

# SECRETS OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

## Resources for Entrepreneurs



### Small Business Advocacy Council

The SBAC is a non-partisan, member driven organization that promotes the success of small business through political advocacy, support services and educational programs.

[www.smallbusinessadvocacycouncil.org](http://www.smallbusinessadvocacycouncil.org)

### NAWBO Chicago - Young Entrepreneurship Academy

YEA! Chicago

*Make a Job –Don't Just Take a Job!*

**YEA!** guides students through the process of fulfilling their very own American dream. By bridging the business and educational communities students are taught by trained instructors, and are exposed to guest lecturers, successful entrepreneurs and mentors.

**YEA!** welcomes applications from all students in grades 6-12 who are between 11 and 18 years old. Students interested in starting their own, real business may apply for acceptance into the program by completing the application, which includes an essay and short-answer questions, school transcripts and letter of recommendation.

<https://www.nawbo.org/chicago/yea-chicago>

### IMSA's IN2

A next big thing at IMSA is IN2, a \$1.9 M, 6,400 square foot state-of-the-art innovation center. IN2 is designed to ignite collaboration and entrepreneurial activity among students, educators, business and the community to solve real-world problems, design prototypes and launch new ideas to advance the human condition. IN2 focuses on four areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and innovation: entrepreneurship education, teaching and learning, maker movement and diversity. A generous lead gift of \$1M by alumnus Steve Chen '96 is enabling access to the community and inspiring innovation at IMSA, and in Aurora, the Fox Valley/Western Suburbs, Chicago and beyond.

<https://www.imsa.edu/in2>



## *Unleashing the AMAZING in Future Latina Leaders*



### **Small Business Administration**

The U.S. Small Business Administration has delivered millions of loans, loan guarantees, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses.

<https://www.sba.gov/>

### **SCORE**

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. We have been doing this for over fifty years.

<https://www.score.org/>

### **Accion Chicago**

Accion Chicago helps communities grow by investing in entrepreneurs who build businesses and generate jobs in their neighborhoods. We provide the tools necessary for individuals to create and expand small business regardless of their backgrounds and other barriers of obtaining credit. Accion provides customized capital solutions and one-on-one coaching to aspiring entrepreneurs in Illinois and Northwest Indiana.

<https://accionchicago.org/>

## *Our mission*

We are a non-for profit organization dedicated to giving vision, direction, and structure to young Latinas. Our mission is to become a powerful catalyst for Latinas ages 15-25 to pursue their dreams by providing educational leadership platforms, mentorship, and powerful experiences through the context of sisterhood. Founded in September 2014, we quickly began impacting participants through the CORE program, and by giving back to the local community. Our goal is to continue to spread the wings of the foundation nationwide and globally in the years to come.

[www.thefigfactor.org](http://www.thefigfactor.org)