



## 2026 Marshall County Launchpad Pitch Competition Registration Form

**Applicant(s) First & Last Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business email address \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Entity of Business if applicable (check one)

DBA

Corporation (C Corp., S Corp)

Partnership

LLC

Not yet established.

Year Established: \_\_\_\_\_ Potential established date if not established: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Website (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Business social media (if applicable)  Yes  No

Please list if "yes" above: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Overview Summary

Is your business currently licensed in the State of West Virginia or Ohio?  Yes  No

Will your business include Marshall County, WV in their targeted service area?  Yes  No



What are your current business needs? How would your business benefit from the award package from this competition?

How did you hear about the Marshall County Launchpad Pitch Competition?

- Newspaper    Facebook    Radio    Marshall County Chamber Website    TV
- Referral (please list from whom) \_\_\_\_\_

Did you submit 90 second video?    Yes    No

**Release and Waiver:**

I (We) have received the Marshall County Launchpad Pitch Competition and read the Eligibility, Guidelines & Application and hereby verify that this startup meets the eligibility requirements of this competition. I (we) attest that this registration form and the contents of this application are true, accurate and complete.

In consideration of my (our) participation in this competition, I (we), the participant, intending to be legally bound do hereby waive and forever release any and all rights and claims for damages or injuries that I (we) may have against the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce and all their agents assisting with the event, other sponsors and their representatives, volunteers and employees for any and all injuries to me (us) or my (our) personal property. This release includes all injuries and/or damages suffered by me (us) before, during or after the event. I (we) recognize, intend and understand that this release is binding on my own (ours) heirs, executors, administrators or assignees.

I (we) understand that all photos taken during this competition can be used for promotional advertisements and as the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce sees fit with no expiration date.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



## 2026 Marshall County Launchpad Pitch Competition

### Eligibility Guidelines

*The Marshall County Launchpad Pitch Competition is open to all business owners or potential business owners who have a new business idea or who are in the startup or concept stage of creating a business that has a service area that includes Marshall County, West Virginia. The first-place winner will receive an award package of \$5,000 value to *Kickstart* their business needs!*

For the purpose of this competition, a startup business applicant and/or applicant name are eligible to apply if it meets the following requirements.

#### An applicant's business:

- Must be a for-profit business in the newer stages including start up, meaning it has been in business for less than 5 years with an annual revenue of less than \$250,000
- Has received less than \$50,000 in debt financing or outside investment to date
- Has an idea or product that may be owned, in part of or in full of applicants listed

#### Ineligible business include:

- Nonprofits, not-for-profits and religious organizations
- Businesses with primary products that are derived from sales of drugs, gambling, firearms, or sexually explicit materials

Applicants that meet all the above criteria will be reviewed in the first round of judging. Three finalists will be chosen from the first round to compete in the recommended coaching sessions and live pitch contest where they will present their business pitch to a panel of judges and a live audience.

### **Coaching Sessions**

Finalist chosen will be automatically enrolled in 4 educational and informational coaching sessions that are **highly recommended**. Dates of coaching sessions will be May 4th, May 11th, May 18<sup>th</sup> and May 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30PM PM at The Marshall County Chamber of Commerce with Entrepreneur and Business Coach, Carrie White, from *Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Experts*. By signing the above application, you acknowledge this requirement and benefit of the coaching sessions. May 25<sup>th</sup> session will be a practice run through presentation at Grand Vue Park.

Applicants not chosen as finalists will have the opportunity to attend coaching sessions if desired.

### **Application Deadline**

Applications and video are due by email at [chamber@marshallcountychamber.com](mailto:chamber@marshallcountychamber.com) with subject line- Pitch Competition or in person at 609 Jefferson Ave. Moundsville, WV 26041 by April 1st, 2026. Finalists will be contacted by April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, with an acceptance date deadline from applicant by April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



### Confidentiality Notice

The Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Launchpad Pitch Competition honors the confidentiality of all applicants' business concepts, plans and financial projections. Application material will not be shared for any purpose other than the use in the Pitch Competition. The staff and judges recognize the sensitivity of the material being submitted. **Applicants selected to present in the final round of the competition are advised that this will be a public forum, and any information presented by applicant will then be considered public disclosure.**

### Prize Package

The winning startup business applicant will be announced on May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the live event following the completion and deliberation of the panel of judges. The winner will receive a prize package of \$5,000 that includes cash prize and/or invoice payments as requested, marketing materials, printing, media coverage, and future advertising. A "Crowd/Popular" vote will also be awarded.

<b>Timeline Process</b>	<b>Date</b>
Application Deadline	April 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2026
Application Judging	Week of April 6 <sup>h</sup> , 2026
Notification of Finalist	April 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
Acceptance from Finalist	April 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
May Coaching Sessions	
Live Pitch Competition Event	May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2026
<b>**All dates are subject to change</b>	

Any questions on Pitch Competition please reach out to [chamber@marshallcountychamber.com](mailto:chamber@marshallcountychamber.com)

Deadline for Application: April 1st, 2026, by email or delivery in person to 609 Jefferson Ave. Moundsville, WV 26041. When emailing applications please use the following email address, [chamber@marshallcountychamber.com](mailto:chamber@marshallcountychamber.com)  
Subject Line: Pitch Competition Application.