APPLICATION

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS *Academy*

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Student Criteria

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is for students in grades 6-12 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 November and ends in June. Classes meet every Wednesday from 4-7pm (with the exception of Wednesdays during school breaks and holiday recess) at Mohawk Valley Community College.

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 / MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
   ATTN: LISA PHILIPSON / CCED / 1101 SHERMAN DRIVE / UTICA, NY 13501

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 2012-2013 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. Payment will be due upon acceptance into the academy.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available and will be awarded on the basis of need and merit. For information and an application, please contact Lisa Philipson at Mohawk Valley Community College (315) 792-5472.

CANCELLATION

Parties will be responsible for any remaining tuition due. Should a student need to cancel their registration, please contact YEA! for more information at (315) 792-5472.

Please Note: Mohawk Valley Community College 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 _____

STUDENT RELEASE

If my son/daughter is accepted as a student, I agree to abide by Mohawk Valley Community College regulations and rules. I understand that no 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 Mohawk Valley Community College and the officers, trustees, employees, agents, and volunteers of the aforementioned organizations for all actions, claims, or demands for damages resultingfrom 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	Application Deadline
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November 2012	Orientation
November 2012	Classes Begin
April 2013	Investor Panel
May 2013	YEA! Saunders Scholars Event
June 2013	Trade Show Event
June 2013	Graduation

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