

## **Commonly Asked Questions about the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Program**

**1.) What age group is accepted into the YEA Program?**

The YEA program is looking for students in middle and high school that are Loudoun County students. If a student lives in Loudoun but is enrolled in a private school in a different county they are still eligible to apply.

**2.) How long is the program?**

The program runs from October 2018 to May 2019.

**3.) Where and when are the classes held?**

The class is held at the Mason Enterprise Center in downtown Leesburg from 5 to 8 pm on Tuesday nights

**4.) Are there any scholarship opportunities?**

Yes, the chamber offers scholarships to students who are a part of the LCPS CAMPUS program. Payment plans are also offered. If your student is not a part of the CAMPUS program but you are seeking scholarship assistants, please contact Program Manager K.C. Repage- [krepage@loudounchamber.org](mailto:krepage@loudounchamber.org)

**5.) How much is tuition?**

\$795

**6.) How many students are accepted into the program?**

20-24 students will be accepted for the Class of 2019.

**7.) Does my student have to fill out the application?**

To be considered for the YEA program all applicants must fill out the application completely. If your application meets the programs standards you will be asked to come in for an interview with the panel. After your interview you will be notified of your admission status.

**8.) How much time do the students spend outside of the classroom work on their businesses?**

We make sure to give the students plenty of time in class to work on their businesses. Depending on what the business is that the student is creating will determine the amount of extra work they do outside the class.

**9.) In order to apply for the program does my student need to have a business idea?**

No, students do not need to have a business idea to enter into the program.

**10.) Is there extra help offered to the students?**

Yes! KC has multiple office hours for the students to come get extra help. Usually these office hours are when the students are off school for teacher work days and other holidays.

**11.) What do student do during the 30 weeks?**

During the 30 weeks' students create their own business and business plan. They are taught how to create, pitch, and launch their own businesses. Students will be required to participate in the CEO Round Table, Investor Panel, and End of Year Trade Show. Students will then have the ability to launch their own businesses.

**12.) Can students do the YEA program for multiple years?**

This is a one year program for students. After students graduate the YEA program we get them set up with the Small Business Development Center in Leesburg who will coach them through the startup of their business.