

2023 Entrepreneur Pitch Rules & Regulations

The Wetzel-Tyler Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the EQT Foundation is happy to announce our 2023 Entrepreneur Pitch Competition.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be an existing for-profit business or plan to open a new business in 2023-2024.
2. Business is located within Wetzel or Tyler Counties, WV or Monroe County, OH.
3. Business may be a new business, or an existing business that is adding a new service, product expansion or upgrade features.
4. Established businesses must submit proof of WV or OH business registration with the application. New businesses will be required to do this before any funds are paid out.
5. Previous Entrepreneur Pitch winners are not eligible to enter.
6. There is no age limit to enter. We encourage young entrepreneurs!

Video/Application Submission:

1. Create a 60 second commercial highlighting your business or proposed business. Videos must be submitted with your application. If you need help creating your video commercial, please let us know prior to the deadline and we will provide support. Your commercials will be linked to our Instagram and Facebook accounts with a direct link to YouTube. This is for the public to preview.
2. Videos and application may to be emailed to director@wetzelttylerchamber.org or dropped off (video on a USB drive) at our office: Wetzel-Tyler Chamber of Commerce, 132 North St., PO Box 271, New Martinsville, WV 26155
3. There will be no public voting prior to the event. Videos are for preview only.

Deadlines:

Event Date: Thursday, October 19, 2023

Application/Video Submission: Monday, October 2, 2023 by 4:00 PM (you will be contacted on Tuesday, October 3rd to inform you that we have received your application/video and to answer any questions you/we may have.

Night of the Event:

1. Location of event is Valley Church 600 4th Ave, Paden City, WV 26159
<https://valleychurchwv.com/>
2. Doors open at 5:00 to contestants; 5:30 to the public; event begins at 6:00pm.
3. Presenters will draw to determine order of presentation.
4. Your 60 second commercial will play prior to your presentation, as an introduction.
5. You will have 3 minutes to present and 2 minutes for audience questions.

6. After everyone has presented, the audience will vote. There is a \$5.00 charge to purchase a ballot. One ballot per person. You must be 18 to vote.
7. Votes will be tallied by our Judges and the winners announced.

Judging:

1. There will be 3 independent judges.
2. Judges' votes will be added as a weighted vote.

We are looking forward to seeing exciting new businesses and our existing businesses presenting something new! Remember to be creative with your presentations and to have fun with this. Good humor is encouraged!

Good luck to everyone.

