



About YEA! Chicago

Empowering Girls to Step into Business and Life

Young Entrepreneurs Academy Chicago

Launched in 2014, YEA! Chicago was created as the only all-girls chapter of YEA! in the nation. Its mission is to provide a platform for girls to learn what is possible in business and within themselves through this powerful program of entrepreneurship.

Our girls go through a rigorous curriculum in becoming entrepreneurs. Over the course of the six months, participants meet with class instructors and subject matter experts to develop and strengthen skills in:

- Generating and vetting business ideas
- Conducting market research
- Creating a business plan
- Connecting with business professionals
- Understanding local businesses through field trips
- Pitching their business plans to local investors for startup funding
- Competing for the opportunity to advance to the Saunders Scholarship Competition
- Launching their own business or social movement
- Developing core business values and lifelong leadership skills

Student Selection Process

YEA! welcomes applications from all girls in grades 6-12. Girls interested in starting their own business may apply for program by completing the application, which includes an essay, short-answer questions, school transcripts, and letter of recommendation. Once the completed application is received, students will be invited to attend an in-person interview. Acceptance into the program is based on the completed application and the in-person interview. **To apply, go to yeachicago.org and click "Apply" from the home page.**

YEA! Course Information

YEA! classes meet every Tuesday evening from 5pm - 8pm between October through March, except for holidays and winter break. Our classroom is located inside 1871 at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago. The tuition for the course is \$695. **\$100 tuition discount when application and interview completed before June 30, 2020.** For questions about joining the program, contact Diana Conley, Recruitment and Volunteer Manager at diana@yeachicago.org or (630) 774-8244.

For more info, visit yeachicago.org

