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**April 17, 2009
5PM EST**

For a third consecutive year, Ashoka's Youth Venture® and Staples Foundation for Learning® are proud to sponsor the Staples Ashoka Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition. This global opportunity is open to all Youth Venture Teams who are in good standing, have members between the ages 12-24, and have demonstrated excellence in leading positive social change in their community. A community can be defined as a local neighborhood, city, nation, or world.

Teams entered must be nominated. Ashoka's Youth Venture® operates programs in 17 countries – and its global program staff will nominate Venture Teams from each country to participate and compete in this opportunity.



PRIZES

- **ALL EXPENSE PAID TRIP** for up to two members of each of the Five Winning Teams to travel to Boston, MA, USA, to attend the Staples Ashoka Youth Social Entrepreneur Awards ceremony and much more!
- The Youth Social Entrepreneur Excellence Award (1 Winner): US\$5,000 Value
- The Youth Social Entrepreneur Achievement Award (4 Winners Selected): US\$500
- **FREE** Attendance: Youth Venture National Summit in Boston, MA: (ALL 5 Winners)
- **FREE** Project Management Consultation: (ALL 5 Winners)



CALENDAR

March 25, 2009 - Competition announced. Nomination period begins.

April 17, 2009 - Nomination deadline, 5 PM EST.

May 18, 2009 - Judging panel votes.

May 26, 2009 - Winners announced.

June 26-29, 2009 - 2nd Annual National Youth Venture Summit

June 29 AM - Awards Ceremony at National Youth Venture Summit

June 29 PM - Lunch & Meetings at Staples Headquarters

*If you have questions or need additional information,
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RULES & GUIDELINES

All eligible nominations must be completed in English and submitted by 5 pm EST, Friday, April 17th, 2009, to be considered.

A panel of external judges will select and rank the five Winning Teams. Winning Teams will be contacted by Youth Venture on May 18, 2009. The top ranked Team will be presented with the Staples Ashoka Youth Social Entrepreneur Excellence Award. The other four Winning Teams will be presented with Staples Ashoka Youth Social Entrepreneur Achievement Awards.

To remain eligible, each Winning Team must be represented at the awards ceremony by at least one Team members. Any Winning Team member under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult chaperone of at least 21 years of age. Travel costs will also be covered for the adult chaperone. The Chaperone and the accompanied youth would equal two members of the Winning Team.

For additional rules and guidelines, please visit www.GenV.net/StaplesYV.

ABOUT THE PARTNERSHIP

Since 2006, Staples' philanthropic arm, the Staples Foundation for Learning® and Ashoka's Youth Venture® have partnered to expand Youth Venture's global program to seven countries; Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Belgium, France, Germany and Spain. Staples was the first to invest in expanding Youth Venture internationally, making it possible to launch over 1,000 Venture Teams, engaging thousands of young changemakers on three continents.

In keeping with its' own corporate culture of community involvement, Staples associates and managers worldwide have taken that extra step, becoming involved with Youth Venture programs in their respective countries. In fact, four Ventures were launched by Staples associates in Argentina and Brazil.



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Staples, the world's largest office products company, is committed to making it easy for customers to buy a wide range of office products, including supplies, technology, furniture, and business services. With 2008 sales of \$23 billion and 91,000 associates worldwide, Staples serves businesses of all sizes and consumers in 27 countries throughout North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia. In July 2008, Staples acquired Corporate Express, one of the world's leading suppliers of office products to businesses and institutions. Staples invented the office superstore concept in 1986 and is headquartered outside Boston. More information about Staples (Nasdaq: SPLS) is available at www.staples.com.

ABOUT YOUTH VENTURE

Ashoka's Youth Venture® is a global movement of young changemakers. Youth Venture inspires and invests in teams of young people as they start their own sustainable social ventures, connecting them into a powerful global network. Collectively, these young changemakers are redefining the youth years as a time of initiative and positive change. For more information, please visit www.GenV.net.

