

CATCH APPLICATION

Application can be returned to catch@tampabaybbic.com

Applicant Information

Applicant Name _____ Date _____

Business Name _____ Home: _____ Cell: _____

Business Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

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Email address _____ Best time to call _____

Applicant Ethic Background

- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian or Pacific Island
- Black
- White
- Hispanic
- Other

Applicant Gender

- Male
- Female

Highest level of education

- Less than GED
- GED
- High School Diploma
- Postsecondary degree or certificate

Citizenship

- U.S Citizen
- NON U.S Citizen

Business Information:

Describe your business _____

How long in business _____ Numbers of employees _____

Have you made any monetary investment in your business? _____ If so how much? _____
If not, Why?

Do you have an (updated) completed business or marketing plan _____ Do you actively use it _____

1) Why would you be a good candidate for the C.A.T.C.H Entrepreneurial Training Program?

2) List three objectives you hope to achieve for your business from this program?

A.

B.

C.

3) How will the CATCH Entrepreneurial Training Program help your business?

4) List all of the entrepreneurship courses you have taken?

A.

B.

C.

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\$100.00 APPLICATION FEE WILL BE REFUNDED AFTER COMPLETION OF ALL CLASSES

Frequently asked questions:

Can I use separate paper to answer essay questions?

Yes, we encourage you to use UP TO 1 PAGE to answer each question. Please include your contact information on each page, if using a separate document.

What type of business CAN'T participant in the CATCH Entrepreneurial Training Program?

Not for profits, religious organizations, night clubs, bars or lounges, or any business deriving more than 10% of revenue from sale of adult beverages.

What is the criteria to be selected as a participant?

There isn't a specific or perfect applicant. We are seeking business owners who are passionate about their business and looking to advance their business to the next level using the principles outlined in CATCH. (C) oachable, (A) ction oriented (T) imely (C) ollaboration (H) elp.

How many participants will you accept for each class?

Each class will only have 10-15 participants.

Will you have any other classes this year?

Classes will be conducted based on availability on funding. This class is for Pinellas County.

Do I have to be in business for a certain amount of time?

You don't have to be in business for any specific amount of time; however, you should have developed and be ready to implement your business concept.

Who makes the decision regarding acceptance?

A selections committee will review applications to determine the participants chosen for admission in the CATCH Entrepreneurial Training Program.

If I don't get in this class, will you keep my application on file?

No, if you are not selected, we will not keep your application on file. We do not have a waiting list so we encourage you to reapply.

If I am not selected, can I meet with your consultants for one on one assistance?

Yes, technical assistance is available and open to everyone in the community.

How many classes can I miss before I will be dropped from the program?

While we prefer you to be in attendance at all of the classes, we will consider class completion with no more than 2 unexcused absences.

How much is the stipend and when will I receive it?

The stipend is \$2500.00 and it will be awarded within 30 days towards *verifiable business expenses* upon successful completion of the CATCH Entrepreneurial Training Program.

What happens after completion of the CATCH Entrepreneurial Training Program?

We will provide additional technical resources for support of your business through the Tampa Bay BBIC for up to 2 years. You will be required to attend a minimum of 12 monthly focus groups designed to assist you with other possible areas of business challenge.

*Business must be legally registered, business checking account required, and participants must provide receipts of expenses for reimbursement.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please DO NOT PRINT OR SIGN for initial submission. Signature will be obtained in person upon acceptance into the CATCH program.

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