



The Wild Ophelia Accelerator Program Application

Program Overview

Three high school and/or college girls will be accepted into the program each year. The program kicks off with an 8-10 week internship at the Vosges Haut-Chocolat and Wild Ophelia Chocolate Temple in Chicago, IL to meet founder Katrina Markoff and learn from Vosges experts in the business, marketing and culinary teams. The winner will also receive:

- Mentorship from several of 10 women serving as Wild Ophelia's Board of Directors, to include one "meet and greet" while in Chicago, and one Skype session per quarter for the following year.
- Participation in Kendall College (or other culinary/hospitality school) program catered to culinary education, to take place during the summer months, and/or a scholarship/grant towards current culinary/business/hospitality program
- Attendance at Spoon University's annual Brainfood conference in 2017

How To Apply Applicants must be at least 16 years of age by September 2016, and currently enrolled and in good standing in high school or college. In addition, applicants must have started a small business (e.g. a lemonade stand, etc.) that has been active for at least one year. Applicants can apply individually or in pairs. The application process requires:

Round 1

- Submission of a 3 minute video answering the following questions:
 - Introduction: Name, hometown, age
 - Talk to us about the moment you were first inspired to work in the food industry.
 - What does entrepreneurship mean to you and why did you want to start your own business?
 - Give us a brief summary of your business and it's goals/successes/challenges.
 - If money was no object and you did not have to work for a living, what would you do?
- Submission of one letter of recommendation from a non-family member

Round 2

If selected to move on to the second round, participants will prepare and present their business plan to a panel of judges via Skype, who will select the grant winners.

Please send all application materials to natalie@vosgeschocolate.com by March 31st, 2017