

Scholarships Available for Entrepreneurs of the Class of 2014



Dear Educator:

Enclosed is information about the annual NFIB Young Entrepreneur Award program. Do you know a budding entrepreneur or a student who has started their own business? Do you know of a student deserving of a \$1,000 scholarship?

The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards are non-renewable scholarships created to recognize young people who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit and initiative. The scholarships are valued between \$1,000 and \$10,000. The NFIB Young Entrepreneur program was established to raise awareness among the nation's youth of the critical role that private enterprise and entrepreneurship play in the building of America.

An applicant for the NFIB Young Entrepreneur Awards need to be a graduating high school senior who is entering his or her freshman year at an accredited two-or four-year university, college, or vocational institute in the fall of 2014 and who owns/operates an established business. Many applicants participate in organizations such as DECA, Junior Achievement, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Future Farmers of America (FFA), National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE), among others, but this is not a requirement. The Award recipients are selected by an independent scholarship organization. Scholarships are merit-based, not based on financial need.

What is included in this packet of materials?

- Online application instructions
- Frequently Asked Questions document
- Scholarship Promotion Poster

What do students need to know?

- Students are able to apply October 1, 2013 thru December 18, 2013.
- The independent selection committee will review all applications and select semi-finalists. Semi-finalists will be notified by mid-January.
- Students selected as semi-finalists will be required to obtain a GPA/grade verification from their high school guidance counselor.
- Semi-finalists MUST be interviewed by an NFIB member, who will be assigned to each semi-finalist.
- Additional information is available on www.NFIB.com/YEA or students may contact the scholarship manager at yef@nfib.org with questions.

Creating a new generation of entrepreneurs is one of this country's greatest needs. The NFIB Young Entrepreneur Foundation is committed to educating young people about the critical role of small business and the American free enterprise system. We appreciate your help in introducing students to the importance of entrepreneurship and providing them an opportunity to be rewarded for their entrepreneurial spirit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Eckerly". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Eckerly, Sr. Vice President