

February 11, 2016

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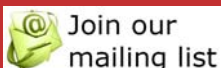


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POWER OF POSSIBILITIES

Thought of Starting a Small Business?
Have an Idea?
Do YOU Want to Realize Your Personal and Financial Dreams?

Enter the
POWER OF POSSIBILITIES
2nd Annual
Business Plan Competition!

- Obtain FREE advice from Garrett College and the staff of the business center, including mentoring and coaching to help you get started.
- Create a business plan and receive assistance on how to make your idea become a reality. Meet other community members who are also looking to start a small business.
- Meet & network with award-winning small business owners.
- Submit your business plan application on or before 4:00 p.m. February 11, 2016 - City of FTCC.

For more information, contact Mike Tambarello at 301-387-3167 or Sarah Myers at 301-387-3771 or visit www.4ruralsuccess.com to apply

Consider the Possibilities for your
Future Success and Financial Well Being - APPLY TODAY!

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP & INNOVATION

Power of Possibilities 2nd Annual Business Plan Competition Deadline Reminder: February 11, 2016

If you or someone you know in the community has a business idea - for a product or a service, either for-profit or not-for profit, to develop as an individual or as a team, the Competition provides a great chance to build a viable, comprehensive business plan, obtain coaching and mentoring from seasoned small business owners/support professionals, gain entrepreneurial skills, meet other new entrepreneurs and win awards including the Daniel E. Offutt III Innovation Award and cash prizes. Last year's top award was for \$1,500 plus other benefits!

The deadline to apply (it is a simple one page application and FREE for all applicants) is February 11th, with meet-ups and coaching sessions to follow, until plans are submitted in Mid-April. All applicants are invited to attend the awards luncheon and entrepreneurial summit at no cost. Last year we had eight businesses formed in the community and many other benefits accruing to all that participated!

Deadline to apply Thursday, February 11, 2016

For complete details and one page application, visit

U.S. Small Business Administration



Your Small Business Resource

What the Healthcare Law Means for Your Small Business

Free Webinars-Affordable Care Act 101

The webinars will focus on what the healthcare law, the Affordable Care Act, means for small businesses. It will focus on federal provisions to help local small business owners understand how the law will affect them. Topics being discussed include:

- Small business tax credits (available to businesses and tax-exempt non-profits)- who's eligible for them and how to claim them
- Marketplace updates
- Shared responsibility
- Cost containment
- Tools and resources available for small businesses interested in learning more about the law

A question and answer period will follow.

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Thursday, March 3, 2016

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Thursday, March 31, 2016

Thursday, April 14, 2016

Thursday, April 28, 2016

The webinars begin at 2pm.

Follow [this link](#) for Registration Information.