

**WHO WILL BE THE
NEXT YOUNG
ENTREPRENEUR TO
MAKE A BIG
DIFFERENCE?**



At the young age of sixteen, Girl Talk founder and President, Haley Kilpatrick began brainstorming ideas for an organization that could help middle school girls with the daily triumphs and trials of being a young teen. In 2002 she started Girl Talk, in her middle and high school in Albany, Ga. Girl Talk is a student-to-student mentoring program that is quickly growing in states all over America. Today, her program is a national nonprofit organization in 19 states and

Girl Talk has reached nearly 10,000 girls! Haley is working hard to see that Girl Talk is in all fifty states by 2010.

Putting Green is the brainchild of a New Ulm area physician, Laurel Gamm, and her family. In 1997 on a family outing, they discovered that mini-golf was a fun activity that they all enjoyed together. On the way home Laurel's 8 year old son was imagining and drawing mini golf holes in the backseat. Laurel thought - "Aha! Wouldn't designing and developing a mini golf course be a great hands-on way to learn many disciplines---physics, math, art, and business?" Putting Green, Inc. formed in 2001 as a nonprofit organization, and thanks to its many supporters and volunteers, Putting Green is an innovative center for environmental education serving south central Minnesota.



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Helping Rural America Realize
Its Entrepreneurial Potential

**Join our
EYE*DEAS Talent Search**
energizing young entrepreneurs

Drive

Desire



Passion

Vision

Know a young entrepreneur? We want to hear about them!

See inside for details on how to enter them in our
national talent search.

SEND YOUR NOMINATION NOW!



The Search

Between now and the end of 2006, we aim to collect community-based youth entrepreneurship stories and share them with others who are working in this field. We want to find out:

- what young entrepreneurs and communities are doing,
- what these entrepreneurs and community-based programs may have in common,
- what communities can do to better support young entrepreneurs, and
- what will draw more young people to entrepreneurship as a career choice and pathway to building their future in a rural community.

Guidelines for Nominations

The E² EYE*DEAS Talent Search is accepting nominations through a simple online submission process. Nominations will be accepted in each of two categories:

- **Young entrepreneur** - A young person (or group of young people), aged 5 to 25, who currently owns and operates a successful entrepreneurial business that he or she established or acquired from a previous owner, or who currently leads an innovative entrepreneurial civic program or project that provides some public benefit.

- **Community-based youth entrepreneurship program** - Programs or projects that engage young people, ranging from elementary to secondary school age, in learning about or practicing entrepreneurship. Post-secondary level programs may be submitted if they are directly related to some community-based practice such as apprenticeships, micro-business or entrepreneurial civic projects. Eligible programs and projects may be school, organization or community led, such as entrepreneurship classes, extracurricular projects, or community youth programs.



Be sure to indicate the correct nomination category on the form below.

Nomination for (please check one):

- Young Entrepreneur
 Community-based Youth Entrepreneurship Program/Project

1. Information on nominee:

Name of individual or group:
Address:
Phone number:
E-mail address:
Website address (if available):

2. Age range of young people involved with this nomination (check all that apply):

- 5 to 12 years of age
 13 to 18 years of age
 19 to 25 years of age

3. Please provide some background on the nominee (50 words or less).

4. Describe the nominee's entrepreneurial business or civic program/project. (100 words or less). *Note: If you are nominating an entrepreneurship program or project that is affiliated with a state or national program or curriculum resource, please indicate this affiliation.*

5. What is it that makes this nominee exceptional, in your opinion? (100 words or less)

6. What significant results has the nominee achieved? (50 words or less)

Contact Information for the person nominating the young entrepreneur or youth entrepreneurship program/project:

Name:
Mailing address:
Phone number:
Email address (if available):

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