



## NETWORK FOR TEACHING ENTREPRENEURSHIP

### 2012 Global Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards sponsored by Goldman Sachs Gives

The Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship will honor its top young entrepreneurs at NFTE's Nineteenth Annual "Salute to the Entrepreneurial Spirit" Awards Dinner, scheduled for April 18, 2012 in New York City. We are currently accepting nominations for the young entrepreneurs who will represent their program offices at the event and who will be considered for top honors as Global Young Entrepreneurs of the Year.

**Entry Deadline:** Nominations must be postmarked/mailed by January 16, 2012

Student Applications will be based upon the following criteria:

- **Business Viability:** The business plan must demonstrate that the business is generating revenue (even if it is not yet profitable).
- **Social Responsibility:** The entrepreneur should demonstrate knowledge of his/her community and have a solid plan for how the business contributes to the community's well-being.
- **Entrepreneurial Spirit:** The entrepreneur should demonstrate the use of innovative and/or creative business methods. Characteristics such as perseverance and overcoming significant obstacles to become an entrepreneur should be demonstrated if possible.

**What the Entrepreneurs will receive:**

- An all expense-paid trip to New York City (Each student may travel with one parent or guardian, whose expenses are also covered).
- An award of US\$500 in recognition of his/her participation.

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- A commemorative award recognizing him/her as one of NFTE's top young entrepreneurs.
- The opportunity to display his/her business and sell his/her product or service to the attendees at a Global Business Expo, held immediately before the Dare to Dream Gala.

#### Who Is Eligible?

Current NFTE students and alumni are eligible for nomination. *Employees of NFTE and their children are not eligible. NFTE students or alumni who have been a Young Entrepreneur of the Year within the past two years are not eligible to be nominated this year.*

#### **Application Presentation:**

The application package (including the business plan) must be neat, legible, and complete (all questions answered, essays and all supporting materials enclosed).

*Please note: Only ONE member of a partnership business may be recognized and honored for that business. Joint nominations will not be accepted.*

All nominations postmarked or received by email by January 16, 2012 will be considered. Faxes are NOT accepted – we will accept nominations by mail or email only. **The awards committee will make its determination by January 25, 2012** and will notify all applicants by e-mail.

## **Nomination Guidelines**

In order for the nomination to be complete, please do the following:

1. Please do not bind or staple any materials, and make sure that the nomination form and business plan are photocopy-ready; i.e., no dark-color backgrounds. Everything may be printed double-sided to save paper if you wish.
2. Complete the nomination form in its entirety. The program staff may complete sections A and B, but the nominee must complete sections C through E.
3. Include a copy of the business plan with the supporting materials below. The business plan should contain current and accurate information about the nominee's business. Business plan PowerPoint presentations may be printed as a handout with no more than 2 slides per page. The business plan may be in written or PowerPoint format, either one is acceptable and both are not required.
4. Include the nominee's 500-word essay.
5. Include additional information about the nominee's business, such as flyers, brochures, business card, any other marketing materials, and copies of any news articles that may have been written about the nominee and/or the business.
6. The nomination package should be no longer than 40 pages in total (including the business plan and any supporting materials).
7. Mail all documents (postmarked by January 16, 2012) to:  
Youth Entrepreneurs  
4111 E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. N. Ste D101  
Wichita, KS 67220  
Alternatively, the completed nomination form and all supporting documents may be emailed to [chelsey@yeks.org](mailto:chelsey@yeks.org) by on/before January 16, 2012.
8. If you have questions about any of the materials, please contact Chelsey Karlin at 316-828-3912, or email [chelsey@yeks.org](mailto:chelsey@yeks.org) for assistance.



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#### NOMINATION FORM

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Please indicate if this nomination is to be considered for the Daniel Treanor Memorial Award:

YES (for students and alumni who have achieved entrepreneurial success despite physical challenges)

NO

#### Section A: Nominee's Personal Information *(please type or print clearly)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/House #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (month/day/year): \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number (USA only): \_\_\_\_\_

*(By law, in order for winners to receive a grant award, this information must be provided.)*

In what type of NFTE program was/is the student a participant? (Check all that apply.)

- Course offered at school
- Course offered at a community organization
- BizCamp™
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school or organization where the student is/was a NFTE participant (include city and state): \_\_\_\_\_

When did/will the student complete the NFTE program? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Month/Year)

Name of student's NFTE instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

List any awards and honors he/she has received (include recognition at NFTE business plan competitions).

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Is student currently attending college/university? YES  
NO

If yes, which college is he/she attending? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, is there a plan to attend college/university? YES NO

If yes, which college does he/she plan to attend?

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**Section B: Business Information**

What is the name of the student's business?

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What product or service does it provide?

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What type of business is it? (check one):

Sole Proprietorship     Partnership     LLC     501(c)(3) Non-profit

If your business is a partnership, how many partners/owners are there? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section C: Operations & Financial Information (must be completed by the nominee)**

How long has the business been in operation?                      Month(s)\_\_\_\_\_ Year(s)\_\_\_\_\_

Has the business been registered?                                              YES                      NO

Does the business comply with federal, state, and  
local sales and income tax requirements?                                              YES                      NO







**Section E: Essay Question(s)**

*On a separate sheet of paper, please discuss the following in 500 words or less.*

How did you identify the business opportunity for your current business? What was your inspiration to start this business? How has your initial idea for this business evolved since you first imagined it (e.g., what challenges have you faced thus far in bringing your business to life?)

**Daniel Treanor Memorial Award: (please also address this issue in your essay)**

Recognizing that successful entrepreneurs must be able to persevere in the face of hardship, please describe a significant personal challenge (or physical hardship) you have faced in your life and how you met that challenge.

**ALL NOMINEES MUST SIGN:**

*I hereby assert that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

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*PRINT YOUR NAME*

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(Signature)

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(Date)

**Congratulations! This is the end of the nomination package.**

**Please go through the checklist below to ensure that your nomination is complete.**

**BY MAIL OR EMAIL (faxes are not accepted)**

- \_\_ Do NOT staple or bind any materials, including the business plan.
- \_\_ All materials must be photocopy-ready; i.e., no dark-color backgrounds.
- \_\_ All materials must be submitted on 8 1/2 x 11 (or A4) white paper. You may print on both sides to save paper.
  
- \_\_ Include the completed nomination form (5 pages) above.
- \_\_ Include one copy of the business plan. PowerPoint presentations may be printed in black and white, as a handout with no more than 2 slides per page.
- \_\_ Include separate pages for the essay as required.
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