



**YOUTH ENTREPRENEURIAL ACADEMY  
JUNE 17-21, 2012**

**STUDENT APPLICATION FORM**

YEA deadline is May 4, 2012



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# APPLICATION INFORMATION

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## WHAT IS THE YOUTH ENTREPRENEURIAL ACADEMY?

The Youth Entrepreneurial Academy is a unique opportunity for motivated high school junior and seniors like you. It's designed to provide you with the fundamental skills to start your own business and become an entrepreneur.

The Youth Entrepreneurial Academy consists of several components including an evening orientation and a free, residential camp in which you focus on the development of skills, knowledge, and attitudes of entrepreneurship.

Upon successful completion of the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, you will be awarded an automatic **\$500 Youth Entrepreneurial Academy Scholarship** if you choose to attend NIACC following high school. You can also choose to receive 2 semester hour credits from NIACC with the scholarship money.

Up to \$2000 in scholarships are available to students enrolling in the Associate in Science (Business/Entrepreneurship) Degree program at NIACC.

## PROCEDURE

1. You must complete the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy application form and return it to the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center. Your application package will consist of:
  - \* A completed application form and statement of commitment, if selected
  - \* A self-evaluation essay of approximately 250 words.
  - \* A teacher recommendation.
  - \* A statement of commitment from your parent(s) supporting your participation in the program, if selected.

2. You will participate in a personal interview.
3. The John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center will notify you regarding your participation in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy.

## ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, you must:

- \* Be in your junior or senior year of high school.
- \* Have a history of achievement in your academic subjects.
- \* Plan to continue your education at a college or university after high school graduation.
- \* Be able and willing to commit to attend a residential camp on the NIACC Campus.
- \* Have completed the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy student application form and participated in a student interview.

## SELECTION

Students will be selected based on combination of the written materials submitted and the personal interview. Students will be assessed in the areas of:

- \* Innovation and creativity
- \* Leadership
- \* Motivation and interest
- \* Unique competencies or expertise

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# APPLICATION FORM

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Please complete the following information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

I am **currently** a high school:    junior    senior    (please circle)

Extracurricular activities, outside interests, hobbies:

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Career goal:

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Work experience:

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Other areas of interest or specialization:

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## STUDENT STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

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I understand that if I am selected to participate in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, I will:

- Participate in an orientation session.
- Attend a free, one-week residential Youth Entrepreneurial Academy at NIACC.
- Make the necessary time and transportation arrangements to enable myself to participate in this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SELF EVALUATION

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Summarize your activities and accomplishments, in 250 words or less, with all comments addressed to the four areas of:

- Innovation and creativity
- Leadership
- Motivation and interest
- Unique competencies or expertise

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I believe the above student would be a successful and interested participant in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy developed and sponsored by the NIACC John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center. I recommend this student be considered for the program**

Please address your comments to the four criteria of:

- Innovation and creativity
- Leadership
- Motivation and interest
- Unique competencies or expertise

You may attach additional pages as appropriate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PARENTAL STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

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Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that if my child is selected to participate in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, he/she will attend an orientation session and a free, one-week residential summer camp.**

**I will support my child's participation in this program in what ever manner is appropriate and necessary.**

**My child has my support for the following reasons:**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# PERSONAL CHECKLIST

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Before submitting your student application package for the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy, please check to see that you have completed all requirements.

- I have read all instructions on the application form and understand the requirements for participation in the Youth Entrepreneurial Academy.
- I have followed all timelines.
- I have completed the application form.
- I have included my statement of commitment.
- I have included my self-evaluation essay.
- I have included my teacher's recommendation.
- I have included a statement of commitment from my parent(s).
- (Optional) I have included any additional supporting materials in an appendix. (No more than five pages.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to Students.**

The John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the Center. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national, and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, tuition assistance, and other school-administered programs. Nor does the Center discriminate against anyone on the basis of gender, religion, age, veteran status, or disability in admission to and implementation of its programs.