

## THE SPENCER ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

The Spencer Entrepreneur Award is named for Central Valley leader and entrepreneur Richard Spencer. A highly regarded businessman, entrepreneur and civic leader, the Spencer Entrepreneur Award is presented to an Entrepreneur Student who best exemplifies the goals and mission of the Lyles Center and its multitude of programs. The award of **\$4500** is made annually to a student who is committed and engaged in a wide array of Lyles Center programs furthering their success as an entrepreneur.

### Qualifications:

Students are eligible for the Spencer Entrepreneur Award based on the following qualifications:

1. Currently a student in good standing.
2. High participation and contribution in a wide variety of Lyles Center programs.
3. Demonstrated commitment to excellence, learning and the application of entrepreneurial skills.
4. High level of respect from students, faculty and staff.

### Applications:

1. Applications for the scholarship will be accepted no later than May 1 of each year.
2. Applications will include the following:
  - a. A statement from the student expressing their vision for their future, the role Lyles Center Programs will play in their future and how they have contributed to the learning process of other students.
  - b. One letter of support from an Entrepreneur Student.
  - c. One letter of support from a Community Leader.
  - d. A complete listing of the programs the student has participated in and the level of their activity (see Appendix for a list of some of those activities. For each activity describe your level of involvement).

### Selection:

1. The review panel for the submitted applications will consist of two faculty, two Lyles Staff, and a member of the Community.
2. The award of the scholarship will be announced and presented at the Lyles Center Annual End of the Year Dinner in May.

# Appendix: Entrepreneurship Engagement

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Students in the Entrepreneurship Program have multiple opportunities to participate in a wide variety of activities that will lead to their development of entrepreneurial skills. Below is a listing of such activities that are supported by the Lyles Center.

- Member, CEO
- Officer, CEO
- Attend CEO National
- Present at campus Elevator Pitch
- Present at campus Idea Pitch
- Present at National Elevator Pitch
- Intern with Start-up Company
- Exchange Student at Entrepreneurship University
- Entrepreneur Mentor Program
- Interdisciplinary Team
- Submit Video to Student Venture Challenge
- Launch a business
- Teach for Kids Invent!
- Participate in EDGE
- Secure a trademark
- Mentor a NFTE student

## **ATTEND THESE EVENTS:**

- Venture Capital Forum
- Creative Fresno meeting
- Entrepreneur in Residence Reception
- FLYP meeting
- CVBI Stock Exchange
- Attend non business club
- Institute for Family Business
- NFTE Banquet
- Entrepreneur of the Year Luncheon
- Entrepreneur Unplugged