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The annual event is hosted by the U.S. Small Business Administration and is designed to recognize the nation's top small businesses, entrepreneurs, and business

advocates. The week-long event will continue through May 6, with [SBA](#)

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communities.”

This year's theme is “Dream Big, Start Small.” Throughout National Small Business Week, events will be live-streamed and focused on a variety of entrepreneurial topics including: trade, business trends and resources to help you start and grow a business, cyber security, veteran support, targeting millennial entrepreneurs and innovation. In addition there will be workshops on ideation to commercialization, small business opportunities in the entertainment industry and exporting opportunities.

There are free training webinars covering:

Taking the Mystery out of Voluntary Benefits
The Decline of Magstripe Cards—and
What That Means for Your Business
Cloud, Mobile, and Social: Great Apps and
Services That Will Grow Your Business
Access to Capital and Business Loans: Best
Practices, Tips for Getting Your Business Financially Fit

To see the city-by-city schedule and to register for the webinars or view live-streamed events please visit www.sba.gov/nsbw.

The President's proclamation closes with “Our Nation's small businesses play a critical role in generating economic prosperity, and the effort poured into them by ordinary citizens across our country reflects the hard work and determination inherent to who we are as a people. This week, we renew our support for these engines of growth and recognize their incredible contributions to our country.”

The full text of the President's National Small Business Week proclamation can be found [here](#).

National Small Business Week is an annual event organized by SBA to recognize the achievements of the top small businesses in the nation. Since 1963, the president of the United States has issued a proclamation calling for the celebration of National

Small Business Week. This year National Small Business Week will be recognized

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