

APPLICATION

YOUNG  
ENTREPRENEURS  
*Academy*



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*Create* VALUE,  
BE ENTREPRENEURIAL



# Student Criteria

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is for students in grades 9-12 who have demonstrated creativity, innovative ideas, academic effort, determination, enthusiasm, the ability to communicate, and a commitment to their community and family. Students who apply to the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) should be responsible individuals who pursue goals with tenacity. Prior experience in business is not required.

## YEA! ACADEMIC YEAR

**The Young Entrepreneurs Academy** academic year begins in January and ends in June. Classes meet every Thursday from 4-7pm (with the exception of Thursdays during school breaks and holiday recess), with occasional supplemental classes, at Central High School.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete Part I and II of the application form.
2. Write your essay.
3. Request a copy of your most recent transcripts from your school.
4. Ask a teacher, guidance counselor, religious or community leader to provide a recommendation as indicated in Part IV. Recommendations should be kept confidential and mailed separately to the Young Entrepreneurs Academy.
5. Send your completed application and mail to:

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY / GREATER ELKHART CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
418 S. MAIN STREET / ELKHART, IN 46516

6. Attend a personal interview with a YEA! Student Selection Committee member.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

Applications are accepted and student interviews are conducted on a rolling basis. The Young Entrepreneurs Academy will grant admission to a maximum of twenty four students annually. Applications for the 2012 academic year will be accepted until such time as the class cap is achieved. An application is considered complete when the Young Entrepreneurs Academy has received the application form, essay, transcript, and letter of recommendation.

Personal interviews are mandatory for consideration for admission. Interviews will be scheduled once a completed application is received.

## YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY TUITION

YEA! Academic Year \$295 Books and supplies are included with the price of tuition.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available and will be awarded on the basis of need and merit. For information and an application, please contact Kathy Cardwell at (574) 293-1531 x122 or kcardwell@elkhart.org.

## CANCELLATION

Parties will be responsible for any remaining tuition due. Should a student need to cancel their registration, please contact Kathy Cardwell at (574) 293-1531 x122 or kcardwell@elkhart.org.

Please Note: Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to cancel classes in the event of unforeseen circumstances. In such cases, a full refund will be made.

## PART 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION Male Female

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS (PRINT CLEARLY) \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE AS OF SEPTEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATION YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_ HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF BUSINESS \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ RECOMMENDER'S TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ RECOMMENDER'S AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the Young Entrepreneurs Academy?  teacher/educator  mailing to home  newspaper/radio/tv  website  other \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please select your tuition payment option:

- Full Payment (check or credit card)
- Installments (credit card only)  
-Plan must be selected before the start of class

Credit card will be charged semi-monthly beginning the 1st month of class

If my son/daughter is accepted as a student, I agree to abide by the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce regulations and rules. I understand that a payment plan must be selected and a deposit (\$73.75) received and that no deductions or refunds will be given for late cancellations or expulsion. Furthermore, I give permission for my son/daughter to attend all functions and activities connected with YEA!, including any which may be held off campus. I hereby release the Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce and the officers, trustees, employees, agents, and volunteers of the aforementioned organizations for all actions, claims, or demands for damages resulting from my son/daughter's participation in the activities, and from liability and damages, injuries, or losses which might be sustained by my child, except those caused by the direct and sole negligence of the aforementioned organizations.

Both signatures are required.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of student \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## PART II – STUDENT RESPONSE

**SHORT ANSWER** - On a separate sheet of paper please write a brief response to two of the following questions.

1. Why are you interested in learning about Entrepreneurship?
2. If you are currently in the process of launching your own business or social movement, or you have a creative and innovative idea for a business or social movement, please describe.
3. What entrepreneurial endeavor/story, either from the past or currently, inspires you? Please describe.

## ESSAY QUESTION

On a separate sheet of paper, please write a brief essay (approximately 300 words) on the following topic. You must submit this essay with your completed application to be considered for the Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

Successful entrepreneurs share similar characteristics, such as persistence, inquisitiveness, self-confidence, tolerance for failure, creativity, innovation, personal initiative, competitiveness, commitment, and strong management and organizational skills. Describe a situation when you demonstrated at least two of these characteristics, and the outcome.

## PART III – STUDENT TRANSCRIPT

Your most current transcript from your school must be included with the application form in order to be considered for YEA!. Most guidance offices will be able to help you with this.

## PART IV – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Ask a teacher, guidance counselor, or religious or community leader to write a letter or recommendation. Your letter of recommendation should address how long the recommender has known you and in what context, your academic abilities, level of maturity, social skills, commitment to the community, and other characteristics that demonstrate you are a good candidate for the program. Letters of recommendation should remain confidential, and must arrive by the application deadline to be considered for admission. Your recommender may send the letter by mail, fax, or email to:



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## PERTINENT DATES

Rolling Basis	Selection and Notification
January 2012	Orientation
January 2012	Classes Begin
April 2012	Investor Panel
May 2012	YEA! Saunders Scholars Event
June 2012	Trade Show Event
June 2012	Graduation

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