Carrington Youth Entrepreneurship Incentive

Introduction

The Carrington Chamber & Economic Development Corporation (CCEDC) offers the Youth Entrepreneurship Incentive, a program designed to support high school and college-age entrepreneurs who wish to explore, launch, or expand a business in the Carrington area. This incentive encourages innovation, leadership, and community involvement among the next generation of business owners while contributing to Carrington's economic growth and vitality.

Incentive Overview

Applicants must be between the ages of 15 and 25 and either currently enrolled at or graduated from Carrington High School, or be a resident of the Carrington area. The proposed business or project must be based within Carrington city limits or the extraterritorial zone.

Funding may support product-based ventures such as handmade goods or baked items, service-based businesses including tutoring or lawn care, seasonal or mobile businesses, and online ventures operating locally. Eligible uses of funds include equipment, startup supplies, marketing materials, basic licenses or permits, and low-cost technology or software needed to launch the business.

Incentive funds cannot be used for personal purchases, payroll, or long-term infrastructure investments.

Application Requirements

Applicants are required to complete the Youth Entrepreneurship Incentive Application and submit a business plan or project overview (1–3 pages). The plan should explain what the business is, who it will serve, why it's needed in the community, what funding is needed, where the business will operate, and a general timeline for launch or delivery.

A basic budget or list of expected startup expenses must also be submitted. Templates and one-on-one guidance are available from CCEDC upon request.

Incentive Funds Available

Applicants may request up to $1,000 in incentive funding per business or project, regardless of the number of individuals involved. Approved funds will be disbursed as a one-time payment following project approval. Recipients must submit a follow-up report within six months of receiving the funds, outlining the progress or outcomes of their business or project.

Incentive Process

Administration: Completed applications should be submitted to the CCEDC. Applications will be reviewed by the CCEDC Board, and selections will be made based on project merit, clarity of plan, and alignment with local development goals. All decisions are subject to funding availability.

Additional Information

For assistance with developing a business idea or completing the application, contact CCEDC at Phone: 701-652-2524, Cel: 701-650-6898 or chambergal@daktel.com

This incentive program will be reviewed on a yearly basis and is subject to change.

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Carrington Youth Entrepreneurship Incentive – Application Form

Date: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

School (if applicable): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Are you applying as a:

☐ Individual ☐ Team (If team, list other members):

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Business Idea

Business Name (if chosen): _____

Describe your product or service:

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Why do you want to start this business?

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Who are your customers or audience?

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Budget & Timeline

How much are you requesting? (Maximum: $1,000) $_____

How will you use the incentive funds?

☐ Supplies ☐ Equipment ☐ Marketing ☐ Licensing ☐ Other: _____

Estimated total project cost (including your own funds): $_____

When do you plan to start and finish your business project?

Start: _____ End: _____

Attachments Required:

- A 1–3 page proposal or business plan (template available if needed)
- Optional: Letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or mentor

Signature

I certify that the information provided is accurate and that I intend to operate this business in the Carrington area. I understand that, if approved, I must submit a follow-up report within six months of receiving the incentive funds, outlining the progress or outcomes of my business or project.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____

Return completed applications to:

Carrington Chamber & Economic Development Corp.
871 Main Street, Carrington, ND 58421
Email: chambergal@daktel.com
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