

BiGEntrepreneurship District Center offers comprehensive training and support services to build the entrepreneurial capacity of socially and economically diverse women and men who want to start or grow a business. Minorities, women, and low-income adult applicants are encouraged for all BiGAUSTIN programs.

Course

Start Smart: This seven-week course meets on Monday and Thursdays provides an introduction to management, marketing and finances, plus the completion of a business idea feasibility study - an idea viability and personal readiness assessment. Start Smart course focuses on helping students create a practical, effective business plan for their businesses. The class addresses every aspect of starting and developing a small business including marketing, management, finance, and tax and record keeping. If not already in business, candidates for this class should plan on launching their business 3 to 6 months after completing the class. Ideal for candidates who already have or are about to start a business.

Scholarships and Payment Plans

Scholarships are based on HUD guidelines. Those who apply for a scholarship must include income verification in the form of tax returns, check stubs. Sliding scale & Payment plans require half payments on the first day followed by the other half 30 days later.

Other BiGAUSTIN Resources

BiGAUSTIN offers a full range of programs and services designed to serve small businesses at all stages of development. For a full list of upcoming services and workshops, visit <http://bit.ly/bigaustinworkshops>.

- Workshops: Examples include QuickBooks, Social Media, Advanced Internet Marketing, Advanced Finance, Legal, and more.
- Business Incubator: Co-working space
- Financing Resource Center: for Start-up Business (3 mos. Operation) Existing Business (1 year operation)
- The Women's Business Center: specializing in meeting the needs of women entrepreneurs.
- Business Consulting: confidential one-on-one consulting services tailored to each client's needs.

Office Use Only

Date received: _____ Part 5 ID# _____
Applying for scholarship? Y N Income verification attached? Y N
Move application to: _____

Please check the class you are applying for:

- January May October

Today's Date: _____

Section 1

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Day phone: _____ Evening phone: _____ Cell phone _____

E-mail address: _____ Referred by: _____

Ethnic background:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> Latino/Hispanic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American | <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Multi Racial _____ |

Section 2

(If you are not yet in business, proceed to Section 3.)

Legal Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Business e-mail: _____

Website URL: _____ Field/Industry: _____

Length of time in business: _____ year(s) _____ month(s). Business start date: _____

Revenues: _____ Monthly _____ Annually _____

Number of employees: _____ F/T _____ P/T _____ Contractors

Section 3

Give a brief description of your business or business idea.

Give a brief description of your products or services:

What does your business need for growth over the next year?

Household Information

Please check one below:

- I am Single

If you file and claim only yourself for tax purposes, put your annual income here _____

- I am Married or have a Domestic Partner

If you file jointly, provide your combined household income _____

How many dependents do you support? _____

Which of the following accurately reflects your total household income? (Please circle.)

<i>Family of:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>30% Median Income 30% HUD</i>	\$0- \$16,150	\$0- \$18,450	\$0- \$20,750	\$0- \$24,250	\$0- \$28,400	\$0- \$32,550	\$0- \$36,750	\$0- \$40,900
<i>50% Median Income very low</i>	\$16,151- \$26,900	\$18,451- \$30,750	\$20,751- \$34,600	\$24,251- \$38,400	\$28,401- \$41,500	\$32,551- \$44,550	\$36,751- \$47,650	\$40,901- \$50,700
<i>80% Median Income low</i>	\$26,901- \$43,050	\$30,751- \$49,200	\$34,601- \$55,350	\$38,401- \$61,450	\$41,501- \$66,400	\$44,551- \$71,300	\$47,651- \$76,200	\$50,701- \$81,150
<i>100% Median Income</i>	\$43,051- \$53,750	\$49,201- \$61,450	\$55,351- \$69,100	\$61,451- \$76,800	\$66,401- \$82,950	\$71,301- \$89,100	\$76,201- \$95,250	\$81,151- \$101,400
<i>120% Median Income</i>	\$53,751- \$64,500	\$61,451- \$73,750	\$69,101- \$82,950	\$76,801- \$92,160	\$92,951- \$99,550	\$89,101- \$106,900	\$95,251- \$114,300	\$101,401- \$121,650
<i>140% Median Income</i>	\$64,501- \$75,250	\$73,750- \$86,000	\$82,950- \$96,750	\$92,161- \$107,520	\$99,551- \$116,100	\$106,901- \$124,700	\$114,301- \$133,300	\$121,651- \$141,950

If you receive any of the following benefits, please check all that apply:

- SNAP Benefits
- TANF
- WIC
- Public Housing
- Social Security
- Unemployment Benefits
- Disability Benefits

If you are requesting a scholarship for the Training Course, please fill out the information below. You must also include Proof of Income with your application in the form of tax returns, unemployment stubs, or other verifying documentation of your financial situation. (Proof of income must be current)

Monthly Sources of Income	Yourself	Other members of household
Employment/job	\$	\$
Business income/self-employment	\$	\$
Disability payments	\$	\$
Unemployment benefits	\$	\$
Social Security benefits	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$

How did you hear about BiGAUSTIN? _____

Have you taken other BiGAUSTIN classes? Please list: _____

Special Requirements

Please describe any special requirements you might have, i.e., language, hearing of sight impairment (including color blindness), dyslexia or physical disability. We will use this information to make the appropriate accommodations to your training experience.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made.
Please contact the Training & Compliance Manager, Melissa Hepner at 512-928-8010.