



## 2018 Entrepreneurship Experience

Onward Yankton is proud to offer summer fellowships to individuals who exemplify an entrepreneurial spirit and desire to enhance our Yankton community. We believe in the importance of moving our community Onward – for all of us. This program, **in its second year of existence**, will connect participating fellows to entrepreneurs and SCORE mentors in the community and give the recipients the opportunity to gain broader business experiences, see real-life applications of entrepreneurship and make valuable connections throughout the Yankton community. This experience will build your network, your skill-set, and your personal growth.

**Eligibility:** This Entrepreneurship Fellowship opportunity is open to anyone with an entrepreneurial spirit and desire to enhance the Yankton community. Candidates may be recent high school graduates, current college or technical school students, or anyone with an entrepreneurial spirit who is starting or growing a business.

**Application process:** **Forms must be completed in detail and received by Onward Yankton by 11:59pm on Saturday, March 31, 2018.**

- ❖ Please submit application via email to: [onwardyankton@gmail.com](mailto:onwardyankton@gmail.com)

Direct questions to Rita Nelson, co-chair of Onward Education Committee:  
[Rita@yanktonsd.com](mailto:Rita@yanktonsd.com) or (605) 665-9011, ext. 3

Select applicants will be invited to interview prior to April 13, 2018. Selections will be announced by April 20, 2018.

**Selection Process:** The Onward Yankton committee will select up to six (6) fellowship recipients based on the most compelling application, personal interview, the applicant's current or new business idea, and its potential impact on the Yankton community. The six (6) selected recipients who successfully complete the program will receive an \$800 scholarship or stipend.

**Fellowship Distribution:** Those selected for this prominent entrepreneurial program must:

- Successfully participate in networking and educational events scheduled between **May 21, 2018** – **August 1, 2018**. Projected time commitment is between 20-40 hours in program.
- Share ideas and prepare a presentation on the impact of the program.
- Fellowship funds may be paid directly to the college as a scholarship (non-taxable for students) or a stipend will be paid to the individual as reportable, taxable income, after they successfully complete the program. If a selected recipient does not complete the program, all awarded funds may be forfeited.



## Application for the 2018 Entrepreneurship Fellowship

Please complete all that apply and attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

5. If applicable, name of school currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Name of current employer or leadership experience: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Submit one letter of recommendation.

8. Name of **three (3)** references with phone numbers.

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(Name)

(Phone number)

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(Name)

(Phone number)

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(Name)

(Phone number)

**Please provide one or two paragraph responses for the following questions.**

9. List major school/committee activities (offices held, committees, etc.) or work experience:

10. **Answer the following in your own words (maximum of 300 words):**

A. What does entrepreneurship mean to you?

B. How do you see yourself contributing to or promoting the small business culture in the Yankton area?

C. If you were to win this Fellowship, tell us what it would mean to you. Why do you think you would be a good recipient for this Fellowship?