



ENTREPRENEURIAL ESSAY CONTEST

The 'Tools for Success' Needed To Be A Successful Entrepreneur on Chincoteague Island

PURPOSE

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce Strategic Action Plan adopted in 2018 defined a short-term goal under Business Development to "Find out what the next generation wants in the Town of Chincoteague." We are reaching out to Chincoteague High School seniors and FBLA members for your valued input. The information from this essay contest will help the chamber further support our business community and will be used to expand the Entrepreneurial Opportunities section of the chamber website www.chincoteaguechamber.com/entrepreneurs.

There are many reasons why individuals choose to become entrepreneurs over the more traditional route of becoming employees. Only you can decide the life that is right for you, but if you were to become an entrepreneur on Chincoteague Island, what 'Tools for Success' would be necessary for you to operate a prosperous business?

AREAS TO CONSIDER

What entrepreneurial opportunity would you pursue?

What education would you require - vocational training, a 2-year degree, a 4-year degree or more? Does the Eastern Shore currently offer these educational opportunities?

Does the island currently offer ample access to the resources you would need to further your entrepreneurial dream – building/land needs, transportation, public sewers, proximity to hospitals, internet access, etc.

Will this entrepreneurial dream offer you the stability and sustainability to live on the island and raise a family?

What other 'Tools for Success' would be important to run a successful entrepreneurship on the island?

CONTENT & DEADLINE

Write an essay of 500 - 1,000 words explaining **The 'Tools for Success' Needed To Be A Successful Entrepreneur on Chincoteague Island**. All entries should be emailed to joanne@chincoteaguechamber.com no later than March 26. Essays will be read by a committee and the winner will receive a \$100 VISA gift card.

Please visit www.chincoteaguechamber.com to view the Chincoteague Island Visitor's Guide & Membership Directory and learn more about our current business community.