**Job Explorers: My Dream Job Essay Competition**

**Objectives:**

To have students reflect on why they are or will be qualified for their chosen career.

To have students practice effective written and oral communication.

To allow students to explore their ideal career by having a one-day job shadowing experience.

**Essay:**

Describe your dream job and why you would be a good candidate for the position. Using the information you have learned in your entrepreneurship class, write a persuasive essay explaining why you would be the perfect fit for your intended career. As you write your essay remember to address the following questions:

* What are the skills required for your dream job; what skills do you already have? What steps do you need to take to obtain the skills you consider to be necessary?
* Why is this your intended career? What makes it special?
* Out of all the people who may be interested in this particular career, what makes you stand out?
* What benefits will you receive from this particular career? (ie: make a difference in the world, be able to travel, make a lot of money, become famous, etc.)?

**Essay Requirements:**

* + - * Maximum 500 words
			* Typed, double spaced, 12 pt., Times New Roman font
			* All essays must be submitted with the provided cover sheet.

**Essay Procedures:**

All students - from each Entrepreneurship class that is part of the Virtual Enterprises program - are invited to participate in the competition. Each school’s entrepreneurship teacher (or teachers) will select the top three essays (based on the scores using the rubric) to submit to VEI for further consideration. If there is more than one entrepreneurship class in the school, choose the **TOP THREE ESSAYS SCHOOLWIDE**.

**Essay Deadline:**

All essays must be e-mailed to dreamjobs@veinternational.org by Monday, January 4, 2016.

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One “winning” essay per school will be selected and the student writer will receive a one day job shadowing experience in New York City in the industry they selected. Transportation costs and other expenses not specified as part of the prize are the sole responsibility of the winner. Professional attire is required for the job shadow experience.

**Essay Judges:** A panel of judges selected by Virtual Enterprises will review the essays and select the top one from each school based on the rubric provided.

**Winner Notification:** Student winners and their teachers will receive an information packet with complete details about their job shadowing experience.

**Questions:** E-mail Soteria Stavroulakis: sstavroulakis@schools.nyc.gov

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**Cover Sheet**

**Essay Title:**

**Name:**

**Grade:**

**OSIS Number:**

**School:**

**Entrepreneurship Teacher:**