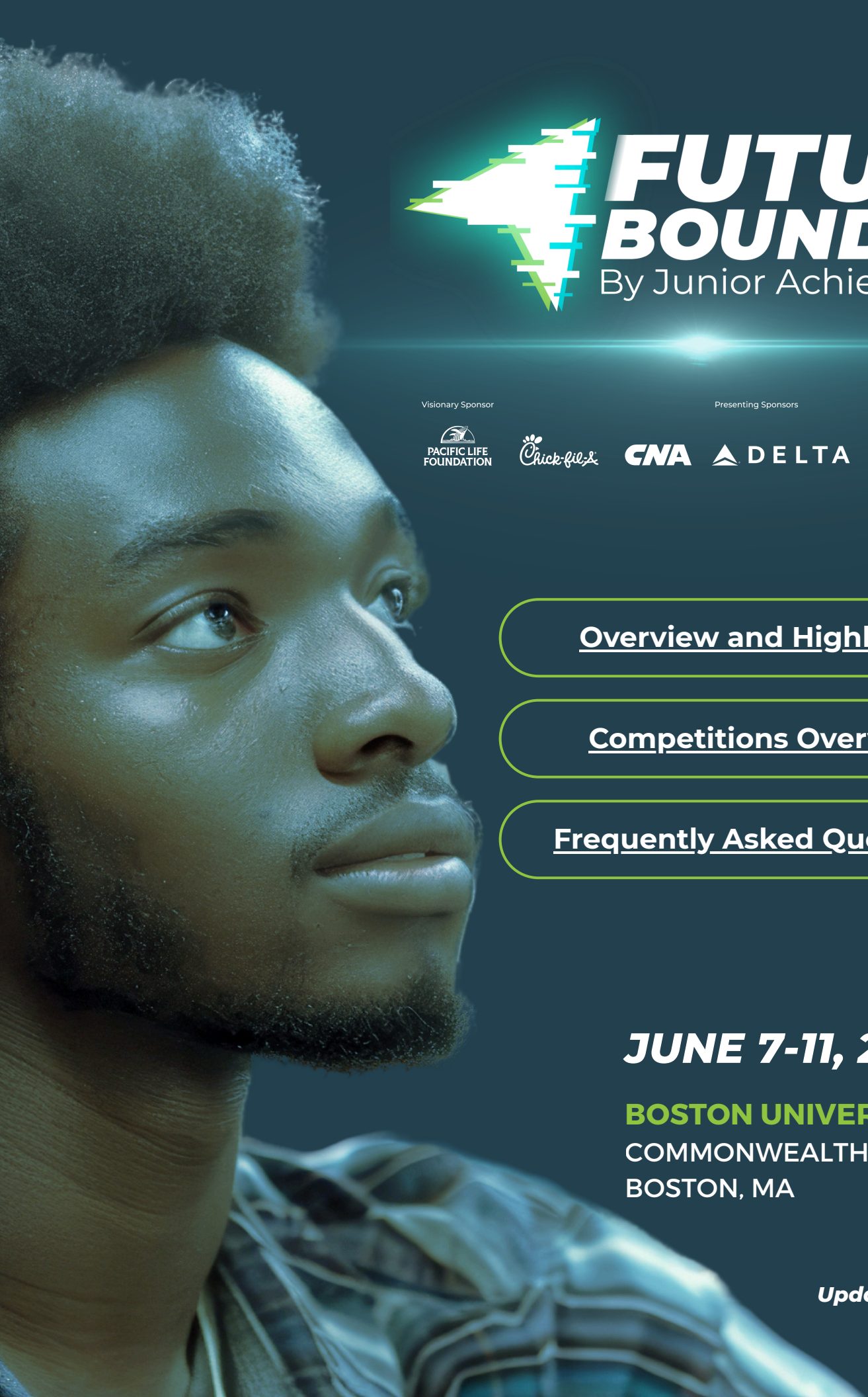


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Overview and Highlights

What to Expect at Future Bound:

Future Bound is Junior Achievement's pinnacle event that celebrates all four of JA's national competitions. JA student leaders from across the United States will gather in Boston for three days of high impact JA experiences. In addition to participating in their national competition, students will have the opportunity to engage in workshops led by national partners who will share their expertise in innovation, entrepreneurship, and business, positioning students to gain real-world insights and critical skills around money, jobs, and entrepreneurship.

Overview of Events:

- Workplace site visit experiences for students
- Peer to peer networking
- Mentor interaction
- Live Competition
- Creative Collaboration & Professional Development Workshops
- Student Social and recreational activities
- Student Awards Gala

Who is Future Bound For:

- **High school students** participating in the events at Future Bound by way of related learning experiences and competitions at the local JA Area level
- **Mentors and Industry Professionals**: Experts offering guidance and real-world insights.
- **Educators:** Teachers and administrators supporting students' growth.

Future Bound by the Numbers

75,832 Students in JA learning experiences that lead to competitions

14,002 Students compete in local competitions

93 JA Areas offer one or more of the JA learning experiences that lead into competitions

300 Students participated in Future Bound 2025

Future Bound offers students a memorable experience through a dynamic blend of competition, collaboration, and career exploration. This national event engages high school students from across the country in immersive opportunities that prepare them for the future of work and leadership.

Key Elements Include:

- **Four National Student Competitions** - Students compete in one of four national competitions: JA Company of the Year Competition, JA Social Innovation Challenge, JA Stock Market Challenge, and JA Titan Challenge. Each competition showcases students skills in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and career readiness.

- **Access to a National Network of Teens** - Participants connect with like-minded peers from diverse backgrounds, forming lasting relationships and a supportive alumni network.

- **Interactive Job Shadowing Experiences** - Off-site visits to leading companies offer behind-the-scenes insight into career pathways and workplace culture.

- **Professional Development & Collaborative Workshops** - Hands-on sessions equip students with essential soft skills, including leadership, teamwork, and communication.

- **Entrepreneurship Expo** - A showcase of student-led ventures and innovative ideas, with opportunities for feedback from industry professionals.

- **Student Presentations** - Real-world presentation opportunities help students refine their public speaking and professional communication.

- **Live JA Stock Market & JA Titan Competitions** - Students engage in live simulations that teach strategic thinking, financial planning, and business decision-making.

- **National Recognition of Finalists and Winners** - Outstanding student performances are recognized on a national stage, celebrating excellence and inspiring future leaders.

- **Prizes and Scholarships** - Top performers receive meaningful awards that support their continued educational and entrepreneurial pursuits.

Prepare to be inspired. Prepare to be empowered.
Prepare to be Future Bound!

For any questions related to Future Bound or any JA Competitions, please reach out to competitions@ja.org

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COY

JA Company of the Year Competition

JA Company of the Year Competition

This pinnacle event brings the top 15 JA Company Program teams from across the country together in-person. Students will demonstrate their business acumen, creativity and entrepreneurial thinking in a competitive environment—showcasing their companies. Qualifying student companies are scored on a company report and commercial prior to the event and then the Entrepreneurship Expo, and presentation on site!



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JA Social Innovation Challenge

The JA Social Innovation Challenge is a national competition in which high school students are invited to submit their innovative ideas for improving and making an impact on their communities. 15 Teams will be selected to compete in person at JA Future Bound. Qualifying students are scored on a company report and commercial prior to the event and then the Entrepreneurship Expo, and presentation on site!



JA STOCK MARKET CHALLENGE

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JA Stock Market Challenge

The National JA Stock Market Challenge is not simply a stock trading game for young people. Participating teams must successfully apply 21st century skills—such as critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and adaptability—throughout a fast-paced, real-time investment simulation. Participants are challenged to demonstrate financial literacy, strategic decision-making, and risk management as they react to breaking news, analyze market trends, and make rapid-fire trading decisions under pressure all while maximizing their portfolio value.





JA Titan Challenge

In this dynamic competition, participating teams are challenged to make critical executive decisions in key areas and teams must apply essential 21st century skills—like critical thinking, data analysis, strategic planning, communication, and adaptability—as they compete. Success requires balancing profitability with social impact while responding to evolving market conditions and outperforming the competition.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About Future Bound by Junior Achievement

What is Future Bound?

Step into what's next at Future Bound by Junior Achievement, where possibilities are limitless and connections shape tomorrow. This event brings together students, educators, and industry leaders to explore hands-on learning experiences, unlock new career pathways, and gain the skills needed to thrive in the evolving world of work. Prepare to be inspired, empowered, and Future Bound!

Future Bound is Junior Achievement's pinnacle event that celebrates all four of JA's national competitions: JA Company of the Year Competition, JA Social Innovation Challenge, JA Stock Market Challenge, and JA Titan Challenge. JA student leaders from across the United States will gather together for three days of high impact JA experiences. In addition to competing in their national competition, participants will also engage in workshops and site visits led by national experts in innovation, entrepreneurship, and business, gaining real-world insights and critical skills around money, jobs, and entrepreneurship, sparking ambition and opening doors to future success.

When and where does Future Bound take place?

Future Bound 2026 will take place June 7–11, 2026 at Boston University (BU), located in the heart of Boston, Massachusetts. Participants should plan to arrive in Boston on Sunday, June 7 and depart on Thursday, June 11. Future Bound events, including the competitions and other experiences, will take place June 8–10. Lodging, meals, national competitions, and most sessions will take place on the BU campus. Additional information can be found at studentevents.ja.org. Specific locations and session details will be shared with participants in the Future Bound pre-event webinar in mid-May.





Why should JA Areas and their eligible students participate?

Participation in Future Bound is an exceptional opportunity for students. Future Bound is an authentic learning experience that allows students to engage in all JA has to offer, while also increasing awareness and national exposure for the JA Areas. Through immersive experiences, students will engage with mentors and industry professionals, gaining real-world insights and critical skills around money, jobs, and entrepreneurship. Future Bound provides young people with the tools they need to navigate their futures with confidence and success along with the opportunity to compete for prizes, scholarships and recognition on the national stage.

This experience brings together students, educators, and industry leaders to explore hands-on learning opportunities, unlock new career pathways, and gain the skills needed to thrive in the ever-evolving world of work.

Who is eligible to participate?

Future Bound features four of JA's national competitions: JA Company of the Year Competition (JA COY), JA Social Innovation Challenge (JA SIC), JA Stock Market Challenge (JA SMC), and JA Titan Challenge. Each competition has unique and specific requirements on eligibility for participation outlined later in this document. The requirements on eligibility, age, and the number of students per team, per event are to ensure fairness in all aspects of the competitions. One chaperone is required for each participating team. JA USA will make no exceptions to this requirement. JA Areas should work with volunteers and teachers to determine the most equitable way to determine student representation and the appropriate chaperone for the team.

Students representing their companies or teams in the competitions must have been enrolled in high school during the 2025-2026 school year. Middle school students, students or students who graduated prior to 2026 will automatically be asked to withdraw from the competition.

Age Requirement

Due to requirements from 2026 Future Bound by JA host Boston University, all student participants must be 18 years of age or younger for the entire duration of Future Bound. Participants are ineligible if they have reached their 19th birthday at any time prior to or during the event dates, June 7-11, 2026.

Expenses

What is the cost to attend?

Students and chaperones are responsible for all transportation to and from Boston, MA, as well as any personal incidentals or shipping costs.

Once in Boston, participants are supported by a JA USA scholarship to attend Future Bound. This scholarship covers the cost associated with lodging, meals, and JA USA-organized activities for:

- Up to five (5) students and one (1) adult chaperone for each JA COY team;
- Up to four (4) students and one (1) adult chaperone for each JA SIC, National JA SMC, and National JA Titan Competition team.

Costs covered by JA USA include:

- Travel between the Boston Logan International Airport and the BU campus or travel between Back Bay Station and the BU campus;
- Lodging in the BU dorms;
- And all meals, beginning with dinner on Sunday, June 7 and ending with breakfast on Thursday, June 11.

Any costs above and beyond what is listed above are the responsibility of the participants and/or JA Area.

What other expenses might participants need to consider?

Participants may need to consider additional expenses related to team materials and other incidental expenses. Expenses to consider may include, but are not limited to: printing (banners, signs, copies of reports, postcards, brochures, etc.), transport of booth materials (checked luggage or shipping), attire, incidental expenses (snacks, tourism, etc.), meals on travel days (outside of dinner Sunday and breakfast on Thursday).

- JA COY and JA SIC competitors should consider what materials they will need for the Entrepreneurial Expo and presentations.
- JA SMC and JA Titan competitors will be provided with the necessary technology for competition and are not required to bring their own devices or any materials for competition.



Travel

How do participants make travel reservations?

Travel arrangements should be coordinated by the chaperone and JA Area. Students and chaperones are required to travel together to and from Future Bound.

- If traveling by air, participants should plan to fly into the Boston Logan International Airport (BOS). JA USA will coordinate with the team's chaperone to provide transportation for participants to and from the airport.
- If traveling by train, participants should plan to arrive at Back Bay Station. JA USA will coordinate with the team's chaperone to provide transportation for participants to and from the station.

Participants not arriving via BOS or train at Back Bay Station are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to and from Boston University.

Can participants arrive to or depart from Future Bound early, late, or outside of the scheduled travel days?

No. All participants (students and chaperones) are expected to travel to Future Bound on June 7, 2026 and depart from Future Bound on June 11, 2026. This means participants are not permitted to arrive or depart early or late from Future Bound, or extend their trip.

Can participants go off-site to meet friends or family?

No. Participants (students and chaperones) are not permitted to go off-site to meet with family and friends during the Future Bound event. Participants are expected to attend all Future Bound activities where their presence is required. Students are always required to stay with their chaperone and chaperones with their student team. Any participant found in violation of this rule and/or the Student and Chaperone Codes of Conduct will be subject to their team's disqualification from the event.

Can participants schedule their own tours in Boston, MA?

After registering and checking into the BU dorms, students and chaperones may have an opportunity on Sunday, June 7 for tours and exploring in Boston. Students must remain with their team, and chaperones must be present at all times. Any participant found in violation of this rule and/or the Student and Chaperone Codes of Conduct will be subject to their team's disqualification from the event. Please consult the final agenda prior to making an tourism plans.

Chaperones

What is the chaperone's responsibility/role?

Each participating team is required to have one chaperone. Chaperones are required to sign and to adhere to all requirements listed in the Chaperone Responsibility Form and Chaperone Code of Conduct and must agree to supervise students at all times during their stay in Boston, MA.

Chaperones are expected to ensure student compliance with all matters related to safety, attendance, and student code of conduct, and facilitate a fun and engaging student experience. Chaperones must be willing and able to perform their obligations at all times, including traveling to and from Boston, MA with their students, coordinating airport or train station shuttle transportation, knowing where their students are at all times, and taking part in all sessions and events on the agenda in which their attendance is requested.

Chaperones are responsible for coordinating with JA USA to ensure all necessary participant registrations, JA USA permission forms, and chaperone forms and background checks are on file by May 7, 2026 for JA Stock Market Challenge and JA Titan participants, and May 21, 2026 for JA Company of the Year Competition and JA Social Innovation Challenge. ALL student permission slips, regardless of competition, are due back to JA USA by May 7, 2026. There will be no exceptions made to these due dates and teams and/or their chaperones who have not returned all required forms and registrations by their due dates will be unable to participate in Future Bound.

Who qualifies as a chaperone?

Chaperones must be at least 25 years of age by June 7, 2025, able to travel to and from the Future Bound with their students, and engage in all sessions and events on the agenda in which their attendance is requested throughout the Future Bound experience. In addition to their event registration and acknowledgement of their Chaperone Roles and Responsibilities, chaperones are also required to submit to a background check prior to the event. Confirmed chaperones will need to attend one of two mandatory chaperone webinars on 5/19/2026 at 3pm ET or 5/20/2026 at 5pm ET.

A team's chaperone is a direct reflection of Junior Achievement and the JA Areas they represent. Because of the need for highly engaged and responsible chaperones, JA Area staff should take the lead in determining the right fit.



Where will chaperones stay?

Chaperones will stay in the dorms on the BU campus. Chaperones will share a suite near the student rooms, but will not be in the same room/suite as a student. There are two bedrooms per suite with a shared common area.

Can more than one chaperone attend?

No, JA USA will cover the cost of housing, meals, and JA USA-organized activities for one chaperone per team. However, if a school district requires an additional chaperone to accompany the team, JA USA may approve a second chaperone under specific conditions.

To be eligible for this consideration, the JA Area must notify JA USA at the time of team registration and provide a written copy of the school district's official policy requiring a second chaperone. This documentation must be provided either at the time of finalist selection.

Requests that do not include official documentation or are submitted after registration deadlines will not be accommodated.

What if the team's chaperone can no longer attend?

Chaperones are a key part of helping to make Future Bound a success! It's important they are committed to their role. JA USA understands that there may be instances where the chaperone initially identified in the JA Area's registration form may no longer be able to support their team. If this occurs, JA USA must be notified no later than 15 business days prior to the event (by Monday, May 18). JA USA will not be able to accommodate any changes made past this date, and the team will have to forfeit their participation at the event. The replacement chaperone will be required to complete the following no later than 12 business days prior to the event (by Wednesday, May 20): (1) event registration, (2) chaperone roles and responsibilities form, and (3) a background check, for the team to still be considered to participate.





JA Areas

What Are JA Area Staff Responsible For?

JA Area staff play a vital role in ensuring their student teams and chaperones are fully prepared for a successful Future Bound experience. Their responsibilities extend across several areas:

Team Preparation

JA Area staff are expected to develop a strong understanding of the Future Bound program and its expectations. They are responsible for guiding teams and chaperones through all submission requirements, ensuring compliance with participation criteria, and preparing both students and chaperones for travel, logistics, and event expectations.

Team Submission Guidelines

Each JA Area is required to submit finalized team information by the designated deadline for each competition type. This submission must include team name, student participant details, and confirmed chaperone information. Please note that once the competition-specific registration form is submitted to JA USA, no changes may be made. This policy applies to all elements of the submission: student substitutions after finalist selection are not permitted, chaperone assignments must be final, and team names cannot be altered.

Registration and Documentation

JA Area staff must also ensure that all required documentation is submitted on time. This includes team submissions, event registration forms, student and chaperone permission forms, and chaperone background checks. In addition, JA Area staff should assist chaperones in collecting and submitting team deliverables, which may include a team photo (submitted by the chaperone), a team logo (required for JA COY and JA SIC teams), and a team web presence (such as a website or social media link, also required for JA COY and JA SIC teams).

Chaperone Coordination

Throughout the planning process, JA Area staff serve as the primary liaison between JA USA, students, educators, parents, and chaperones. They are responsible for selecting engaged and responsible chaperones who are fully committed to attending Future Bound and fulfilling their duties. Chaperone information must be confirmed prior to the submission of registration forms, as changes cannot be accommodated after the deadline.

Interested in Attending Future Bound?

While the event centers around student participants and their chaperones, there are several ways others may attend or engage with the experience. These opportunities fall into three general categories: observing, volunteering, and attending as JA Area staff.

Observing Future Bound

Members of the general public are welcome to attend select Future Bound events without registration or cost. These public events include the Entrepreneurship Expo, Company Presentations, the National JA Stock Market Challenge, and the National JA Titan Challenge. For those who wish to observe from home, the JA COY and JA SIC presentations will be live-streamed and the JA SMC and JA Titan competitions will feature a live-leaderboard.

Volunteering at Future Bound

Individuals interested in supporting Future Bound may also register as event volunteers. Volunteer roles may include assisting with JA Titan Challenge and JA Stock Market Challenge competitions or supporting workshops. Volunteers must register in advance and must complete required volunteer forms. Please note that volunteers are not guaranteed access to meals or other JA USA hosted activities throughout the week.

JA Area Staff Participation – Future Bound Champion Pass

JA USA recognizes that JA Area staff may wish to attend Future Bound in a supportive or observational capacity. To accommodate this, the Future Bound Champion Pass is available for purchase exclusively by JA Area staff.

Each JA Area may register up to two staff members as Future Bound Champions, regardless of the number of participating teams. A total of 30 passes are available for purchase, and registration is offered first to JA Areas with competing teams. If space remains, additional passes may be made available to non-competing JA Areas or to allow more than two staff per Area.

The Future Bound Champion Pass includes access to all JA USA-organized activities (unless otherwise noted), daily breakfast and Tuesday dinner in the dining hall, daily lunch, Monday dinner, and a seat at the Awards Gala Dinner. Lodging is not included, and Champions must make their own accommodations.

To secure a Future Bound Champion Pass, JA Area staff must complete an event registration form, a chaperone roles and responsibilities form, and a background check. The fee is $270 and must be paid at the time of registration to reserve the spot. Once a JA Area's two Future Bound Champion Passes have been reserved, and/or 30 passes total have been reserved, JA USA will be unable to accommodate additional requests.

How can I attend the Awards Gala only?

Space is very limited, but occasionally, JA USA may have additional seats available for purchase to attend the Awards Gala on the evening of Wednesday, June 10, 2026. If these seats become available, it will be after all student, chaperone, and JA Area staff registrations and permission forms have been finalized (after May 21, 2026). If seats become available, JA USA will first notify JA Area staff, who can share the information, if they so choose, with any team supporters interested in attending the Awards Gala. Attendees will be required to register and pay a fee of $75. Seats will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Once all seats have been reserved, JA USA will be unable to accommodate additional requests.

What are important submission deadlines for JA Areas to keep in mind?

Each competition has its own submission criteria and registration requirements. JA Areas should facilitate finalist submissions and registrations with their teams, chaperones, and parents/guardians to ensure all materials and key dates are met. An overview of key dates and specific guidelines for each competition can be found in the following pages.





Overview: Future Bound Competition Specific Eligibility Requirements and Selection Process

The requirements on eligibility, age, and the number of students per team, per event are to ensure fairness in all aspects of the competitions. JA USA will make no exceptions to this requirement. JA Areas should work with volunteers and teachers to determine the most equitable way to determine student representation.

Due to requirements from 2026 Future Bound by JA host Boston University, all student participants must be 18 years of age or younger for the entire duration of Future Bound. Participants are ineligible if they have reached their 19th birthday at any time prior to or during the event dates, June 7-11, 2026.

Key Dates:

4/24/2026	Deadline: JA Areas submit company and team reports to JA USA for national competitions *NOTE - BU permission forms due with nomination
4/30/2026	JA USA announces JA SMC and JA Titan finalists
5/1/2026	Deadline: JA Areas submit registration details for JA SMC and JA Titan teams • Names and contact information for all finalists and chaperones Begin: JA SMC and JA Titan finalists and chaperones begin registrations
5/5/2026	JA USA announces JA COY and JA SIC finalists
5/7/2026	Deadline: JA Areas submit registration details for JA COY and JA SIC finalists • Names and contact information for all finalists and chaperone permission forms Begin: JA COY and JA SIC finalists begin registrations
	Deadline: JA SMC and JA Titan Participant Registrations due (students and chaperones)
5/19/2026	Mandatory Chaperone Orientation Option 1: 1 pm MST Two meeting times available; one chaperone per team is required to attend one of the meetings.
5/20/2026	Mandatory Chaperone Orientation Option 2: 3 pm MST Two meeting times available; one chaperone per team is required to attend one of the meetings.
5/21/2026	Deadline: JA COY and JA SIC Participant Registrations due (students and chaperones)
Week of 5/25/2026	Pre-event Webinar Open to Students, Chaperones, Guests, Teachers, and JA Staff
6/7/2026	Arrive at Future Bound by JA Orientation tours will be scheduled throughout the afternoon on Sunday and facilitated by JA Staff and/or Alumni Ambassadors.

JA Company of the Year Competition:

Company nominations and student permission forms are due Friday, April 24, 2026 by 4:00 pm ET. 15 finalists for JA Company of the Year Competition will be selected. Finalists will be announced on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. If your student company is selected as a finalist, the JA Area will submit team and chaperone information to JA USA by Thursday, May 7 by 4:00 pm ET. Upon team registration, students and chaperones must complete the event registration. JA Area staff will work with JA USA to ensure the participating student and chaperone event registrations and chaperone forms are submitted no later than Thursday, May 21, 2026 by 4:00 pm ET.

Who?

Eligible Student Teams must have:

- Been enrolled in high school during the 2025-2026 school year.
- A minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 students
- Participated in JA Company Program and follow the JA Learning Experience Implementation Standards for this learning experience (including completing the full curriculum with the required minimum volunteer-lead contact hours).

Selection Process:

- All submitted materials must be the original work of JA students.
- Each JA Area may nominate up to 5 companies for consideration.
- Only JA Area staff may nominate student teams for consideration. For each nomination, by Friday, April 24, the JA Area must:
  - Complete the online nomination form.
  - Upload the Company Report in PDF format (must follow provided template).
  - Upload a commercial or video showcasing the concept.

Competition Timeline

- April 24: **Deadline:** JA Areas nominate companies and teams for national competitions
  - BU permission forms due with nomination
  - JA Areas may nominate up to 5 teams each for JA COY
- May 5: JA USA announces JA COY and JA SIC finalists
- May 7: **Deadline:** JA Areas submit registration details for JA COY and JA SIC finalists
- May 19-20: Mandatory Chaperone Orientation (two options)
- May 21: **Deadline:** JA COY and JA SIC participant registrations due (students and chaperones
- June 7 – 11: Future Bound by JA in Boston, MA

Submission Guidelines and Criteria: JA Company of the Year Competition

JA Social Innovation Challenge:

Team nominations and student permission forms are due Friday, April 24, 2026 by 4:00 pm ET. 15 finalists for JA Social Innovation Challenge will be selected. Finalists will be announced on Tuesday, May 5, 2026. If your student team is selected as a finalist, the JA Area will submit team and chaperone information to JA USA by Thursday, May 7 by 4:00 pm ET. Upon team registration, students and chaperones must complete the event registration. JA Area staff will work with JA USA to ensure the participating student and chaperone event registrations and chaperone forms are submitted no later than Thursday, May 21, 2026 by 4:00 pm ET.

Who?

Eligible Student Teams must have:

- Been enrolled in high school during the 2025-2026 school year.
- A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 students
- Participated in JA Be Entrepreneurial, JA Company Program, JA Company Program Pop-Up, 3DE 11th Grade, or JA Entrepreneurial Mindset and follow the JA Learning Experience Implementation Standards for these learning experiences (including completing the full curriculum with the required minimum volunteer-lead contact hours).

Selection Process:

- All submitted materials must be the original work of JA students.
- Each JA Area may nominate up to 5 teams for consideration.
- Only JA Area staff may nominate student teams for consideration. For each nomination, by Friday, April 24, the JA Area must:
  - Complete the online nomination form.
  - Upload the team report in PDF format (must follow provided template).
  - Upload a commercial or video showcasing the concept.

Competition Timeline:

- April 24: **Deadline:** JA Areas nominate companies and teams for national competitions
  - BU permission forms due with nomination
  - JA Areas may nominate up to 5 teams each for JA SIC
- May 5: JA USA announces JA COY and JA SIC finalists
- May 7: **Deadline:** JA Areas submit registration details for JA COY and JA SIC finalists
- May 19-20: Mandatory Chaperone Orientation (two options)
- May 21: **Deadline:** JA COY and JA SIC participant registrations due (students and chaperones
- June 7 – 11: Future Bound by JA in Boston, MA

Submission Guidelines and Criteria: JA Social Innovation Challenge

National JA Stock Market Challenge

Intent to Register

For Future Bound 2026, JA Area offices must submit an Intent to Register form indicating their plan to submit and register team(s) for Future Bound and the National JA Stock Market Challenge. The deadline to submit this form to JA USA is Friday, November 28, 2025. If more than 35 teams are represented after the 11/28 deadline, qualifying criteria for team and finalist selection will be introduced.

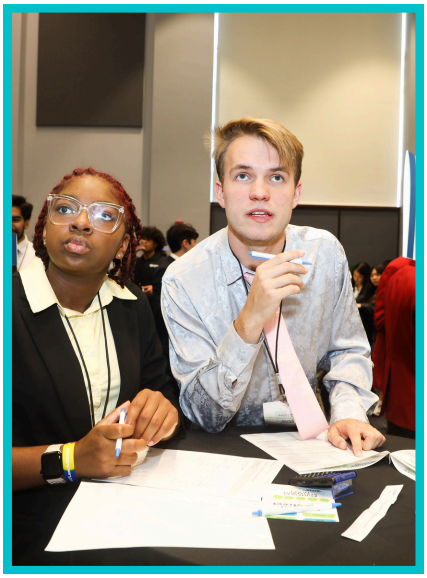
Qualifying Criteria & Team Report Submission

If qualifying criteria are introduced, eligible JA Stock Market Challenge teams wishing to be considered must complete the JA Stock Market Challenge Team Report and provide it to their local JA Area office. The JA Area office will collect these Team Reports and submit them to JA USA no later than Friday, April 24, 2026 by 4:00 pm ET. JA Areas may submit up to two (2) JA Stock Market Challenge Team Reports for consideration. Satellite or district offices are considered part of their overarching JA Area and should work collaboratively with that office to determine team participation and eligibility.

Who?

Eligible Student Teams must have:

- Been enrolled in high school during the 2025-2026 school year.
- A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 students.
- Participated in JA Take Stock in Your Future and follow the JA Learning Experience Implementation Standards for this learning experience (including completing the full curriculum with the required minimum volunteer-lead contact hours).
- AND competed in a local JA Stock Market Challenge.







National JA Stock Market Challenge cont.

Selection Process:

- All submitted materials must be the original work of JA students.
- Each JA Area may nominate up to two (2) teams for consideration.
- Only JA Area staff may submit student teams reports for consideration. For each nomination, by Friday, April 24, the JA Area must:
  - Upload the Team Report in PDF format (must follow provided template).
  - Upload team information
  - Upload completed permission forms for Boston University

Competition Timeline:

- April 24: **Deadline**: JA Areas nominate companies and teams for national competitions
  - BU permission forms due with nomination
  - JA Areas may nominate up to two (2) teams for JA Stock Market Challenge consideration
- April 30: JA USA announces JA SMC and JA Titan finalists
- May 1: **Deadline**: JA Areas submit registration details for JA SMC and JA Titan finalists
- May 7: **Deadline:** JA SMC and JA Titan event registration and JA USA permission forms due for finalists and chaperones
- May 19-20: Mandatory Chaperone Orientation (two options)
- June 7 – 11: Future Bound by JA in Boston, MA

Submission Guidelines and Criteria: National JA Stock Market Challenge

National JA Titan Challenge

Intent to Register

For Future Bound 2026, JA Area offices must submit an Intent to Register form indicating their plan to submit and register team(s) for Future Bound and the National JA Titan Challenge. The deadline to submit this form to JA USA is Friday, November 28, 2025. If more than 25 teams are represented after the 11/28 deadline, qualifying criteria for team and finalist selection will be introduced.

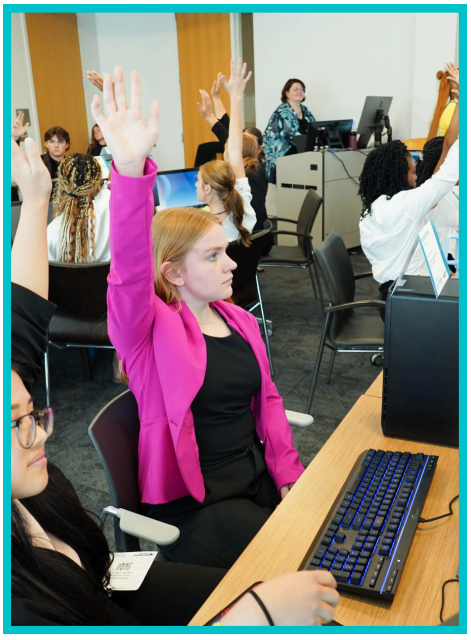
Qualifying Criteria & Team Report Submission

If qualifying criteria are introduced, eligible JA Titan Challenge teams wishing to be considered must complete the JA Titan Challenge Team Report and provide it to their local JA Area office. The JA Area office will collect these Team Reports and submit them to JA USA no later than Friday, April 24, 2026 by 4:00 pm ET. JA Areas may submit up to three (3) JA Titan Challenge Team Reports for consideration. Satellite or district offices are considered part of their overarching JA Area and should work collaboratively with that office to determine team participation and eligibility.

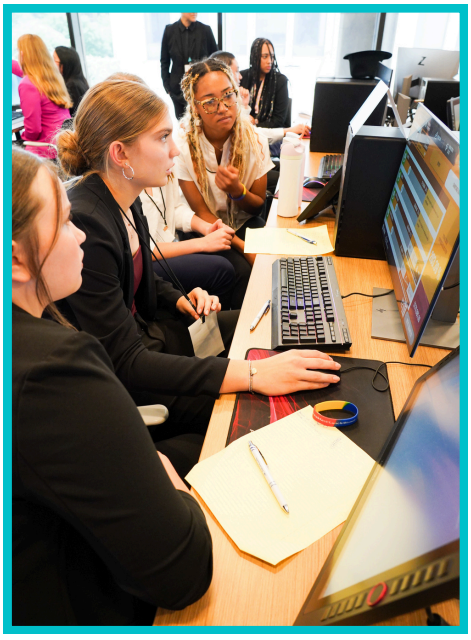
Who?

Eligible Student Teams must have:

- Been enrolled in high school during the 2025-2026 school year.
- A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 students.
- Participated in JA Titan and follow the JA Learning Experience Implementation Standards for this learning experience (including completing the full curriculum with the required minimum volunteer-lead contact hours).







National JA Titan Challenge cont.

Selection Process:

- All submitted materials must be the original work of JA students.
- Each JA Area may nominate up to three (3) teams for consideration.
- Only JA Area staff may submit student teams reports for consideration. For each nomination, by Friday, April 24, the JA Area must:
  - Upload the Team Report in PDF format (must follow provided template).
  - Upload team information
  - Upload completed permission forms for Boston University

Competition Timeline:

- April 24: **Deadline**: JA Areas nominate companies and teams for national competitions
  - BU permission forms due with nomination
  - JA Areas may nominate up to three (3) teams for JA Titan Challenge consideration
- April 30: JA USA announces JA SMC and JA Titan finalists
- May 1: **Deadline**: JA Areas submit registration details for JA SMC and JA Titan finalists
- May 7: **Deadline:** JA SMC and JA Titan event registration and JA USA permission forms due for finalists and chaperones
- May 19-20: Mandatory Chaperone Orientation (two options)
- June 7 – 11: Future Bound by JA in Boston, MA

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