

APPLICATION

YOUNG
ENTREPRENEURS
Academy



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Student Criteria

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy, or YEA!, is a class that teaches students how to start and run their own real businesses. YEA! is for students 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 is an elective course offered at our high school that students may enroll in. Classes follow the traditional school schedule and begin in January and end in May. Classes do not meet during school breaks.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Complete Part I and II of the application form.
2. Write your essay.
3. Ask a teacher, guidance counselor, religious or community leader to provide a recommendation as indicated in Part III.
4. Mail your application to:
THE YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY / WARREN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ATTN: OB MCCORKLE / PO BOX 27 / WARRENTON, GA 30828
5. Attend a personal interview with a YEA! Student Selection Committee member.

APPLICATION DEADLINE, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

Applications will be accepted until October 28, 2011. An application is considered complete when YEA! has received the application form, essay, and letter of recommendation. Personal admissions interviews are mandatory for consideration for YEA! Interviews will be scheduled once a completed application is received.

PART 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION Male Female

STUDENT NAME _____ AGE _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

STUDENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2011 _____ GRADUATION YEAR _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN _____ HOME TELEPHONE _____

PLACE OF BUSINESS _____

BUSINESS/CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN _____ HOME TELEPHONE _____

PLACE OF BUSINESS _____

BUSINESS/CELL PHONE _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

RECOMMENDER'S NAME _____ RECOMMENDER'S TELEPHONE _____

RECOMMENDER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____ RECOMMENDER'S AFFILIATION _____

PART 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION (Continued)

How did you find out about the Young Entrepreneurs Academy? teacher/educator mailing to home newspaper/radio/tv website other_____

If my son/daughter is accepted as a YEA! student, I agree to abide by the regulations and rules. 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, my child's school, 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. 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 enrolling in the Young Entrepreneurs Academy?
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 – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Ask a teacher, guidance counselor, or religious or community leader to write a letter of 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 submit the letter to the guidance office. Please clearly mark YEA! on the envelope.

For additional information, please contact:

The Young Entrepreneurs Academy
Warren County Chamber of Commerce
Attn: OB McCorkle
PO Box 27
Warrenton, GA 30828
706-465-9604





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PERTINENT DATES

October 2011	Application Deadline
Ongoing	Selection and Notification
January 2012	Orientation
January 2012	Classes Begin
March 2012	Investor Panel
May 2012	Trade Show Event
May 2012	Last Day of Class
May 2012	Graduation



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