High school students can win cash in business plan contest

Calling all young entrepreneurs.

Secondary school students in Halton are invited to enter the 2007 Halton Region RBC Business Plan Competition to gain business experience and potentially win cash awards. Interested youths can prepare a business plan for a business they want to start or just an idea for one.

"Halton Region is committed to giving young entrepreneurs the skills they need to achieve success now and in the future," said Regional Chair Gary Carr.

"The annual business plan competition is one way we can encourage Halton's youth to make the most of their oppor-

Region's Business Development Centre holds the event locally in partnership with MSBE.

Participants in last year's program developed business plans for a variety of products and services, from a high-end salon and spa to a student-run car cleaning service.

This year, students have the opportunity to win one of five cash awards between \$200 and \$1,000. All full-time Halton secondary school students are eligible to apply, regardless of their stream of study.

Winners at the local level can advance to the regional competition, where there are even more awards to be won.

business leaders will judge the entries according to a set of guidelines. These guidelines, along with the judging criteria, are available at www.halton.ca/business.

Teachers are encouraged to contact the business development centre for more information on getting Halton's business consultants to make in-class presentations about youth opportunities and to find more resources to help students write their business plans.

The deadline for schools to submit business plans is Monday, May 28.

For more details on the competition or other youth pro-All students and schools that submit a business plan will be grams contact the Halton Region Business Development Centre at (905) 825-6000 or visit the aforementioned web-



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