

## Program Description:

The CO+HOOTS Institute for Entrepreneurship provides students of Benedictine University Mesa with an immersive and hands-on experience through a combination of individual and team learning, mentorship from experienced entrepreneurs, community service, and internship opportunities with local businesses. Participants will learn how to identify the needs of the community, collaborate with others to achieve goals, develop and execute a marketing plan, and ultimately, launch a business. In addition to developing key skills in entrepreneurship, participants will practice skills to be successful in any career, such as: leadership, problem solving, critical thinking, effective communication, creativity, professional networking, and collaboration.

## Eligibility:

- Be an admitted and matriculated student of Benedictine University Mesa
- Have and maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA (from high school or current college/university)
- Submit a complete and accurate CIE application by **July 15**
- Participate in a scheduled interview with Benedictine University staff during the summer

## Application Materials:

1. Applicant Information (on Page 2)
2. Essay Questions (directions below)
3. **Two** Letters of Recommendation (directions below)

## Essay Questions:

Responses to the following questions must be submitted at the same time as the other application materials. **If** responses are written, each response must be typed and one paragraph long, between 4 and 8 sentences.

1. What does entrepreneurship mean to you and why are you interested in the CO+HOOTS Institute for Entrepreneurship?
2. What potential barriers might you face in being successful as a student and a participant in this program?
3. Provide an example of when you have exhibited creativity in school, work, or another aspect of your life.

## Letters of Recommendation:

Two recommenders must be submitted at the same time as the other application materials. Recommenders may be a current or previous supervisor, teacher, principal, dean, advisor, mentor, employer or coach. They may NOT be family members or personal friends. Include the information for each recommender on page 2. Notify them that they will receive an email invitation to submit your letter of recommendation, which must be completed within 2 weeks of receipt.

## Application Materials must be received by July 15

May be submitted via email to:  
co+hoots@ben.edu

OR

May be submitted via mail to:  
Benedictine University Mesa  
Attn: CO+HOOTS Institute  
225 E. Main St.  
Mesa, AZ 85201

**Applicant Information:**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address Line 2: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

High School or Current College/University:

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Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Major (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I have been admitted and matriculated at Benedictine University Mesa.

**Recommender #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company & Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years Known: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommender #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company & Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Years Known: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_