

## 2010 Eligibility Criteria

### Economic Fuel: The Humboldt County Student Business Challenge

1. Economic Fuel is open to teams of one to five persons. As detailed below, each team must include at least one student or recent graduate. A “student or recent graduate” includes anyone within one of the following categories:

- (a) *Current students* - a person who (throughout the Economic Fuel competition) has earned credits in classes worth at least twelve units in total during the 2009/2010 academic school year (Fall 2009 semester, Winter 2010 session, and Spring 2010 semester) at College of the Redwoods, Humboldt State University, or an accredited online university.

Units required during the 09/10 Academic school year	Fall 2009 + Winter 2010 + Spring 2010
12	Any combination of units that total 12 units or more

- (b) *Graduate students/PhD candidates completing their coursework and working on their thesis/doctoral project* - a person who is close to completing their coursework and is actively working on their thesis/doctoral project. Graduate students/PhD candidates will be required to verify that they are progressing on their thesis/doctoral work. Verification must be in the form of a letter from the student's faculty advisor confirming their student status and that the student is making progress on their thesis/doctoral project.

- (c) *Recent graduates who reside locally* - a person who received an Associate Degree or a higher degree from College of the Redwoods, Humboldt State University or any college or university in the United States at any time since December 1, 2007, **AND** who has maintained his or her primary residence in Humboldt County since September 1, 2009.

2. Students from any department, discipline, major or minor are eligible to participate. Economic Fuel is not restricted to business students.
3. All non-cash prize-winning teams that submitted a business plan in a prior year Economic Fuel competition, and finalist teams from a prior year Economic Fuel competition who received the \$1,000 Honorable Mention, are eligible to participate in Economic Fuel 2010; given that all team members comply with the official rules and eligibility criteria for Economic Fuel 2010. A finalist team that wins the \$1,000 Honorable Mention may only compete in Economic Fuel one additional year.
4. Teams can have a minimum of one member, and a maximum of five. Teams with multiple members may include one or two individuals who are not students or recent graduates, depending on the size of the team, as specified in the chart below:

Number of team members	Student Members / Recent Graduate Members	Non-Student Members / Non-Recent Graduate Members
5	5	0
	4	1
	3	2
4	4	0
	3	1
	2	2
3	3	0
	2	1
2	2	0
	1	1
1	1	0

5. Team members can only participate on one team. Each team may submit only one business plan.
6. One team member must be designated as the team leader. The team leader must be a student or recent graduate member. The team leader will be the contact person for Economic Fuel throughout the competition.
7. The Official Rules and Entry Guidelines of the competition, which are published separately, will govern Economic Fuel and all entrants shall comply with the Official Rules and Entry Guidelines during the course of the competition.
8. Each participant must be at least 18 years of age at the time of registration, and must be either a U.S. citizen or a legal resident.