

YEA! STUDENT APPLICATION



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STUDENT CRITERIA

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is for students in grades 7-12 who have demonstrated creativity, innovative ideas, academic effort, determination, enthusiasm, the ability to communicate, and a commitment to their communities and families. 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 YEA! class meets once a week for three hours after school with the exception of school breaks and holiday recess.

Academic year begins in October and ends in May.
Classes meet every Monday from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Young Entrepreneurs Academy Tuition:

Tuition includes access to a network of local leaders and business professionals, built-in investment opportunities, field trips, events, books and supplies, and the chance to compete for college scholarships!



YEA! Academic Year

\$495

Scholarships:

Scholarships are available and will be awarded on the basis of need and merit. For information and an application, please contact your local YEA! Program Manager.



YEA! STUDENTS have been awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in college scholarships as a result of their involvement in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

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

6. Mail your completed application and **\$20** application fee to:
HEB Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 969, Bedford, TX 76095
Attn.: YEA Program

Application Deadline, Personal Interviews, and Acceptance Notification:



An application is considered complete when YEA! has received the application form, essay, transcript, application fee, and letter of recommendation.

Student interviews are conducted on a rolling basis.

Class size is limited and the admissions process is competitive.

Application deadline for the 2016-2017 year is
September 19, 2016

Cancellation:

Parties will be responsible for any remaining tuition due. Full or partial refunds are not given under any circumstances. Should a student need to cancel their registration, please contact your local YEA! program manager.

PART I – Student Information

Student Name	Age	DOB
Address	City / State / ZIP	
Student's Email Address	Cell Phone Number	
School	Grade as of September 2016	Graduation Year
Parent / Guardian 1 Name	E-mail Address	
Place of Business	Primary Phone	
Parent / Guardian 2 Name	E-mail Address	
Place of Business	Primary Phone	
Recommender's Name	Recommender's Affiliation	
Recommender's E-mail Address	Recommender's Phone	



- ### ESSAY QUESTION

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.

☐ Teacher / Educator ☐ Mailing to Home ☐ Newspaper / Radio / TV ☐ Website ☐ Other

Type of Payment: ☐ Checks made payable to your local Young Entrepreneurs Academy location: _____ ☐ **Check Number:** _____

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Card Number:


 Expiration Date:

Name as it appears on card (please print): _____ Signature _____ Amount: _____

Please select your tuition payment option:
(Plan must be selected before the start of class)

☐ Full Payment (check or credit card)
☐ Installments (credit card only)

If my son/daughter is accepted as a student, I agree to abide by YEA! regulations and rules which can be found at www.yeausa.org. I understand that a payment plan must be selected and a deposit received and that no deductions or refunds will be given for cancellations, expulsion or withdrawal. 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 Young Entrepreneurs Academy 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.



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Both signatures are required.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ **Date** _____

Signature of Student _____ **Date** _____



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START AS A STUDENT, GRADUATE AS A CEO!

In the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, you will have the opportunity to:

1. Come up with the big idea!
2. Pitch to a panel of investors for the opportunity to get real funding for your business!
3. Launch a REAL business or social movement!
4. Market at the YEA! Tradeshow to create awareness, general real sales and gain customers!



PREVIOUS WINNERS FROM HEB

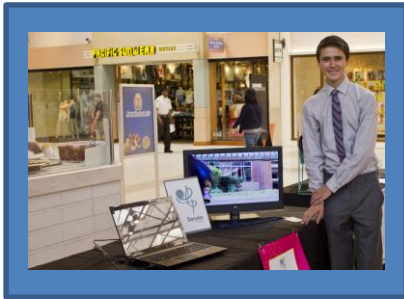
Maria and Daniel Ghaly (2016)

Dress to Express

Thanks to the knowledge and support gained through the Young Entrepreneur Program, Dress to Express and its CoCEOs', Maria Ghaly and Daniel Ghaly, have had great success! This business creates and sells unique, personalized dress magnets that have a wide variety of uses, designs, sizes, strengths, and weights. These versatile magnets can be used to weigh down skirts or dresses, keep clothing, such as jackets or scarves, in place, or clip back pants while biking. They can even be used as magnetic brooches, cufflinks, or lanyard or tie clips, giving any outfit a unique look!

Since winning the Investor Panel and earning all the money the business asked for,

Dress to Express has had the opportunity to present their product in a District Board Meeting, and in two faculty meetings at the CoCEOs' school. Most exciting of all, Dress to Express competed in the Saunders Scholars Competition in Rochester, NY in early May.



Cameron Kostopoulos (2015)

Dionysian Productions

Cameron Kostopoulos is a senior at L.D. Bell High school and is the CEO of his video production company. Dionysian Productions. Cameron used his passion for videography to create a business where he can make money doing what he loves, and have fun doing so! Since winning in 2015, he has produced a multitude of videos for local businesses throughout the HEB area, and has even created several recurring clients through his services. Through targeting the HEB Chamber of Commerce and its affiliations, he has been able to expand his business name and

create videos to assist local businesses in attracting customers.

KEY DATES	
October 2016	Orientation
October 2016	Classes Begin
March 2017	Investor Panel
April 2017	Trade Show Event
May 2017	YEA! Graduation
May 2017	Saunders Scholars Event

