



Student Application for Idaho Entrepreneur Academy Academic Year 2017-2018

The Idaho Entrepreneur Academy (IdEA) is for students in 6-12 grade 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 Idaho Entrepreneur Academy (IdEA) should be responsible individuals who pursue goals with tenacity. **Prior experience in business is not required.**

IdEA ACADEMIC YEAR

The **Idaho Entrepreneur Academy** academic year begins in October and ends in May. Classes meet every Tuesday from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm (with the exception of Tuesdays during school breaks and holiday recess) at the West Ada School District Training Center, 1303 E Central Drive in Meridian.

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, religious 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. Send your completed application and mail to:

IDAHO ENTREPRENEUR ACADEMY / MERIDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ATTN: MICHELLE LEVERETT/P.O. BOX 7/MERIDIAN, ID 83680

6. Attend a personal interview with an IdEA Student Selection Committee member.

APPLICATION DEADLINE, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

Applications are accepted and student interviews are conducted on a rolling basis. The Idaho Entrepreneur Academy will grant admission to a maximum of twenty-four students annually. Applications for the 2017-2018 academic year will be accepted through October 13, 2017. An application is considered complete when the Idaho Entrepreneurs Academy has received the application form, essay, transcript, and letter of recommendation and the \$10 application fee. Personal interviews of the student and their parents are mandatory for consideration for admission. Interviews will be scheduled once a completed application is received.

IDAHO ENTREPRENEUR ACADEMY TUITION

IdEA Academic Year \$495 Books and supplies are included with the price of tuition.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Partial scholarships are available and will be awarded based on need and merit. For information and an application, please contact Michelle Leverett at the Meridian Chamber of Commerce at michelle.leverett@meridianchamber.org or 208.888.2817.

CANCELLATION

Should a student need to cancel their registration, please contact Michelle Leverett at the Meridian Chamber of Commerce at 208.888.2817 or Michelle.Leverett@meridianchamber.org.

Please Note: Meridian Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to cancel classes in the event of unforeseen circumstances. In such cases, a full refund will be made.

PART 1 – STUDENT INFORMATION Male Female

STUDENT NAME _____ AGE _____ DOB _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

STUDENT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS (PRINT CLEARLY) _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER _____ GRADE AS OF SEPTEMBER _____

SCHOOL _____ GRADUATION YEAR _____

MOTHER/GUARDIAN _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

PLACE OF BUSINESS _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

FATHER/GUARDIAN _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ CELL PHONE _____

PLACE OF BUSINESS _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

RECOMMENDER'S NAME _____

RECOMMENDER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

RECOMMENDER'S AFFILIATION _____ RECOMMENDER'S TELEPHONE _____

How did you find out about the Young Entrepreneurs Academy? teacher/educator via Email newspaper/radio/tv
 website other _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

The \$10 application fee may be paid with check or credit card, and must be included with the application.

Type of Payment: Check/Check number _____ Visa Mastercard

Card Number _____ Expiration date _____ CSV Code _____

Name as it appears on card (please print) _____

Signature _____ Amount _____

Please select your tuition payment option:

Full Payment (check or credit card) \$495.00

Installments (credit card only)

- \$123.75 Deposit with 3 monthly payments of \$123.75 each

Full payment of deposit is due before the 1st class meeting

If my son/daughter is accepted as a student, I agree to abide by the Meridian Chamber of Commerce regulations and rules. I understand that a payment plan may be selected and a deposit (\$123.75) received and that no deductions or refunds will be given for late cancellations or expulsion.

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend all functions and activities connected with IdEA, including any which may be held off campus. I hereby release the Meridian Chamber of Commerce, the West Ada School District Training Center, 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 learning about Entrepreneurship?
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 Idaho Entrepreneurs Academy.

Topic:

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 – STUDENT TRANSCRIPT

Your most current transcript from your school must be included with the application form in order to be considered for IdEA. Most guidance offices will be able to help you with this.

PART IV – LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Ask a teacher, guidance counselor, or religious or community leader to write a letter or 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 send the letter by mail, fax, or email to:

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