

# ProsperUS Detroit

## Entrepreneur Training Program Application

ProsperUS Detroit is a community-based initiative that works in target neighborhoods to help emerging entrepreneurs build successful businesses that serve their communities, and helps community groups build stronger neighborhood economies.

The ProsperUS Detroit program does not discriminate in providing services to individuals on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, or status with regard to public assistance or refugee. Individuals may refuse to provide any of the information requested. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the form.

### I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### APPLICANT

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

**Detroit**

State **MI**

Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

#### Race/Ethnic Background

African American

Bangladeshi

Caucasian

Latino

Yemeni

Arab American

Bosnian/Herzegovinian

Iraqi

Saudi Arabian

Other

Country of Birth:

Primary Language:

Secondary Language:

Sex

Male

Female

Marital Status

Married

Single

Veteran Status

Non-Veteran

Vietnam Era Veteran

Other Veteran

Date of Birth:

If you are not working with a Partner, please continue to Question 1

#### PARTNER OR CO-APPLICANT

First Name

Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Day Phone

Evening Phone

Email Address

#### Race/Ethnic Background

African American

Bangladeshi

Caucasian

Latino

Yemeni

Arab American

Bosnian/Herzegovinian

Iraqi

Saudi Arabian

Other

Country of Birth:

Primary Language:

Secondary Language:

Sex

Male

Female

Marital Status

Married

Single

Veteran Status

Non-Veteran

Vietnam Era Veteran

Other Veteran

Date of Birth:

1. Please select one option that most accurately reflects your educational background.

APPLICANT

- Elementary School       Technical School
- High School             Undergraduate Degree
- GED                         Graduate Degree

PARTNER (If applicable)

- Elementary School       Technical School
- High School             Undergraduate Degree
- GED                         Graduate Degree

2. What do you rely on as your PRIMARY source of HOUSEHOLD income? (Check only one)

APPLICANT

- Self-employed (full-time)       Self-employed (part-time)       Spouse/Partner Income
- Full-time job                       Part-time job                       Savings/Investments
- Alimony/Child Support         Public Assistance                 Unemployment
- Social Security                     Disability                           Other

PARTNER (If applicable)

- Self-employed (full-time)       Self-employed (part-time)       Spouse/Partner Income
- Full-time job                       Part-time job                       Savings/Investments
- Alimony/Child Support         Public Assistance                 Unemployment
- Social Security                     Disability                           Other

3. Does either applicant receive welfare benefits?       Yes       No

4. Have you ever received business training?       Yes       No

If yes, from another organization: (please provide the name) \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do you have any experience managing or operating the type of business you are interested in?

Yes      Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

No

6. What type of job do you have now? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Will you continue to work at this job after starting your business?

Yes      If yes, do you plan to work:       full-time       part-time

No

**II. TELL US ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS**

Please answer the following questions as completely as you can.

If you have not opened your business yet, please complete questions 8-15 and then go to the income verification form.

If your business is already open, please complete questions 8-14 and A-G, then go to the income verification form.

8. Is your business already operating?

Yes: Full-Time (35 hours/week or more)       Yes: Part-Time (less than 35 hours/week)       No

9. Name of business (official or unofficial): \_\_\_\_\_

10. Please describe your business or business idea. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

11. Why do you want to start or expand your own business? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you expect your business to provide:  Primary Income  Supplemental Income

13. How much money do you have to put into your business? \_\_\_\_\_

14. How much money do you think you would need to borrow to start your business? \_\_\_\_\_

15. If you DO NOT currently operate your own business:

A. Where do you plan to locate your business?  
Address? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Do you need help finding a location?  Yes  No

**COMPUTER SKILLS:**

16. My computer knowledge is:  Advance  Basic  None  Intermediate

17. Are you interested in taking computer classes for a nominal fee?  Yes  No  Maybe

18. What would you like to learn?

Word  Excel  Publisher  Internet/email  Keyboard/mouse  Other

---

**The following questions are for applicants who currently operate their own businesses.  
If your business is not yet open, continue to the next page.**

---

A. Where is your business located?  In Home  Commercial Location  Other

Name of Business \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

B. What type of business do you operate?

Service to individuals  Service to businesses  Retail / Trade

Wholesale  Manufacturing

C. How long has your business been in operation?

Less than 6 months  6 months-1year  1 - 3 years  more than 3 years

Month/Year first sale was made \_\_\_\_\_

D. How many employees does your business have? Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ Part Time \_\_\_\_\_

How many of these employees are family members? \_\_\_\_\_

E. How many hours do you work at your business each week? \_\_\_\_\_

F. Do you take an owner's draw (salary)?  Yes  No Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /year

G. Do you have a written business plan?  Yes  No

If Yes, when was it last updated? \_\_\_\_\_

**III. How did you find out about this program?** \_\_\_\_\_

---

**ProsperUS Detroit offers a sliding fee scale for low to moderate-income individuals that would like to participate in our Neighborhood Entrepreneur Training Program.**

---

**IV. INCOME VERIFICATION for Sliding Fee Scale (Applicant)**

- 1. Applicant Household Size \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children
- 2. Annual Household Income \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Signature**

The information given on this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that ProsperUS Detroit may verify the income information by reviewing W2 forms or tax returns. I hereby authorize ProsperUS Detroit to verify the above information.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**VI. INCOME VERIFICATION for Class Scholarship (Partner)**

- 1. Applicant Household Size \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children
- 2. Annual Household Income \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. Signature**

The information given on this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that ProsperUS Detroit may verify the income information by reviewing W2 forms or tax returns. I hereby authorize ProsperUS Detroit to verify the above information.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the entire completed application to:

ProsperUS Detroit  
3627 W. Vernor Hwy,  
Detroit, MI 48216