



YOUTH ENTREPRENEURIAL ACADEMY

June 3 - 7 and June 11, 2024

RECEIVE A \$500 SCHOLARSHIP

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

The priority deadline is **May 16, 2024**, or until full



APPLICATION INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE YOUTH ENTREPRENEURIAL ACADEMY?

The Youth Entrepreneurial Academy is a unique opportunity for a motivated high school student like you. It's designed to provide you with the fundamental skills to start your own business and become an entrepreneur.

The Youth Entrepreneurial Academy consists of several components, including an evening orientation and a five-day academy in which you focus on the development of skills, knowledge, and attitudes of entrepreneurship.

Upon successful completion of the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, you will be awarded a **\$500 Youth Entrepreneurial Academy Scholarship** if you choose to attend NIACC. This scholarship can also be used for summer or on-line classes at NIACC. In addition, if selected as a competition winner, you can earn an additional **\$500 in seed money** to help start your business.

PROCEDURE

1. You must complete the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy application form and return it to the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center. Your application package will consist of:
 - * A completed application form and statement of commitment, if selected
 - * A self-evaluation of approximately 250 words.
 - * A personal recommendation from a teacher, employer, or coach.
 - * A statement of commitment from your parent(s) or guardian supporting your participation in the program.
2. You will participate in a personal interview.

3. The John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center will notify you regarding your participation in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, you must:

- * Be a high school student.
- * Have a history of achievement in academics, employment, or extracurricular activities.
- * Plan to continue your education at a college or university after high school graduation.
- * Be able and willing to commit to attending a five-day academy on the NIACC Campus.
- * Have completed the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy student application form and participated in a student interview.

SELECTION

Students will be selected based on a combination of the written materials submitted and the personal interview. Students will be assessed in the areas of:

- * Innovation and creativity
- * Leadership
- * Motivation and interest
- * Unique competencies or expertise

BENEFITS

Academy enrollment includes:

- * \$500 Scholarship
- * Travel Expense paid
- * Potential money to start business

APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the following information.

Name: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

High School: _____

I am **currently** a high school: freshman sophomore junior senior **(please circle)**

Extracurricular activities, outside interests, hobbies:

Career goal:

Work experience:

Other areas of interest or specialization:

STUDENT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I understand that if I am selected to participate in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, I will:

- Participate in an orientation session with a parent or guardian.
- Attend a five-day Youth Entrepreneurial Academy at NIACC.
- Make the necessary time and transportation arrangements to enable me to participate in this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

SELF EVALUATION

Student's Name: _____

Summarize your activities and accomplishments, in 250 words or less, with all comments addressed to the four areas of:

- Innovation and creativity
- Leadership
- Motivation and interest
- Unique competencies or expertise

Why are you interested in attending?

What business would you start if you were given \$1 million dollars?

Describe your future goals and how you plan to achieve them?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION

(Examples: Teachers, Employer or Coach)

Student's Name: _____

I recommend this student be considered for the program. I believe the above student would be a successful and vested participant in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy developed and sponsored by the NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center.

Please address your comments to the four criteria:

- Innovation and creativity
- Leadership
- Motivation and interest
- Unique competencies or expertise

You may attach additional pages as appropriate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

Student's Name: _____

I understand that if my child is selected to participate in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, I will attend an evening orientation session with them.

I will support my child's participation in this program in whatever manner is appropriate and necessary.

My child has my support for the following reasons:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PERSONAL CHECKLIST

Before submitting your student application package for the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, please check to see that you have completed all requirements.

- ☐ I have read all instructions on the application form and understand the requirements for participation in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy.
- ☐ I have followed all the timelines.
- ☐ I have completed the application form.
- ☐ I have included my statement of commitment.
- ☐ I have included my self-evaluation essay.
- ☐ I have included my personal recommendation.
- ☐ I have included a statement of commitment from my parent(s).
- ☐ (Optional) I have included any additional supporting materials in an appendix. (No more than five pages.)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Individuals having questions or complaints related to compliance with this policy should contact Shelly Schmit, EEO/AA Officer, 500 College Drive, Mason City, IA 50401 or via telephone at 641-422-4211 or Shelly.Schmit@niacc.edu. Inquiries may also be directed to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, John C. Kluczynski Federal Building, 230 S. Dearborn Street, 37th Floor, Chicago, IL 60604-7204, phone number: 312/730-1560, fax: 312/730-1576, TDD: 800-877-8339, Email: OCR.Chicago@ed.gov