



33rd Annual



SOUTH CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
**BUSINESS
WEEK**

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

JULY 24 - 29, 2016

The mission of South Carolina Business Week is to contribute to the preparation of young adults for the business environment by introducing them to the principles of leadership, teamwork and the American free enterprise system while promoting self-reliance, individual responsibility and entrepreneurship.

What is South Carolina Business Week?

- An inside look at business in action, this program is designed to educate high school students on entrepreneurship and the American free enterprise system.
- Students attend the program fully sponsored by the business community – only a \$50 fee is due upon acceptance.
- Business Week will be held on the campus of Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina July 24 –29, 2016.

Who Makes Up the Faculty?

- 30-40 leaders in business, education and government share their special knowledge and skills with the students.
- CEOs from some of South Carolina's largest corporations provide the big picture.
- Students hear from experts in economics, diversity, communications, international business, management and research and development.

Who Can Participate?

STUDENTS MUST:

- Have completed their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year by Spring of 2016;
- Be currently ranked in the top one-third of their class; and
- Possess demonstrated leadership skills through school and community activities.

Is There Time for Fun?

- Students will be permitted to use the recreational facilities at the college.
- Planned activities, such as a pizza party, a movie and a talent show, will allow time to meet new friends from across South Carolina.

How Does the Program Work?

- Students form mock companies of 10-12 students.
- Student companies are led by Company Advisors, loaned executives from companies across South Carolina.
- Students attend workshops on all aspects of business and test newly-acquired knowledge in a computer business simulation game.
- Students will compete in challenges to make their company the most profitable through sound business decisions.



What is Covered by the Business Sponsorships?

- The cost of living in a dorm room at Presbyterian College
- Three meals a day
- All instructional materials

How Do I Apply?

TO BE ACCEPTED INTO THE PROGRAM, STUDENTS MUST:

- Rank academically in the top one-third of their class;
- Have completed their freshman, sophomore, junior or senior year by the end of Spring 2016;
- Possess demonstrated leadership skills through school and community activities;
- Complete the enclosed application form in its entirety with the signature of school principal or guidance counselor, and return to the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.
- Essay: Write a brief (i.e., minimum 250 words, maximum 500 words) explanation about what you hope to gain by attending Business Week and how you think this experience will provide a background for your future in the working world. Please type, if possible, or use a pen and write legibly. Please staple to application. Students, including returning students, must submit an original essay. Essays from previous years will not be accepted.
- Students are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with class rank and application content taken into consideration.
- Upon receipt of applications, students will receive a notification of acceptance within three weeks. Do not include the \$50 registration fee with the application. Students will be mailed an acceptance letter detailing when to send the \$50 registration fee.

Deadline:

- The deadline for receipt of applications is April 17, 2016. Applications received after April 17 will be accepted based on availability. Returning students will be accepted after April 17 if space permits.

DO NOT SEND REGISTRATION FEE AT THIS TIME!

- Complete all information, and submit to principal or guidance counselor for final completion and authorizing signature.
- PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY. (USING A BLACK INK PEN)

Note: Applications will not be accepted without an authorizing signature and an attached essay.
This Application can be downloaded and filled out electronically at scbusinessweek.com



JULY 24-29, 2016

PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE | CLINTON, SC

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____ Student's Cell Phone #: _____
Name you prefer: _____ Student's Email address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Parent's Cell Phone: _____
Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Name(s): _____
Parent's or Guardian's Work Phone: _____ Guardian Email address: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Male () Female () HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED S.C. BUSINESS WEEK?* YES () NO ()

* Returning Business Week students will be accepted based on availability.

SCHOOL INFORMATION:

Name of High School: _____
School Phone: _____
County: _____
School District: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____

ACTIVITIES

In what extracurricular activities have you participated this school year?

What leadership positions do you hold in any of the above activities?

LIST INVOLVEMENT IN:

Student government:

Clubs and other school activities:

Community involvement:

STUDENT EVALUATION

TO BE COMPLETED BY PRINCIPAL OR GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Principal or Guidance Counselor Name: _____

School Year Completed by June 2016:

Freshman () Sophomore () Junior () Senior ()

Current Class Ranking: # _____ of _____ students.

Current grade point average: _____

Please rate student from 1 to 5 with number 5 being the highest.
Circle appropriate number.

	Low				High
Leadership ability	1	2	3	4	5
Ability to work well with others	1	2	3	4	5
Acceptance of authority	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation to learn	1	2	3	4	5
Initiative	1	2	3	4	5

COMMENTS:

I approve this student's application to SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS WEEK and will encourage him/her to make every effort to attend the program and be a productive participant.
Principal/Guidance Counselor signature/date: _____

Phone Number: _____

Application Deadline: April 17, 2016* mail to:

SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS WEEK

c/o S.C. Chamber of Commerce

1301 Gervais Street • Suite 1100 • Columbia, SC 29201

Or email your completed application and essay to:
businessweek@scchamber.net

THIS FORM MAY BE COPIED.

***Application must be submitted in its entirety with an attached essay, to be eligible for review.**