



## JA Fellows Company Program FAQ

### Will the JA Fellows Company Program 2020 – 2021 be offered in a Virtual setting?

Yes, JA Fellows Company Program will be offered in a virtual/online setting, along with Virtual Life and recorded JA Mentors. Please contact us for details.

### What Schools participate in the JA Fellows Company Program 2020 – 2021?

#### **JASF 2020-2021 School/Company**

Atlantic Technical High School  
Blanche Ely High School  
Boyd Anderson High School  
Calvary Christian Academy  
College Academy at Broward College  
**David Posnack Jewish Day School - Davie**  
Deerfield Beach High School  
Fort Lauderdale High School  
Lauderhill Magnet High School  
McFatter Technical College  
Nova High School  
Sagemont High School  
South Broward High School  
St. Andrews School  
Stoneman Douglas HS  
Stranahan High School  
University School

#### **Location**

Coconut Creek  
Pompano Beach  
Lauderdale Lakes  
Fort Lauderdale  
Coconut Creek  
  
Deerfield Beach  
Fort Lauderdale  
Lauderhill  
Davie  
Davie  
Weston  
Hollywood  
Boca  
Parkland  
Fort Lauderdale  
Davie

## Will I be able to balance academics and JA Fellows Company Program?

This varies by individual. Your first priority should be academics. If you are currently struggling to stay on top of your coursework, we may not be the best fit. Think of us as a next generation extracurricular activity that pays dividends (both literally & figuratively!) down the line.

## How much time outside of meetings & events will JA Fellows Company Program require?

In addition to the weekly sessions and occasional special events (JA Fellows Retreat Virtual; JA Fellows Spark Tank Week Virtual, JA Fellows Bootcamp Virtual, and JA Fellows Spark Tank Virtual Finale) students should expect to spend, at minimum, 2 extra hours per week. Some weeks will require less time than others. Activities such as selling stock and product or preparing for competitions will require more effort.

## Are there additional opportunities available to JA Fellows students?

Due to our extensive network of connections, we offer our Fellows chances to meet and network with business professionals throughout Broward County. JA Fellows Students are eligible to be join our Summer Employment Opportunities (virtually) after successful completion of the program. There are scholarships available for seniors at the end of the year competition.

## What is the attendance policy?

Students meet one afternoon a week for two hours when the program is in session. Due to the limited number of spots available, 3 unexcused absences will result in dismissal from the program. With the exception of family emergencies & illness, your JA Fellows colleagues, JA Fellows staff members, and your volunteer advisors must be made aware of planned absences well in advance (2 weeks) of the actual date(s). Again, we realize these are rigid policies however, this is a tremendous opportunity, and to make the most of it, we expect you to attend regularly.

## What is the conduct policy?

We expect all JA Fellows to exemplify professional decorum and behavior at all times. A lack of respect for other students and/or adults will result in dismissal from the program. Students will also be expected to observe any and all regulations of their host sites or school and be aware that their

actions are a reflection on the entire program and Junior Achievement of South Florida. All student mobile devices should be turned off or silenced and put away during JA Fellows sessions and special events. All iPods, mp3 or other musical devices should also be removed. Headphones and blue tooth devices should never be worn during JA Fellows sessions or special events.

## How much does the JA Fellows Company Program cost?

Due to the generous support of our sponsors, we are able to provide our program at no cost to the student. Some additional opportunities may have nominal costs associated with them, but we will always strive to award need-based scholarships to ensure that financial concerns are never a barrier to participation.

## Is there a dress code?

This is a business education program therefore we ask that you dress for success. This does not mean that you have to wear a suit to your weekly meetings, though we do expect you to show up in clean, non-revealing clothing. Certain events, such as JA Fellows Spark Tank, JA Fellows Leadership Training, JA Fellows Local Competition-Spark Tank Finale, job shadows, competitions and award ceremonies will require students to adhere to business attire. Students will be provided with advance notification whenever possible if more formal dress is required. Please note that your host site may choose to enforce a stricter dress code at their discretion.

## Do students need to have an e-mail account?

Yes. All applicants must have an e-mail account that they check regularly for information and correspondence pertaining to the JA Fellows Company Program. This is not the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian - this is the responsibility of the student. Most school media centers or public libraries should offer you the ability to briefly check your e-mail, even if you have limited internet connectivity at your residence. Be sure to change your SPAM (Junk e-mail) settings to allow messages from e-mail addresses ending in @jasouthflorida.org. E-mail is one of our primary methods of communication, and it is vital that you are able to communicate with us electronically. If you do not currently have an e-mail account, please register for a free e-mail account with a provider such as Gmail or Yahoo prior to beginning your application. We strongly encourage you to register for e-mail addresses that are professional in nature (i.e. a combination of your name and numbers versus any slang or suggestive nicknames).

## Can a parent/guardian just check it for them?

Yes. We understand that many parents share or check their teenager's email accounts. This is perfectly fine as long as the student is aware that it is their responsibility to check the account regularly and reply when necessary.

## What should I expect from my first meeting?

At the first meeting you will meet with your business volunteers and teammates and brainstorm creative ideas for your team's product. We ask that every student come prepared with an innovative product or two and be ready to share their thoughts with the group. Students should plan to actively engage with others and be ready to embark on this amazing journey.