



## 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 three 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 (as defined by the start date of a Washington state business license from fewer than 12 months prior) 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.