



## BRIDGE TO LEADERSHIP ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

2011 – 2012

The **Chamber of Commerce of Coral Springs**, and the Chamber's Education Committee, is offering five ***Bridge to Leadership Entrepreneur Awards***. One award will be presented to a graduating senior, one from each of the five Coral Springs high schools. The award will include a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

Each school should submit at least four applicants. Two candidates selected from each school will become finalists and complete a final interview process. Candidates should complete the following information and submit it to the chamber office no later than 5:00 pm, FRIDAY, February 24, 2012.

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### SELECTION CRITERIA:

Primary consideration will be given to students who demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit and pursuits. This will be supplemented by completion of the other requirements and the applicant's overall application. Awards will be made without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

The applicant must:

- Be a high school senior currently enrolled in Coral Springs High, Taravella High, Stoneman Douglas High, Coral Glades High, or the Coral Springs Charter School
- Plan to attend an accredited, nonprofit two- or four-year university, college or vocational/technical institute for the full 2012-2013 academic year
- Be a U.S. citizen or resident alien

The top three applicants from each school will be determined by a panel using the written applications. Those three finalists will undergo an interview process and the winning student will be selected.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applicants must meet eligibility qualifications. Detach the application form and keep this information section for reference.

- Complete and sign the ***Application Form***. Attach the typed ***Essay***
- Complete the ***Community Service Sheet? Honors/Activities***
- Attach at least one **Letter of Recommendation**

- Write a *Personal Statement/Essay describing your entrepreneurial pursuits/project* (maximum 500 words) typed and enclose it with your application. In a rapidly changing world, educated men and women with entrepreneurial leadership skills will be prepared to identify opportunities and initiate actions that result in genuine accomplishment. Your essay should demonstrate your entrepreneurial experience and potential. How have your entrepreneurial endeavors impacted your life? What distinctive characteristics do you have that have assisted you with your project? How might your entrepreneurial pursuits be related to your goals/plans for the future? How has your community service efforts impacted your project and/or your goals/plans for the future? The essay will demonstrate your ability to organize thoughts and express yourself. Grammar, spelling and clarity of purpose are important. Tutorial available with Brace Advisor.
  - *Submit a School Letter of Recommendation.* This should be from a school district employee. Use the enclosed form, or ask the recommender to write a letter on the school letterhead. The form and/or letter should be attached to the student's application. The recommendation cannot be from a family member.
- OR**
- *Submit a Community Service Recommendation.* This should be from someone who has supervised your community service volunteer activities. The letter should detail your life outside of school, not your grades or the type of student you are. The letter may not be from a school employee or family member.
  - Provide *Proof of Acceptance* to college, university, or technical school no later than Friday, April 24th, 2011.

Please complete the application on the Coral Springs Chamber website/ submit electronically, by mail or hand-deliver to:

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF CORAL SPRINGS, INC.  
 Attention: EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP  
 11805 HERON BAY BLVD. CORAL SPRINGS, FL 33076

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

The scholarship application and all supporting materials must be delivered to the address shown above no later than **5:00 pm., Friday, February 24, 2011.**

**AWARD ADMINISTRATION:**

The awards will be administered by the Chamber of Commerce of Coral Springs Education Committee and presented at the annual Chamber Gala held on Friday, April 27, 2011. Scholarship funds apply to the 2011- 2012 academic year.

**QUESTIONS:**

If you have questions or are in need of further information please contact one of the following from our Scholarship Sub Committee:

Cindi Watts @ 724-7564, Mark FitzGerald @ 954-796-6680 or Kimberly Knox @ 754-235-1322



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**APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION**

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE INITIAL \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

What is the best way to contact you \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

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**HIGH SCHOOL DATA:**

HIGH SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Brace Advisor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Brace Advisor Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Technical School/College/University

If you have not finalized your college choice, provide your first choice school.

I will be enrolled as a full time college student in fall 2012 (next academic year) Yes No

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Institution State \_\_\_\_\_

Institution Name \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Sought: (Circle One) Certificate/Associates / Bachelor

Proposed Career: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant Work Experience**

List the jobs you have held the longest (food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work, etc.). If you are currently employed, select N/A in the end fields. **Do not use acronyms.**

Employer Name	Position	Start Month	Year	End Month	Year	Average Hours Per Week
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**Has your Entrepreneurial endeavors led to creating a profit or non-profit business or organization? If so please answer the following questions:**

**Business Name/Organization Experience:**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Your position \_\_\_\_\_

**DOES/DID THE BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION HAVE EMPLOYEES? (NOTE: The number of employees should note include yourself or co-owner(s). YES/NO**

**BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION STATUS: In Operation / One-time Venture / Ceased Operation / In Development**

**DO YOU PLAN TO CONTINUE YOUR BUSINESS WHILE ATTENDING COLLEGE? YES/NO**

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**Entrepreneur Essay**

You may copy and paste your essay if you already have it typed. (Essay 500 max words).

Please explain your entrepreneurial endeavors involving an idea/project or business you established or co-established. Your essay should be sectioned into the following topics as relevant: purpose, origin, innovation, strategy, growth since inception, successes, obstacles, future, expansion plan, long term vision, and other relevant information. For each of the topics used, please label it in your essay.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

List most recent first. List agencies or organizations in which you have participated without pay (religious groups, hospital volunteer, cultural activities, outreach programs, etc.). **Please include all interesting and meaningful community service (off-campus) that you have participated in.** If necessary, attach an additional 8.5" X 11" sheet. **Do not use acronyms.**

Organization or Agency	Type of Participation	Dates Participating
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**ON-CAMPUS ACTIVITIES ,SCHOOL AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS**

List most recent first. Please include all on-campus clubs, organizations, student government, publications, varsity or club sports, theater arts, and activities that you have participated in, what position held, activities involved in, honors received, and your role, effect and contributions to the organization. If necessary, attach an additional 8.5" X 11" sheet. **Do not use acronyms.**

Organization or Activity	Type of Participation	Honors Received and Office Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**CERTIFICATION:** All information furnished in support of this application is true and complete and if requested, I will submit proof. Falsification of information provided will result in revocation of scholarship funding.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE:** The application deadline is 5:00 pm., Friday, February 24, 2012. Please send electronically to [info@cschamber.com](mailto:info@cschamber.com), mail or hand deliver completed application to:

Coral Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Attention: EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
11805 HERON BAY BLVD.  
CORAL SPRINGS, FL. 3307

DEADLINE: 5:00 pm., Friday, February 24, 2011

Please place form in a sealed envelope  
And return it to the applicant

## SCHOOL LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the School Employee:** Thank you for acting as a reference for the above named applicant. Please take the time necessary to complete this form so that the applicant and the Selection Committee will have the benefit of your appraisal. Note: a parent or relative may not be used as a reference.

In what context have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** Explain why you are recommending the applicant. Use a separate sheet if you wish.

What has been the applicant's greatest strength? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In what areas does the applicant need improvement? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Overall Rating (*check one*)

\_\_\_\_\_ Highly Recommend  
Reservation

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommend

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommend with

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**To the Community Member:** Thank you for acting as a reference for the above named applicant. Please take the time necessary to complete this form so that the applicant and the Selection Committee will have the benefit of your appraisal. Note: a parent or relative may not be used as a reference.

When was the applicant supervised by you? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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In what areas does the applicant need improvement? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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### Work Habits: (check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Superior      \_\_\_\_\_ Very Good      \_\_\_\_\_ Good      \_\_\_\_\_ Average      \_\_\_\_\_ Below  
Average

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone