APPLICATION

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS Academy

Niagara University
Education That Makes a Difference

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TRANSFORM IDEAS,
Create VALUE,
BE ENTREPRENEURAL
The Young Entrepreneurs Academy is for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 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 Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) should be responsible individuals who pursue goals with tenacity. Prior experience in business is not required.

YEA! ACADEMIC YEAR

The Niagara University Young Entrepreneurs Academy academic year begins in October and ends in May. Wednesday from 4-7pm (with the exception of Wednesdays during school breaks and holiday recess) at the Niagara University Campus.

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 Niagara University.
5. Enclose your $30 application fee with your completed application and mail to:
   YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY / DUNLEAVY HALL, ROOM 103
   NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK 14109
6. Attend a personal interview with a YEA! Student Selection Committee member on the date selected in the application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE, PERSONAL INTERVIEWS, AND ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

The application deadline is May 1st. An application is considered complete when the Young Entrepreneurs Academy has received the application form, essay, transcript, application fee, and letter of recommendation.

Personal admissions interviews are mandatory for consideration for YEA! Interviews will be scheduled once a completed application is received.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY TUITION

- YEA! Academic Year: $1000
- Niagara University Community*: $900

Books and supplies are included with the price of tuition.

*Children and grandchildren of Niagara University faculty, employees and alumni.

CANCELLATION

Should a student need to cancel their registration, please contact YEA!
- There will be no refunds for cancellations received after the start of class. Parties will be responsible for any remaining tuition due.

Please Note: Niagara University 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) ______________________________________ TELEPHONE NUMBER ________________________________________
SCHOOL__________________________________________________________
GRADE AS OF SEPTEMBER__________________________GRADUATION YEAR__________________________
MOTHER/GUARDIAN__________________________________________________________
HOME TELEPHONE____________________________________
PLACE OF BUSINESS____________________________________
BUSINESS/CELL PHONE____________________________________ EMAIL ADDRESS ________________________________________
FATHER/GUARDIAN__________________________________________________________
HOME TELEPHONE____________________________________
PLACE OF BUSINESS____________________________________
BUSINESS/CELL PHONE____________________________________ EMAIL ADDRESS ________________________________________
RECOMMENDER'S NAME__________________________________________________________
RECOMMENDER'S TELEPHONE____________________________________
RECOMMENDER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS ______________________________________
RECOMMENDER'S AFFILIATION ______________________________________
How did you find out about the Young Entrepreneurs Academy? □ teacher/educator □ mailing to home □ newspaper/radio/tv □ website □ other ________

PAYMENT INFORMATION
The $30 application fee may be paid with check or credit card, and must be included with the application.

Type of Payment: □ Check □ Visa □ MasterCard

Check number __________________________

Card number __________________________

Name as it appears on card (please print) __________________________ Signature __________________________ Amount __________________________

Please select your tuition payment option:

□ Full Payment (check or credit card) Due September 30th

□ Installments (credit card only)

-Plan must be selected before the start of class

Credit card will be charged semi-monthly beginning the 1st month of class

If my son/daughter is accepted as a student, I agree to abide by Niagara University’s regulations and rules. I understand that a payment plan must be selected and a deposit ($225) received by September 30 and that no deductions or refunds will be given for late cancellations or expulsion. Furthermore, I give permission for my son/daughter to attend all functions and activities connected with YEA!, including any which may be held off campus. I hereby release the Young Entrepreneurs Academy, Niagara University, 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 Young Entrepreneurs Academy.

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 YEA! 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:

YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS ACADEMY
DUNLEAVY HALL, ROOM 103
NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK 14109
(716) 286-8181 (PHONE)
(716) 286-8210 (FAX)
www.niagara.edu/cce
# Young Entrepreneurs Academy

**Dunleavy Hall, Room 103**

**Niagara University, New York 14109**

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