

BizVenture teen competition begins Wednesday

ORANGE — It's never too soon to start thinking about how one might make a living or make his/her mark on the world. BizVenture is a program designed to give young adults, ages 13 to 22, the tools needed to start and maintain their own business.

BizVenture is a program similar to baseball's "farm system." The Young Entrepreneurs Society is creating a system for producing productive entrepreneurs.

The economic future of America rests on maintaining, cultivating and strengthening the entrepreneurial spirit of its citizens.

BizVenture kicks off with a business plan competition for residents of the North Quabbin ages 13 to 22. The competition starts with BizTour on Wednesday; local schools will hold assemblies to encourage students to participate in BizQuiz.

BizQuiz, running from Wednesday through April 22, is an online quiz consisting of 40 multiple-choice questions that assesses the participants' business and career goals and readiness.

After successful completion, the participants compete in BizIdea. BizIdea is an interactive business proposal competition, also running through April 22.

Participants write an initial business proposal and upload it onto the Web site.

There, the online community of residents, business leaders and students suggest means of enhancing the proposal.

The event culminates on May 5 with an award ceremony at the Elks Lodge, where students pitch their business proposals to community representatives and business owners.

Winners will receive awards to start working on their business ideas.

If you'd like more information about this program, or to schedule an interview for an article, please contact Diana Wheeler at (978) 544-1869 or Diana@yes-inc.org