



OFFICIAL CONTEST PACKET

Hosted by the Colleton County Chamber of Commerce

This packet includes contest rules, application, judging rubric, and parent permission form. Students ages 10-18 in Colleton County are invited to submit an original business idea for the \$500.00 Future Colleton Entrepreneurs Scholarship.



Does your child have a big idea? We want to hear it!

The Future Colleton Entrepreneurs Contest invites students ages 10–18 in Colleton County to share their original business ideas for a chance to win a \$500 scholarship to support their future goals.

Whether they already have a business that could use a little boost or they are just brainstorming their idea for their business, this contest is all about thinking big, being creative, and imagining what's possible. No presentations, no pressure, simply have them submit their idea in writing and let their creativity shine!

Hosted by the Colleton County Chamber of Commerce, this contest is open to all students (public, private, or homeschool) and Chamber membership is not required.

If your child has ever dreamed of starting your own business, this is their moment!

Official Rules:

1. Eligibility:

- Open to students ages 10-18 years
- Participants must reside in or attend school in Colleton County
- Open to all students, including public, private, and homeschool
- Chamber membership is not required
- Children of judges, chamber staff, and board members are not eligible

2. Entry Guidelines

- Each student may submit 1 original business idea
- All submissions must be the student's own work
- No use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) allowed (including but not limited to ChatGPT, CoPilot, Alexa, Google AI, etc). Any use of AI will immediately disqualify the student from the contest.
- Submissions must be completed in full and submitted by the posted deadline

3. Submission format

- This is a written submission-only contest
- No live presentations or interviews are required

- Submissions must be submitted using the official contest application form
- Late, incomplete, or corrupted submissions will not be considered

4. Judging process

- Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of judges selected by the Colleton County Chamber of Commerce Board and Executive Director
- Entries will be scored using a standardized scoring rubric
- Judges will consider age appropriateness when evaluating
- Judges' decisions are final and binding

5. Scholarship award

- One student will be awarded the \$500 Future Colleton Entrepreneurs Scholarship
- The scholarship is intended to support educational or entrepreneurial development
- The scholarship is non-transferable and may not be exchanged for cash

6. Code of Conduct

- Participants must submit original work
- Plagiarism, inappropriate content, or dishonesty will result in disqualification
- The chamber reserves the right to disqualify any participant who violates contest rules

7. Parent/Guardian Consent

- A signed parent or legal guardian permission form is required for all participants
- Entries without proper consent will not be judged

8. Media and Promotional Release

- By entering, participants and parents grant permission for the use of the student's name, likeness, and submitted materials for promotional purposes.
- Promotional purposes may include social media, websites, newsletters, and printed materials
- No additional compensation will be provided

9. Privacy

- Personal information will be used solely for contest administration and promotion
- Information will not be sold or shared outside of the contest and chamber activities

10. Right to Modify or Cancel

- The chamber reserves the right to modify, suspend, or cancel the contest if necessary
- Any changes will be communicated to participants

11. General conditions

- By submitting an entry, participants agree to abide by all contest rules.
- Failure to comply will result in disqualification

12. Check -In

- The winning participant must provide an update on the business six (6) months after receiving the scholarship and must detail how the business is doing/ what was purchased with the funds.

13. Questions

- For questions regarding the contest, please contact the chamber at chamberadmin@colletoncounty-chamber.org



Youth Business Pitch Application

Student Information:

Student Name: _____

Age: _____

Grade: _____

School (or Homeschool): _____

Parent/Guardian Contact

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Question and Answer. These questions are questions that would be answered if you were creating your own business plan. Think of this as your jumping point for your business! If you are currently running your business and are applying for this scholarship, you can use these questions to explain your current business and how it could be expanded.

Name of business or business idea

Describe your business

Who is this business for? (Kids, Families, Farmers, Schools, Teachers, Visitors, Etc.)

How would this business make money? (Selling items, charging for a service, etc)

What do you need to get started (or what do you need to expand your current business)?

What might be a challenge for your business and how would you try to solve it?

Why do you think it is important to start a business in Colleton County?

Why do you think supporting local businesses is important?

If you win the scholarship, what would the funds go toward?

Do you have a portfolio/prototype/photo of your business that you can provide? If yes, please attach them to the application.

I confirm that these answers are my own original work.

Student Signature _____ Date _____



Parent/Guardian Permission & Media Release

I give permission for my child to participate in the Future Colleton Entrepreneurs Contest hosted by the Colleton County Chamber of Commerce. I understand that all submissions must be original and judges' decisions are final.

I grant permission for the use of my child's name, likeness, and submitted materials for promotional purposes without compensation.

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____