

Future Entrepreneurs Series *Youth Business Plan Competition Criteria*

Competition Overview:

The Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board and the Future Entrepreneurs Series planning team are proud to provide an opportunity for youth to compete in BAWIB's Youth Business Plan Competition to be held in April 2017.

This competition gives youth between the ages of 16-21 from Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanson, Stoughton, West Bridgewater and Whitman the opportunity to explore their dreams of starting their own business and gain knowledge of entrepreneurship through the process of participating in steps of developing a business plan.

The primary goal of BAWIB's Future Entrepreneurs Series is to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit among our youth and to foster the development of feasible business ideas. It is our hope that the youth who enter the competition are planning to implement their business plan idea in the near future.

Eligibility:

Individuals and/or all team members must comply with the following criteria to be eligible for the competition.

Please read carefully!

- * BAWIB Business Plan PowerPoint (BPPP) must be complete.
- * A completed business plan must be submitted along with the Business Plan PowerPoint.
- * Youth must be between the ages 16-21
- * Youth must live or attend school in: Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Hanson, Stoughton, West Bridgewater, or Whitman.
- * Youth can enter the competition as an individual or in a team with a maximum of 4 youth per team. Each team member must be in the same age group 16-18 or 19-21.
- * Business plans submitted must be a new or original business idea, or a business that has been running for less than 6 months prior to entering the competition.
- * Business ideas must be feasible.

Note: The Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board and the Future Entrepreneurs Series planning team reserves the right to make the determination of whether a business plan is appropriate for the competition.

Timeline:

- * **December 2016:** The BAWIB Business Plan PowerPoint will be posted on the web at www.bawib.org and released to community members in our Service Delivery Area.
- * **December 2016 – March 31, 2017:** Youth participants will work with adult sponsors, teachers, parents, team members, and/or YouthWorks staff to answer the questions in the BAWIB Business Plan PowerPoint and to write their business plans.
- * **April 3, 2017:** Your completed BAWIB Business Plan PowerPoint & written plan ***must be submitted*** electronically to Nicoline Batista before 3:00 pm at nbatista@bawib.org. It can also be hand delivered to: Nicoline Batista on a CD/Flash Drive at:
YouthWorks OneStop Career Center on 34 School Street Lower Level, Brockton, MA 02301.
- * **April 5 – April 14, 2017:** A team of judges will review the items submitted and grade them based on the judging criteria provided on page 3. Finalist will be selected based on their overall scores.
- * **April 17, 2017:** A letter and email will be sent to all who entered the competition naming individuals or teams who have been selected to move on to the presentation round of the competition.
 - * **Presentation guidelines will be sent to the finalists.**
- * **April 18 – May 5, 2017:** The finalist will work with adult sponsors, teachers, team members, parents, and/or YouthWorks Staff to prepare and practice their 10 minute oral presentation.
 - * **The use of visual aids is allowed.**
 - * **You must use the BAWIB Business Plan PowerPoint during your presentation.**
 - * **Optional: an example of product or service at time of presentation.**
 - * **A visual display showcasing the business plan product or service at the event (i.e. display board/booth including handouts, business cards, samples, etc.)**
- * **May 2017: *The Future Entrepreneurs Series: Youth Business Plan Competition Presentations will take place in the: **YouthWorks Business Hub, Date: TBA*****
- * **May 2017:** BAWIB will award three business plans from the 16-18 age group and three business plans from the 19-21 age group with cash prizes, business recognition, and support in starting their business at the:

Awards:

If a team wins the competition the cash prize will be divided between all the team members. The competitors will be divided into two groups:

Group A: 16-18 age group Group B: 19-21 age group

The individuals or teams who win the competition will receive checks for the following amounts:

Places	Individual or Team Cash Award
1 st Place	\$500.00
2 nd Place	\$250.00
3 rd Place	\$100.00

The individuals and teams who win 1st – 3rd place will also receive a certificate and be given the opportunity to receive supportive services in launching their business.

All other participants will receive a certificate for presenting their business plans at the competition.

Business Plan Criteria:

BAWIB Business Plan PowerPoint must meet the following criteria.

* Refer to your written business plans to answer all questions to the best of your ability.

BPQ Judging Criteria:

Scoring of BAWIB Business Plan:

Executive Summary	10 points
Company Description	10 points
Marketing Analysis	10 points
Marketing Plan	10 Points
Management	10 points
Financial Plan	30 points
PowerPoint	10 points
Feasibility	10 points
Total	100 points

Business plans must meet the following criteria.

- * **Cover Page** with the name of the applicant, street address, telephone number, and email address of the individual entrant(s) and team leader.
- * **A Table of Contents** with page numbers
- * **Page numbers** throughout the business plan
- * **An Executive Summary:** one page maximum, 12 point font, no spacing requirement.
- * **The written business plan:** to be a maximum of 10 pages that may include a maximum 5 page appendix, for a total of 15 pages in 12 point font double spaced.



Oral Presentation Criteria:

If you are selected to enter the second round you will need to prepare an oral presentation.

The oral presentation must meet the following criteria.

- * **A maximum 10 minute oral presentation (pitch);** which will be followed by a question and answer session. The use of visual aids is allowed. You must use the BAWIB Business Plan PowerPoint during your presentation.
- * **A visual display** showcasing the business plan product or service at the event (i.e. display board/booth including handouts, business cards, samples, etc.)
- * **Optional:** an example of product or service at time of presentation

Oral Presentation Judging Criteria:

Oral Business Plan Presentation Judging Criteria

Introduction

- * Participant (s) clearly introduced him/herself prior to the presentation and provided a firm handshake to the judge.
- * Participant (s) introduced him/herself prior to the presentation and provided an adequate handshake to the judge.
- * Participant (s) introduced him/herself prior to the presentation, but the introduction was weak.
- * Participant (s) did not introduce him/herself at all to the judge. 50 points

Professionalism, Quality & Enthusiasm

- * The participant (s) exhibited a very high level of confidence and knowledge. The material presented was very professional and in a clear logical sequence. The presentation stayed within the timeframe.
 - * The participant (s) exhibited a good level of confidence and knowledge. The material presented was professional and in a clear logical sequence. The presentation stayed within the timeframe.
 - * The participant (s) exhibited an adequate level of confidence and knowledge. The material presented was proficient and in a logical sequence. The presentation strayed from within the timeframe.
 - * The participant (s) did not display a level of confidence and knowledge. The material presented was not professional and logical. The presentation did not stay within the timeframe. 50 points
- Total** **100 points**