Freshman/Running Start Gap Year Request

An enrollment deferral allows an incoming freshman who has been admitted to Western to start classes at a later term (no more than one year) than they originally indicated on the application. Requests to defer enrollment are typically granted for students interested in taking time to better prepare for success in college. Reasons for such a decision include working for professional experience or to save money, traveling abroad to gain language or international experience or volunteering in your community. Western will evaluate each request on a case by case basis. Until you are notified of any deferral decision, it is your responsibility to complete all admission and enrollment procedures that Western requires of incoming students for your original application term.

Enrollment deferrals are not typically granted for students electing to enroll in post-secondary courses at a university, community college, or school other than Western Washington University following their high school graduation. If you are interested in pursuing college-level credit during a gap year, contact Brent Bode at 360-650-4346 or brent.bode@wwu.edu prior to submitting this form.

Student Information

Full Name __________________________ Date of Birth __________________________
Western ID (if known) __________________________ Phone No. __________________________
Email Address __________________________

Deferral Information

Which term did you originally apply for (example: Fall 2018)? Please circle the appropriate quarter and indicate the year.

Fall Winter Spring Summer Year ______________
Which term did you wish to begin courses at Western? Please circle the appropriate quarter and indicate the year.

Fall Winter Spring Summer Year ______________
Please explain why you are requesting a later admissions term.

Do you plan to take college-level courses during your deferral term? Please circle one.

Yes  No
If you circled “Yes,” please indicate which institutions you will be enrolled at, and please contact Brent Bode in Admissions at 360-650-4346 prior to submitting this form.