**Entrepreneur Academy Application
2024-25**

**First Name: Last Name:**

**Email: Phone Number:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Minimum Requirements for Application**

* Be age 18+ by July 1, 2024
* Be a current SPSCC student planning to attend in the 2024-25 school year
* Must have a cell phone
* Must have a laptop or other computer at home that you can use to do work\*
* Have reliable internet at home\*
* Be able to attend all scheduled Academy sessions
* Have reliable have transportation to the Academy sessions

\*The SPSCC Foundation may be able to help if this is a barrier to your participation

**How To Apply**

Answer the questions below, save this document, and email the document to Noel Rubadue at nrubadue@spscc.edu.

**Questions**

1. Introduce yourself and tell us why you are interested in this Academy?
2. What is your educational goal?
3. How do your educational and career goals aligning with your interest in participating in a start-up?
4. Describe any exposure you have had to business ownership, such as observing a family-owned company, involvement in a friend's business, or following admired ventures. What challenges and opportunities have you observed? Mention any companies that have caught your attention in recent years, regardless of their size. What intrigued you about these companies?
5. The spirit of entrepreneurship and leadership can manifest in many ways, often outside traditional business contexts. Maybe you’ve led a group project at school, organized a fundraising event, helped run a social media campaign for a local organization, or simply enjoy brainstorming ideas that could make the world a better place. Share a time when you took initiative, worked on something related to business or leadership, community impact, or even just had a brilliant idea for solving a problem. How did you approach it, and what was the outcome or learning experience?
6. Technology is everywhere in our lives and throughout business operations. Discuss some of your experience with technology: such as using websites, gaming, social media, and AI or software tools. What aspects do you find most engaging or intriguing?
7. No innovator is an island. Our Academy thrives on the power of collaboration, bringing together diverse minds to forge ideas that can change the world. From technologist, to marketing, to finance, to management; businesses need a cohesive and multifaceted team in order to succeed. Talk about a time when you participated with a team. What was the project or undertaking? What was your role? What was the greatest challenge? And how did the team navigate stressful disagreements and differences?
8. Remember, this Academy would be on **top** of your academic pursuits. That means balancing all of the commitments in your life to not only make sure you are successful, but also the team. The Academy is an 11 month program starting in July. It meets two consecutive days each month on a Friday and Saturday. Additional group work will take place between these sessions to move the venture forward. When you look at what is on your plate, tell us how you would manage your time to make this work. Tell us what your strategies are and what you would do if you got stuck?
9. Imagine it’s the end of the Academy and you just presented at the final investor pitch session. What did you learn? What did you take away from the experience? What is your next step? Would you want to join the company your just helped create as one of its founders?
10. What would you like us to know about you that we may not have asked?