence I gained throughout the process are truly unmatched.”

**Taylor W.**  
HENDERSON COUNTY



“When I first came to GSE, I knew I wanted to own a business. Now I know I want to own a business and do something that gives back to my community—tying those two passions together.”

**Alisyn C.**  
PERRY COUNTY

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## Collegiate Pitch

### Funding Changemakers Since 2019

19  
Colleges Served

169  
Pitches Judged

54  
Kentucky-Based  
Businesses  
Awarded Funds

“Getting to see other entrepreneurs in their element and pitching our own business—it really inspired us, along with the opportunity to network and collaborate. We wouldn’t be here without GSE.”

**Golden Mashindi**

**JETSKI 502**

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

“I gained more confidence. Collegiate Pitch helped me really believe in my idea. It just fuels you to keep going.”

**Madison Bates**

**R.A.M. DEVICES**

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

“Receiving feedback from the judges was amazing. I feel really confident about our product and how we can improve. It was a great experience, I had a blast.”

**Emmanuel Haynes**

**G&E SOLUTIONS**

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE







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## Give Back

Our transformative programs are free for students, thanks to generous financial support.

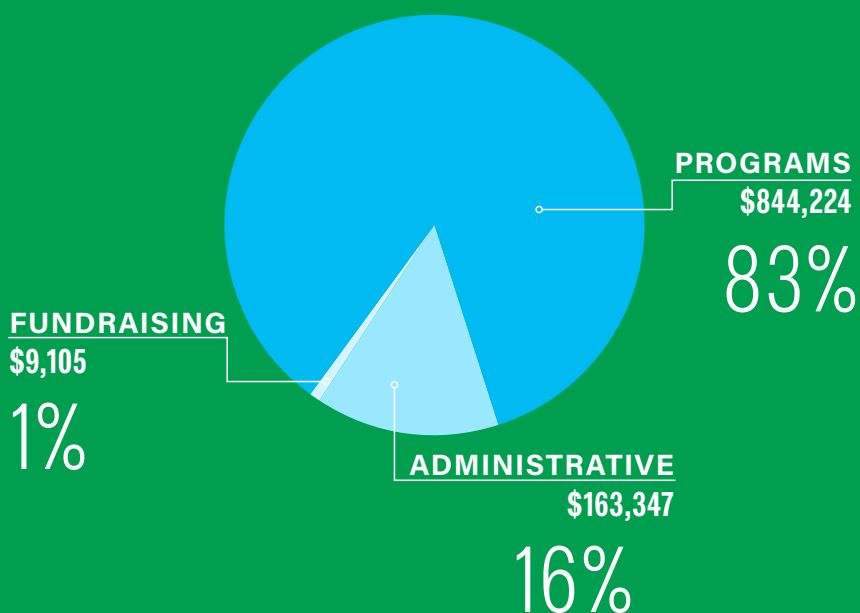


## 2025 Financials

Total Income \$1,195,091

Total Ending Net Assets \$1,654,326

### ALLOCATION OF DOLLARS



Invest in Kentucky's future with us!

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