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## **Naming and Logo Contest for Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program**

HELENA, Mont. – The State Tribal Economic Development Commission is asking students to help create a logo and name for its new Montana Indian Youth Small Business Program.

The program will launch in spring 2017 for Montana’s eight tribal nations. It will connect business owners and students through mentorships, allowing the students to learn valuable entrepreneurial skills as they get hands-on business experience during the summer program.

Contestants are being asked to develop a name and/or logo that reflects the newly-approved mentorship program which is aimed at growing opportunities for young Native Americans in private sector business and business development in Indian Country.

The naming contest is open to students from all Montana tribal high schools and colleges.

The winners will be selected by the State Tribal Economic Development Commission on May 9, 2017. Prizes will go to the top three winners for the naming of the program and top three winners for the logo contest. The first prize winners will receive an expense-paid trip to the Innovate Montana Symposium in Billings July 12-13 and an iPad.

Students can submit their proposed program names and designs here:

<http://businessresources.mt.gov/indiancountry>

The contest deadline is April 17, 2017.

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