



VALENTINE BUSINESS PLAN CHALLENGE APPLICATION

Applications must be received by Mid-Plains Community College by the application deadline of December 1, 2018 in order to be eligible for the competition.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip-Code, County: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Are you 18 years-old or older? Yes No

Check the box that applies to your situation:

Student Business Start-up Business Expansion

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip-Code, County: _____

Business Email Address: _____ Business Phone: _____

Business Website: _____ Number of Employees: _____

Business Description:

(Complete application on next page)

Letter of Interest

To ensure fairness for all participants and each applicants interest of the competition, Mid-Plains Community College is asking that all participants include a Letter of Interest to be submitted along with their application. The letter should include all of the following components: What type of business the applicant is looking to startup or expansion of an existing business? What skills do you possess that pertain to the business? What steps have you taken/began towards the startup or expansion of your business? What type of market is your business intended for? How do you think the market will respond to your business or the expansion of it? What do you think the prize money would do to help your business with (i.e. next steps, startup, expansion, etc.)? Include your Letter of Interest on the bottom part of this sheet or on an attached sheet of paper.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Send this completed application to petersenc@mpcc.edu with the subject line:

Valentine Business Plan Challenge Competition Application: [Insert Your Name Here]

or print and send to:

Mid-Plains Community College - Valentine Campus Valentine Campus / 715 East Highway 20 / Valentine, NE 69201

Partially completed applications will not be accepted. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Central time (U.S.) on November 30, 2018, along with the signed agreement form and must be received, postmarked by, or hand delivered on that date.

VALENTINE BUSINESS PLAN CHALLENGE AGREEMENT

By signing this form, I understand and agree to the terms stated below:

The following agreements relate to funding received from the *Valentine BUbusiness Plan Challenge at Mid-Plains Community College - Valentine Campus (a division of Mid-Plains Community College)*, for receiving cash prize money, scholarships, and tuition.

When funds are disbursed on my behalf (either directly to me or to my business entity) subsequent to the competition ending with my participation, I agree/understand to/that:

- √ I agree that I am at least 18 years of age or older.
- √ I am a startup business owner or existing business owner that has been conducting business for no more than 5 years and I reside in one of the participating counties in the Valentine Area.
- √ Once receiving a prize (of any size/amount) from the competition I do not plan to relocate my business outside of the Valentine Area.
- √ I agree that my business plan submission is the original work of myself and/or members of my team submission. And any plagiarized business plans will be disqualified from the competition.
- √ I agree that, should I/we be chosen as a finalist or winner, I/we will use the prize winnings to establish or continue operations that employ people in the Valentine Area and invest prize winnings to the startup a company or back into my/our company.
- √ I agree/understand that partially completed applications will not be accepted. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Central time (U.S.) on December 1, 2018, along with the signed agreement form and must be received, postmarked by, or hand delivered on that date.
- √ I agree/understand should I fail or withdraw from the mandatory Entrepreneurship Business Plan writing course, I am required to reimburse MPCC for all tuition and fees.
- √ I agree/understand that all applicants risk disqualification if they attempt to approach a judge, or have someone do that on their behalf, in connection with the competition.
- √ I agree/understand that the decisions of the judges are final, including interpretation of the rules.
- √ By participating in the competition, I agree to allow my name and/or picture to be used in marketing materials for the program.
- √ I understand that any prize money received will be counted/considered as income and obtain a IRS form 1099 for the amount accepted.

I will be responsible for repaying Mid-Plains Community College a refund in an amount equal to the funding disbursed and not used for the stated event. If a refund is required, I agree that the refund payment must be paid to MPCC within 60 days from the date the event was to have commenced.

My signature below signifies my understanding of the agreements cited above and my commitment to fulfill these agreements

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Date

Staff Signature

Received On