



# HORMEL **ENTREPRENEURSHIP** COMPETITION

AT MCCOOK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## BUSINESS PLAN COMPETITION APPLICATION

**Applications must be received by Mid-Plains Community College by the application deadline of noon, Dec. 1, 2025 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, Sate, 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 [HormelEntrepreneurshipCompetition@mpcc.edu](mailto:HormelEntrepreneurshipCompetition@mpcc.edu) with the subject line:

**Hormel Entrepreneurship Competition Application: [Insert Your Name Here]**

or print and send to:

**McCook Community College | Business and Community Education | 905 E 7th Street | McCook, NE 69001**

Partially completed applications will not be accepted. Applications are due by noon CT (U.S.) on Dec. 1, 2025, along with the signed agreement form and must be received or hand delivered on that date.

# HORMEL ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITION **AGREEMENT**

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

The following agreements relate to funding received from the Hormel Entrepreneurship Competition at McCook Community College (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 Southwestern Nebraska region (consisting of Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Hayes, Hitchcock, and Red Willow counties).
- ✓ Once receiving a prize (of any size/amount) from the competition I do not plan to relocate my business outside the listed seven county area or out of the state of Nebraska.
- ✓ I agree that my business plan submission is the original work of myself and/or members of my team submission. 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 Southwestern Nebraska 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 noon CT (U.S.) on Dec. 1, 2025, along with the signed agreement form and must be received 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 McCook Community College (MCC) 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 MCC 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.

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*Signature*

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*Date*

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*Printed Name*

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*Date*

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*Staff Signature*

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*Received On*