

**Application**

**2025-2026 Young Entrepreneur Business Plan Competition\***

**1st Place: $1,000**

**2nd Place: $500**

**3rd Place: $350**

**To Qualify:**

* **You must be a 6th – 12th grade student in the Coachella Valley.**
* **Your business plan must incorporate the CV Link (Coachellavalleylink.com).**
* **You must have the support of at least one staff person from your school.**
* **Mail application and business plan by May 1, 2026 deadline to:** 
  + **Friends of CV Link Business Plan**
  + **P.O. Box 4915**
  + **Palm Springs, CA 92263**

**Student Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian name & signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and/or Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Your School Name and your grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name of school staff person : \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact information for school staff: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**FCVL Business Plan Competition Scoring Rubric:**

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| **Category** | **Points** | **Criteria** |
| **Creativity & Innovation** | **25** | **Is it an original idea?** |
| **CV Link Relevance** | **25** | **Does it clearly tie into CV Link?** |
| **Research & Support** | **20** | **Does it Include evidence of planning, i.e. family, friends, internet searches, businesses, etc.** |
| **Feasibility & Realism** | **15** | **Is it practical and achievable? Will it work?** |
| **Presentation & Effort** | **15** | **Is it neat, well organized, thoughtful, show effort and attention to detail?** |

**Friends of CV Link Business Plan Award Checklist:**

* **Research business plans with school staff, friends, family, local business, internet and our website: www.friendscvlink.org.**
* **Finalize your business plan/proposal.**
* **Submit FCVL Business Plan Application page with your final business plan to: Friends of CV Link Business Plan, P.O. Box 4915, Palm Springs, CA 92263**
* **May 1, 2026 is the deadline to submit your application and business plan.**

Please note: Verification of school enrollment is not required at time of submitting application but may be requested if you are selected for an award.

Award recipients will be notified via email and/or phone.

**If you qualify for an award, it will be expected that you and your parent or guardian will grant permission to have photos and/or videos of you receiving the award made public.**

**Friends of CV Link encourages you to participate**

**and we look forward to your entry. Good luck!**