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Dear Venturers and Changemakers,

The 2008 Election is here! And so are the results are in from **Best Buy's @15 IMO** (In My Opinion) survey- you might be surprised to learn what teenagers from all over the US had to say about the 2008 presidential election....

80 PERCENT (%) OF TEENS WANT TO SIT DOWN WITH OBAMA & MCCAIN

- **8** out of **10** teens feel like they **aren't heard** by adults in general.
- **7** out of **10** teens said they were "pessimistic about the future."
- More than **60 percent** said that the economy is the **top issue** to the presidential candidates should be discussing.

Just last week the presidential candidates, John McCain and Barack Obama, both made

comments regarding @15:

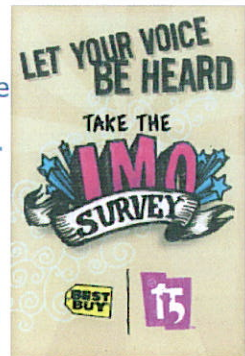
"Because today's teenagers will be tomorrow's leaders, we need to listen to what this next generation has to say." -**Senator John McCain**

"I'm proud to support programs like @15 that encourage teens to join the conversation about the future they want for themselves and for their country."

-**Senator Barack Obama**

Best Buy's partnership with Youth Venture continues to promote youth leadership through the @15 Challenge. In December, 30 Venture Team finalists will compete in an online youth vote to win 15, \$10,000 grant to expand their impact. Check out the results of the @15 IMO survey and **share your voice** (speak up, America!) by joining the IMO discussion at www.at15.org

Even if you're one of the millions of young people who **don't have a vote** you can still **be a leader** in making positive social change for yourself and your community with help from Youth Venture. Go to www.GenV.net to learn more.



Sincerely,

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Take advantage of these great grants, programs, and scholarships!

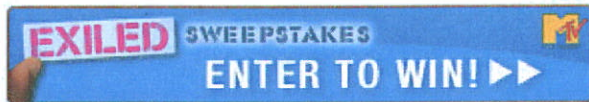
Calling Youth Media Producers! **YOUTH PRODUCING CHANGE** Armed with digital cameras, computers and their own boundless creativity -young people across the globe are bravely exposing human rights issues faced by themselves and their communities. The Human Rights Watch International Film Festival in partnership with Adobe Youth Voices seeks youth-produced film, video and animated media works by youth ages 19 and younger on human rights issues for its second annual YOUTH PRODUCING CHANGE program. Selected films will be screened in their New York, London, Boston and San Francisco film festivals in 2009-10.

Deadline: December 10, 2008

<http://www.hrw.org/iff/2008/submission.html>



MTV Exiled- No Need to be Spoiled to Apply.



Live the good life and do good as part of the "Your Turn to Get Exiled" sweepstakes. The United Nations Foundation is partnering with MTV to give fans of the MTV hit show, Exiled, a chance to embrace their inner Angelina - and win two tickets to attend the

MTV 2009 Movie Awards and and/or a chance to win another trip to Africa with the UN Foundation's Nothing But Nets campaign- a global, grassroots effort to prevent malaria. It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for young people in America to connect with young people around the world - their issues, their dreams and their challenges.

Deadline: December 31, 2008

<http://www.unfoundation.org/global-issues/exiled.html>

Scholarship

The Gates Millennium Scholars Program (GMS), funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established in 1999 to provide outstanding, low income African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific

Islander American, and Hispanic American students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Continuing Gates Millennium Scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the following discipline areas: education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science.

The goal of GMS is to promote academic excellence by providing thousands of outstanding students, who have significant financial need, the opportunity to reach their full potential. GMS offers leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities including mentoring services and an online resource center that provides up-to-date information on internship, fellowship, and scholarship opportunities, as well as graduate and post-graduate resources and conferences.

Deadline: January 12, 2009

<http://www.gmsp.org/>

The Gates Millennium Scholars
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2009 Growing Up CEO Call for Entries



ICIC

Initiative for a Competitive Inner City

BETA

around the world.

Each year, twenty-five US and five international CEOs, all under the age of 21, are chosen as winners of this unique award. As Growing Up CEOs, these young leaders receive an all expenses paid trip to Boston for the Inner City 100 Summit and join a community where they can network, share best practices, and develop new ideas about entrepreneurship.

The Initiative for a Competitive Inner City (ICIC) is now accepting nominations and applications for the 2009 Growing Up CEO program, a program which celebrates the remarkable achievements of young men and women leading inner city companies across the country and

If you know of an outstanding young CEO who deserves to be recognized, please click here. The deadline for nominations is December 31, 2008. Nominations will not be accepted after this date.

If you are an outstanding young CEO who wants to build your network and your company, please click here. Applications will not be accepted after the deadline. All international applicants must have a valid passport at the time of application.

Deadline: January 31, 2009- US, December 31, 2008- International

http://www.icic.org/site/c.fnJNKPNhFiG/b.3441497/k.907D/Growing_Up_CEO.htm

Want more information about scholarships, programs, and grants? Many more are listed on [GenV.net](http://www.GenV.net). Check out the following links: [Opportunities for Venturers](#) and [Grants and Scholarship Opportunities for Venturers](#).

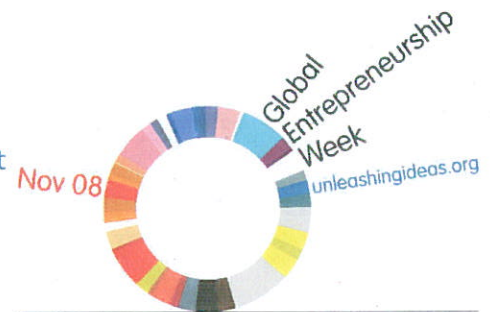
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Global Entrepreneurship Week

For one week, November 17 - 23, 2008, millions of young people around the world will join a growing movement of entrepreneurial people to generate new ideas and to seek better ways of doing things. Engaging young people in school, at home, on the web and at work, dozens of countries are coming together for the first time to host Global Entrepreneurship Week - an initiative to inspire young people to embrace innovation, imagination and creativity. To think big. To turn their ideas into reality. To make their mark.

Global Entrepreneurship Week will connect young people everywhere through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and innovators. Students, educators, entrepreneurs, business leaders, employees, non-profit leaders, government officials and many others will participate in a range of activities - online and face-to-face - to harness the energy of social networking, to connect people taking action in their local and global communities and to celebrate entrepreneurship across the globe.

Through this initiative, the next generation of entrepreneurs will be inspired and emerge. In doing so, they will begin to acquire the knowledge, skills, networks and values needed to grow innovative, sustainable enterprises that have a positive impact on their lives and the lives of those around them. Get involved in Global Entrepreneurship Week here.



Fall Competitions

The Staples Youth Social Entrepreneur Competition and the Best Buy @15™ Challenge with Youth Venture application processes are now closed. YV is currently tabulating the results of the finalists. Check www.GenV.net regularly for updates.

Visit [GenV.net](http://www.GenV.net) to find out about other exciting programs that Youth Venture is sponsoring!

Change is inevitable. Change is constant. ~ Benjamin Disraeli

Change your thoughts, and you **change your world.** ~ Norman Vincent Peale

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. ~ Nelson Mandela