



Nov. 12, 2025

2025 MTSU HIGH SCHOOL ENTREPRENEURSHIP FAIR

Introducing an excellent opportunity for high school students interested in entrepreneurship to gain valuable experience and have some fun too. Students may participate individually or in teams. The maximum is four people per team. Each team will write a business profile, display their idea, and select a student to give a 90 second elevator pitch. Judges will listen to elevator pitches, review the business profiles, interview students, evaluate booth displays, and choose the winners. The top finalists will present their elevator pitch to all the students. An award ceremony will follow to recognize the top presentations.



BUSINESS INNOVATION
and **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Applications due
Wednesday,
October 22, 2025

It's FREE!

Food will be
provided!

Inspiring Guest
Speaker

You could WIN!

Questions:
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MIDDLE TENNESSEE
STATE UNIVERSITY

Student Union Building

Wed., Nov. 12, 2025

9 am to 1 pm



Middle Tennessee State University

Jones College of Business

Entrepreneurship Fair Business Profile Format (Please cover all bulleted items in your Business Profile, which should make your profile 2 pages in length. Print on the front and back of one page. Please have 10 copies printed for judges.)

I. Opportunity:

- The name of your business
- Where is your business going to be located?
- Give information about your top management team including qualifications and experience (150 words or less)
- If you have a business logo, please include it here □ Briefly describe your business (100 words or less)
- What is your motivation for starting this business? (100 words or less)
- Please give your mission statement
- Place a color photo of yourself with your product or a visualization of the product
- Under the photo, type the name of your business concept or product
- Next, type in your name, address, phone number, and email

II. Marketing:

- Is there a demand for your concept or product (describe & explain)? *Have you conducted some type of a survey or market study* to determine the demand or potential sales for your product or concept? Can you cite any data or statistics (locally, regionally, or even nationally) as evidence that your concept or product has marketability?
- What type of business will you be in (service, retail or manufacturing, or something else)?
- What is your target market (who do you see buying your product)? What are the advantages your concept or product would have, and what are the disadvantages when you think of the competition already out there?

III. Products & Services:

- What are you going to sell and how are you going to sell it?
- How do you plan to advertise?
- Who are you working with to develop your concept or to improve your product (i.e., teacher, parent, sibling, friends, business owner, etc.)? □ Describe the business operations (150 words or less) □ What is your implementation timeline?

IV. Financial Projections

Sources and Uses of Funds Statement

- Describe the amount of money needed to start the business and what it will be used for
- Explain how much money will be provided by the owner (equity)
- Explain how much money will need to be borrowed (debt), what the funds will be used for and who the money will be borrowed from Financial Assumptions
- Explain in detail the basis or reason for your projected income and expenses
- For example: Why do you charge what you are projecting for you product? Why are your cost of goods set at the percentage you have selected?
- As much as possible, the assumptions should be based on solid research and not just “pulled out of the air”

Identify your sales break even, when you expect to reach it and when do you expect to be profitable

Research and investigate, and then outline on paper some realistic ways to finance your business or concept. Having these strategies written out on paper is important, since you will be expected to present your strategies to the judges

This section should be a written narrative supporting the rationale of your start-up cost and assumptions.

V. Business Support Network

- Please compile a short list of mentors, experienced business owners, agencies, or other business resources that could offer your business advice or services that would build support for your business and help to ensure your financial success, as well as continued learning and education that is necessary to build a successful business.

Elevator Pitch with the Judges

The Interview with the judges will start with a 90-second elevator pitch from one of the students on the team. Then there will be a brief question and answer to follow. Team members should take turns answering the questions.

Booth Display at the Fair

The booth display will be judged on the creativity and professionalism of the booth display. As well as the student's appearance. Six-foot tables will be provided with two chairs per table. Please let us know ahead of time if your booth needs electricity so we can plan accordingly. Promotional and business items are for display only, no give aways are permitted.



As you begin to formulate your strategy for entering the 2025 High School Entrepreneurship Fair, remember to consider and to build a strong case in all sections of the competition:

There are 3 scoring sections in the Entrepreneurship Fair:

I. Business Profile	worth up to 20 points
II. Elevator Pitch/Judge Q&A	60 points
III. Booth Display at the Fair	20 points
Maximum Total Points that can be awarded to a Contestant:	100 points

The Award Ceremony

An award ceremony will immediately follow the entrepreneurship fair. The winners will receive awards in the following categories: Overall 1st place, 2nd place, 3rd place, 4th place, Social Enterprise Award, Sciences Enterprise Award, Engineering Enterprise Award, Arts Enterprise Award, Best Elevator Pitch Award, Best Display Award, and Best Written Profile Award.



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2025 High School Entrepreneurship Fair Application November 12, 2025

*Applications must be **received** by Wed. Oct. 22, 2025*

*to: MTSU Box 75 – BAS N122B, Murfreesboro, TN 37132
OR*

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By filling out this application, you indicate you are willing and able to participate in the 2025 High School Entrepreneurship Fair.

2025 High School Entrepreneurship Fair Application Form (One form for each team member)

Please print clearly or submit by e-mail.

Name: _____

Grade: _____ Name of School: _____

Teacher Email: _____

Home mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-Mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Name of business: _____

In the space below, please provide a brief description of the business you plan to present at the Entrepreneurship Fair. *Previous 1st - 3rd place *businesses* are not eligible to compete again. Individuals whose business placed 1st - 3rd can participate **only if using a different business idea.***



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- ☐ Personal quotations, edited for space and/or clarity, whether written or spoken
- ☐ Other: MTSU High School Entrepreneurship Fair Photo Permission

Teachers bring the photo permissions for your students to the High School Fair or email to Kristen.Shanine@mtsu.edu

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*Please indicate your agreement to the foregoing by signing below. *Teachers bring*

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Date: _____

If you are under eighteen (18) years of age, your parent or guardian must sign below:

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I represent that I am a parent/guardian of the minor who has signed the above release and that in that capacity University has my consent and authorization to use the name, voice and/or likeness as described above.

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Signature: _____

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Date: _____