

Contestant Rules & Eligibility Requirements

Launch San Juan Islands is for individuals, teams or companies that are located in San Juan County. Participants must comply with the following:

- 1. Participants must be residents of San Juan County, Washington.
- 2. Businesses must be based in San Juan County.
- 3. Business plans may be submitted by individuals or teams. Teams may have a maximum of five members.
- 4. The applicant and team members that are identified as owners, managers or primary business funders are required to attend at least one mentoring session, one workshop, **and** attend the Entrepreneur Trade Show to advance to the final round of the contest.
- 5. The business must have been in operation for less than one year with gross receipts under \$500,000, or it must be a new business venture.
- 6. Business must be 'for-profit' in any area of valid commercial endeavor legal under federal and/or state law.
- 7. Contest judges will recuse themselves if he/she has a conflict of interest (i.e. family, financial or business relationship).
- 8. Judges' decisions are final, including interpretation of the rules.
- 9. Winners will receive half their prize money at the awards ceremony and the other half based on a successful review of business accomplishments and milestones 6 months after the award.
- 10. In the event that the contest does not generate enough participants, the San Juan County Economic Development Council reserves the right to amend cash prize amounts or registration deadlines.