

Concept Paper Template

PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

The business concept paper should be single-spaced, size 11 font in either Calibri or Times New Roman style and <u>should not exceed 2 pages for the narrative</u> (sections 1-4) and <u>no more than 1 page for financials</u> (section 5). No logos, visuals, website addresses, social media handles, or external links may be used. Concept papers that do not meet these requirements will **NOT** be accepted for review.

1. Contact Information (Name, Address, Email, Phone Number)

2. Business Summary

- Describe the product or service that you will offer and the market that you serve.
- Identify your customers and how you are addressing an unmet need.

3. Market/Industry Analysis/Competition

- Identify the specific market segment(s) addressed by your business and its approximate size.
- Describe the advantages or unique qualities (value proposition) of your product or service.
- Outline Industry trends or regulations that might affect the growth of your business.

4. Management Team

• Describe the current management team and include a brief description of the team's relevant experience.

5. Financials

- Explain how your business currently generates or will generate revenue. Additionally, explain any future sources of funding.
- Describe any key partnerships that your business requires to operate (examples: vendors, suppliers, distribution partners)
- Describe how you would use the prize money to expand your business.
- Provide a financial summary of historical and/or projected revenue, estimated operating costs, and anticipated profitability over the next 3 to 5 years. You may use the table below.

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Total Sales/Revenue						
Cost of Goods Sold						
Gross Profit						
Overhead/Expenses						
Net Income						