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 Brian Swanson at 360-650-3441 or Brian.Swanson@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 2014)? 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 indicated which institutions you will be enrolled at, and please contact Brian Swanson in Admissions at 360-650-3441 prior to submitting this form.