



NW Illinois Economic Development (NWILED) offers a \$1,000 scholarship to graduating high school seniors from Jo Daviess, Carroll or Whiteside 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 (2019 - 2020). This is not a need-based scholarship. **Email completed scholarship application to: elegel@nwiled.org by February 3, 2020.**

The scholarship can be used for:

1. Community College
2. Technical College
3. College or University
4. Start-up costs for business planning

Name: _____

School: _____

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)?

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

7. In your own words, describe what you believe would be involved to 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?

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. 150 words maximum.

11. If you don't yet have a business idea, please tell us what you will use the scholarship for. 150 words maximum.