

NEXTGEN BUSINESS STARTUP

A Challenge for Young Entrepreneurs & Innovators



Embarking on a new business venture can be both exhilarating and daunting. Our 1st place winner of this program receive comprehensive mentorship and support over a 12-month period to ensure a successful launch.

This event is geared towards high school students in the grades of 9th - 12th.

1st Place:

Cash prize of \$3,000 and a 12 month mentorship.

2nd Place:

Cash prize of \$1,500 and two mentorship sessions.

3rd Place:

Cash prize of \$750 and networking opportunities.



How To Apply

1. Your Idea

Create a short 60-90 second video, Presentation or Business Plan.

Remember to explain how your idea meets the 3 criteria.

2. Apply

Visit the website and fill out the application form.



3. Submit

Include your video or file in the application form.

Be sure to submit your project by October 1st, 2025.

4. Sit Tight!

Finalists will be announced by October 17th, 2025

The submission deadline is October 1, and on October 17, the 10 finalists will be announced. At the Central Valley Business Expo on November 6, the 10 finalists will give a 2-3 minute onstage presentation. The winners will be announced at the Expo by approximately 4:30 p.m.

For questions, please contact:

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