

2021

Minnesota Business Venture

*A fun, one-of-a-kind summer
program that is beyond business*



JULY 12-15
Session 1

JULY 26-29
Session 2



Have you...



Wanted to explore
college and career paths?



Completed grade
9, 10, 11 or 12?



Wanted to meet
new people?



Wanted to hear
entrepreneur stories?



Looked for a
leadership opportunity?



Had an interest in
starting a business?

Then you're ready to apply today!



● Who attends?

Participants are completing grades 9-12 and attending public, private, charter, or homeschool. Students from 100+ high schools attend.

● What happens?

- Become a part of a team of ~10 students where you'll work together to invent an imaginary product/service, develop, and present a business plan.
- Participate in sessions led by professionals about: marketing, investing, interviewing, entrepreneurship, career skills, and so much more!
- Games, individual challenges, and photo challenges are just some of the fun things you'll do!

● When is it?

July 12-15, 2021

Session 1

July 26-29, 2021

Session 2

For more information, contact us:

mbv@bestprep.org

763-233-6325

www.bestprep.org



● How much?

Camp tuition is generously covered by donors who provide sponsorships for all participants that cover the \$1,300 cost per student. BestPrep secures these sponsorships for you. As a result, students only pay a registration fee: \$50 for applications. All costs are covered, including program materials and activities. All students will receive mailed information ahead of camp with materials.

Financial assistance is available to students who provide free/reduced lunch documentation or who have need due to COVID-19 related concerns. Limited technology including electronic devices and internet hot spots are available for those who apply by May 14.

● How do I apply?

- Complete the attached application or go online to www.bestprep.org/mbvapp.
- Fill out the application, obtain the required information from an educator and submit it to BestPrep with the payment.
- Agree to commit four days of your time to the camp with 100% willingness to learn and participate. You must also comply with all MBV policies.

● Who is BestPrep?

BestPrep is a nonprofit organization that offers seven programs, dedicated to inspiring Minnesota students to succeed in work and life: Classroom Plus, Cloud Coach, eMentors, Financial Matters, Minnesota Business Venture, The Stock Market Game™, and Technology Integration Workshop.

● What's next?

Once we review your application, you will be notified and sent final forms that must be completed and returned by the given due date. These forms ask questions about you and your interests. **Check your email for the MBV confirmation.** If you require any specific technology accommodation please call or email MBV by May 14 to discuss.

A typical day at MBV

9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Kickoff
9:05 a.m.	Keynote Presentation
9:30 a.m.	Company Meeting
10:05 a.m.	Career Skills Breakout
10:45 a.m.	Company Meeting
11:30 a.m.	Entrepreneurship Story
11:55 a.m.	Student Emcee Activities (team building and photo challenges)
12:05 p.m.	Interactive Session (Mock Interviews, Question and Answer with Finance Professionals)
12:40 p.m.	Celebrity Call-In
12:55 p.m.	Final Announcements
1:00	Day concludes



We are proud to partner with the Schulze School of Entrepreneurship at the University of St. Thomas and the Donald McNeely Center for Entrepreneurship at St. John's University.

Minnesota Business Venture Student Application

Please print legibly.

First Name Last Name Preferred First Name, if different

School Name and City

Pronouns: _____ Birth Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Ethnicity: ☐ African American/Black ☐ Multiracial ☐ Asian
(Ex. he, she, they, ey, xe, co) ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ White ☐ Native American
☐ Other

2020-2021 Grade: ☐ Freshman ('24) ☐ Sophomore ('23) ☐ Junior ('22) ☐ Senior ('21) GPA _____

Home Address Apartment Number

City State Zip
() () Preferred Number: ☐ Home
☐ Cell

Student's Home Phone Student's Cell Phone

Email Address—Acceptance to MBV will be communicated through email. Please provide an email that is checked regularly.

Guardian/Parent Information (Main Contact)

First and Last Name

Email Address

Preferred Phone Number Secondary Number
☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Employer

Guardian/Parent Information (Secondary Contact)

First and Last Name

Email Address

Preferred Phone Number Secondary Number
☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Employer

● How did you hear about MBV?

- ☐ BPA/DECA ☐ AVID
☐ Friend ☐ Parent
☐ TRIO ☐ Educator/Coach
☐ College Possible ☐ Other: _____

● Session—please select one

- ☐ July 12-15, 2021 ☐ July 26-29, 2021
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To Be Completed by a School Official/Teacher/Mentor

MBV is an academic program requiring teamwork, communication and responsibility.
To the best of my knowledge:

- Student has shown a sincere interest in attending MBV. ☐ Yes ☐ No
• Student actively participates in class. ☐ Yes ☐ No
• Student completes homework/schoolwork on time. ☐ Yes ☐ No
• Student is respectful of other students, staff and rules. ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Comments:

Signature of School Official/Teacher/Mentor Date

Print Name

Title/Subject

School Name/Organization

Email Address

Phone

Minnesota Business Venture Student Application

● Application Questions

Minnesota Business Venture is a virtual program in 2021. Please let us know if you have access to a device/computer and the internet. We will have a limited number of devices available for loan throughout the program. Let us know if you need a device by May 14.

1. In July, will you have access to an electronic device? This should be a laptop, tablet or desktop computer.

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. In July, will you have access to the internet?

☐ Yes ☐ No

● Program Guidelines

Minnesota Business Venture will host 200 students each week of the program. Because of the group size, and to provide a safe and fun learning experience, BestPrep has the following expectations of you. Please read them carefully so you know what to expect while attending MBV.

- Participants shall be responsible for their words and actions.
- Participants shall be respectful of others.
- Participants shall follow directions from staff members
- Participants shall leave extra devices (phones if not using for a video call, for example) to the side during sessions.
- Bullying, harrasment, acts of aggression, or violence are prohibited behaviors and can be cause for removal of program.
- All images, materials presented, equipment and conversations relayed or chatted during the online presentations will be the sole property of BestPrep and its programs.

I understand that MBV is an intensive, academic program and the rules are designed for my safety and enjoyment. I also understand that **my payment is non-refundable** once I am accepted. If all forms following my application are not submitted to BestPrep by the due date, **BestPrep retains the right to keep the non-refundable payment** and cancel my application.

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name (Parent/Guardian)

Please mail your completed application packet to:

BestPrep's Minnesota Business Venture
7100 Northland Circle North, Suite 120
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

For more information contact:

EMAIL: mbv@bestprep.org

PHONE: 763-233-6325

FAX: 763-398-0391

WEB: www.bestprep.org



● Payment Information

The cost to attend is \$50 for the week. This fee is non-refundable if you cancel or fail to turn in all paperwork by the due date.

Please make checks payable to **BestPrep**, or enter credit card information below.

Amount Included With Application \$ _____

Card Type

☐ American Express ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card Number

Exp. Date

Cardholder Signature

Financial Aid

Our goal is to ensure that every student is given the opportunity to attend MBV. Financial aid is available for those families who cannot afford the full cost.

Do you qualify for free/reduced lunch?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please indicate maximum amount of application fee you can afford and enclose with the application.

☐ \$5 ☐ \$10 ☐ \$20 ☐ \$30 ☐ other _____

To receive financial aid for Minnesota Business Venture please provide the following documents with the application:

- 1) Transcript including state MARSS number
- 2) Letter of proof of free/reduced lunch

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Application Received Date _____

Payment Type _____

Amount _____ Check Number _____

Entered in Database Date _____

Acceptance Emailed Date _____

Forms Due Date _____

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