



Build It Grow It Entrepreneurial Scholarship Application

NW Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) offers a \$1,000 scholarship to graduating high school seniors from Jo Daviess and Carroll Counties who are interested in becoming an entrepreneur and starting a business. Recipients shall be full-time students in good academic standing in the qualifying school year (2020 - 2021). This is not a need-based scholarship. Completed scholarship applications should be sent to Emily Legel, Executive Director: ELegel@nwiled.org or 1 Commercial Drive, Ste. 2. Hanover, IL 61041 by March 5, 2021. The scholarship can be used for: Community College, Technical College, College or University, or Start-up costs for business planning.

Name: _____
School: _____
Home Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____
Phone: _____ Email address: _____

1. Do you have a creative idea that you are currently pursuing that this scholarship will help you pursue? a. YES (briefly explain) b. NOT YET

2. Do you plan to take classes to assist you with your entrepreneurial goals? a. YES (briefly explain) b. NOT YET

3. Do you have work experience? a. YES (briefly explain) b. NOT YET

4. Are you involved in extracurricular activities? a. YES (briefly explain) b. NOT YET

5. Have you volunteered in your community? If so, for which organization(s) and why?



6. In your own words, briefly tell what would being a business owner mean to you?

7. In your own words, briefly describe how you would become a successful business owner?

8. If awarded this scholarship, how will you use it?

9. On a scale 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest, what is your level of commitment to entrepreneurship and why?

10. If you have a business idea, please describe what your idea is and what your level of commitment is if you are awarded the scholarship. If you do not yet have a business idea, please tell how you will use the scholarship. 250 words maximum - attach additional page if necessary.