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Habersham County Chamber of Commerce Receives Grant to Become a Georgia FLEX Community

Habersham County Chamber of Commerce has received a grant from Georgia FLEX to cover the \$5000 fee to become a Georgia FLEX Community for the 2024-25 school year.

The Foundational Leadership and Entrepreneurship Experience (FLEX) is an entrepreneurship program for high school students that engages them in the business world through experiences and mentorships. Students in FLEX create real businesses, provide real products and services, and make real money. Local business partners, along with community leaders and teachers help to make this program a success by investing in the program through teaching workshops and mentoring student entrepreneurs. Students compete in three rounds of competition until a local winner is selected. Local FLEX champs then move on to the state-wide competition.

The Chamber will be working closely with administration and staff at Habersham Central High School, Tallulah Falls School and Trinity Classical School to be sure all FLEX workshops and events for high school entrepreneurs are communicated to students.

The Chamber will be recruiting local business mentors to guide students through business education workshops then through each round of competition.

There will be several sponsorship opportunities available to support small business loans to student entrepreneurs whose business plans make it to the second round, as well as funding cash prizes for local winners.

For more information on becoming a mentor or sponsor contact Ellie Van Doornum at president@habershamchamber.com.



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