

# Youth in Business Competition

## General Competition Guidelines

Youth in Business Competition is open to current High School Students in the South Haven, Bangor and Covert Public school systems. Area private and homeschooled students are also invited to participate.

This is an individual competition. No team entries permitted. Students must create concept and complete assignments themselves, though they are encouraged to consult with business people, teachers, parents, etc.

Scoring will be based on overall concept, presentation, and participation in seminars. Judges will be appointed by the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of business leaders and community members. Judges' decisions will be final.

Students are required to present their business to judges and community members at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Community Expo on April 13, 2019 from 9am-2pm in order to qualify for awards. 1<sup>st</sup> place will win \$1,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$750, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$500.

## How to Participate

- Submit completed application no later than November 30, 2018.
- Complete required status updates/reporting during the program (see program timeline). You will receive constructive feedback on your progress that will help you refine your project prior to final presentation/judging.
- Attend program seminars if desired. (Failure to attend will negatively impact participant's overall score.)
- Present completed project at the Community Expo on April 13, 2019.

## Program Timeline

November 30, 2018 – Completed applications due.

December 10, 2018 – Seminar Session 1: "Business Basics- due diligence"

January 14, 2019 – Business concept due.

February 15, 2019 – Seminar Session 2: "Preparing to Launch your Business- the nitty gritty"

February 22, 2019 – Business plan due.

April 13, 2019 – Present completed business concept to judges and community members at 2019 Community Expo at South Haven High School.

Program details and materials available at [SouthHavenMI.com/youth-in-business](http://SouthHavenMI.com/youth-in-business)

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