



Application

2026-2027 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 be incorporated into the CV Link (Coachellavalleylink.com).
- You must have the support of at least one staff person from your school.
- Mail the application and the business plan by April 30, 2027 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 of support:

Contact information for school staff: _____

FCVL Business Plan Competition Scoring Rubric:

Category	Points	Criteria
Creativity & Innovation	25	Is creativity used throughout the plan? Is the company name/logo unique?
CV Link Relevance	25	Does it clearly tie into the CV Link Transportation Corridor?
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?
Budget Page	25	Is it itemized? Is it inclusive? Does it indicate a timeline, i.e. start up, 1st year, etc.?

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
- April 30, 2027 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 and/or school support person.

If you qualify for an award, it is 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.
We look forward to receiving your entry. Good luck!**