

2007 Application



Tulare County Student **STEM** Entrepreneur Award

Honoring student achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and the application of these studies to business in Tulare County.

Tulare County
Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools





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Purpose and Philosophy The Tulare County Student STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Entrepreneur Award program was established to raise awareness among Tulare County's youth of the critical role that the application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics plays in building entrepreneurship in America. The scholarships recognize and honor students who receive them and provide financial assistance to students as they pursue their higher education.

The Award The Tulare County Economic Development Corporation will grant at least two STEM Awards annually in the amount of \$1,000 each. The 2007 STEM Awards are sponsored by Tucoemas Federal Credit Union and will be presented at the "Recognizing Excellence in Entrepreneurship" program March 29, 2007 at the Lamp Liter Inn in Visalia. These awards are non-renewable and not based on financial need.

Eligibility Those eligible to apply for a STEM Award are Tulare County high school juniors and seniors interested in STEM activities. The applicant should demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, such as starting his or her own business, participation in organizations such as DECA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Junior Achievement and The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, among others, or through other initiatives.

Selection Procedure An impartial Selection Committee, assembled by the Tulare County Office of Education and comprised of educators and small-business leaders, will be responsible for selecting the recipients of the scholarships. In evaluating the credentials of the applicants, the Selection Committee will consider each applicant's academic record, extracurricular activities, leadership activities and character. Evidence of entrepreneurial spirit and initiative will be heavily weighted. As a general rule, applicants should be ranked in the top quarter of their high school class to receive serious consideration. All scholarship recipients will be notified of the results of the competition by March 27, 2007. Every effort will be made to notify the scholarship recipients earlier than that date.

Application Process To submit an application, the following items must be included:

- The completed application/activity sheet and the completed essay.
- Your high school record (use provided form to give to your guidance counselor).
- All items must be packaged TOGETHER and mailed/delivered to:

Tulare County Student STEM Entrepreneur Award
c/o Randy Wallace
Tulare County Office of Education
2637 West Burrel
Visalia, CA 93291
(559) 733-6101
tcoe.org/STEMscholarship

All documents must be received by Friday, March 23, 2007, no later than 4:00 p.m. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.

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(Please Print Clearly)

Applicant Name _____ Male/Female (Circle One)
 Home Address _____ Apt. _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone _____ E-Mail Address _____
 High School _____ City _____
 My First Choice for College Is: _____

Please select the statements which represent your STEM entrepreneurial endeavors.

- I have started a business on my own.
- I have started a business with someone.
- I have worked with my family's business.
- I have worked with a small business outside of my family.
- I have been a member of clubs that encourage entrepreneurial spirit utilizing STEM.
- I have not been a part of a small business or clubs, but do have plans for owning a business in the future.

Please indicate below the number of each college preparatory class you completed (if applicable).

Honors _____ Advanced Placement _____

Academic Information: (Applicants, please fill out information in the boxes below.)

High School Activities

H.S. Year

Activity/Achievements	Position/Office	Hours/Week	H.S. Year				Awards/Honors
			1	2	3	4	

Work Experience/Community and Volunteer Services

H.S. Year

Activity/Achievements	Position/Office	Hours/Week	H.S. Year				Awards/Honors
			1	2	3	4	

Essay (on a separate page, please provide a typed essay of approximately 500 words)

Please explain a new or variation of an existing idea integrating science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics in the Tulare County economy either through working with an existing business, plans for owning a business in the future, or an idea for a business.

I certify that all of the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Reminder – Attach your essay to this application.

High School Record Request Form

Instruction to the Applicant:

1. Complete the "TO" and "FROM" section of this form.
2. Sign the form and give it to the guidance office of the high school you presently attend.

TO: Guidance Office

_____ High School, _____(City)

FROM:

Applicant Name _____

Year of High School Graduation _____

Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the secondary school record and other requested information.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Guidance Counselor: The student named above is applying for a scholarship. Please follow the instructions below.

Include a copy of the applicant's high school record. Be sure that the applicant's test scores appear on the record, and include seven semesters of grades.

Fill in the blanks below with the requested information.

Sign the certification below.

Applicant's GPA _____

List of all Upper Level Science, Math and Technology Classes Taken, including Grade

I certify the above information is correct:

Counselor's Signature _____ Date _____

Office Phone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____