

# Awards Ceremony and Student Remarks

## **Purpose:**

Students receive recognition for completing the entrepreneurship program.

## **Materials:**

Graduation certificate for each student

Certificate holders - 1 per student (optional)

Certificates or small gifts of appreciation for mentors

## **Teacher Tips:**

- Fill out the graduation certificates in advance, insert them in their holders, and have them arranged in alphabetical order.
- You will also need to prepare awards for the business plan competition. These awards include 1<sup>st</sup> place, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and Honorable Mention for Best Business Plan. Optional awards may include Best Flyer/Poster, Best Business Card, Best Business Slogan, Best Friend/Helper, and others.
- Arrange for someone to take photos of your awards ceremony. Plan to write a press release about your awards presentation and send it with several of the best photos to your local newspaper.

## **Instructions:**

1. Start your awards ceremony by announcing the winners of the business plan competition and presenting their awards. Applaud for winners.
2. After all of the special awards have been presented, hand out the graduation certificates. Have students come forward as you call their names in alphabetical order. Lead the guests in applause as students receive their certificates.
3. Congratulate the students for their accomplishments, and invite students who wish to make remarks to come forward. Allow students about 30-60 seconds each to talk about what they learned or appreciated about the program, as well as to thank the mentors.
4. Present certificates and/or small thank-you gifts to the mentors who have helped with the program.
5. Thank students for all their cooperation and hard work to make entrepreneurship program a success. Thank parents and guests for coming to the awards ceremony and for their support of the program.