



*Jackson Madison County*  
*African American Chamber of Commerce*

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TO: Parents and Guardians

FROM: Clarissa Halton-Williams, President, Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce

During the week of spring break for the Jackson Madison County School System, parents may pick up registration packets for the upcoming **Follow Me Into Business and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)** summer jobs programs for children ages 12-18. Applications are available at the JMCAACC office located at 351C N. Royal Street between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM or they can be downloaded from our website [jmcaacc.org](http://jmcaacc.org) by clicking on “Youth” and “Apply Now.” Please return the completed application by **April 19, 2024**. Applications may be hand delivered, mailed to the post office box address, or emailed to [jacksonmcaacc@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmcaacc@gmail.com). All eligible applicants will be invited to an orientation session prior to the start of the summer programs which begin the first Friday in June and runs through July. Starting time for the programs are 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Meetings will be held in the Chamber office and/or other designated locations.

All participants will have the opportunity to learn about the business world from corporate experts in manufacturing, banking, media, healthcare, technology, and other areas as well as entrepreneurs and small business owners. The programs build poise and self-confidence while exposing your child to the attitudes and skills to be successful in life and on the job. The **STEM Program** focuses concentration in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Students aged 12-15, who complete all eight (8) weeks of program will receive a \$35 stipend and an invitation to the closing awards banquet. All participants are invited to attend. Students aged 16-18 who may have worked in a designated business during the program are NOT eligible for the stipend.

Please note, the JMCAACC has never charged parents or guardians for a child’s participation in the Follow Me Into Business or STEM programs which has currently benefited more than 800 young people. These training programs are free for young people living in Jackson-Madison County.

Your personal donations to the JMCAACC would benefit future participants of the program and aid in the program’s expansion to include more participants and employers throughout Jackson and Madison County. The JMCAACC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your tax-deductible gift should be made payable by check or credit card to “JMCAACC” and mailed to the post office box. We also have a 12-month Supporting Membership available for those who may or may not own their own business but support the economic development of minority owned businesses.

Thank you for your continued interest in providing positive, life-long work skills to the future leaders of this community.

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## ***APPLICATION PACKET***

### **2024 FOLLOW ME INTO BUSINESS ® SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM**

*Providing Business and Life Skills Training  
For Ages 12-18*

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Please print name and age of applicant online above

Four (4) forms to be completed:  
Student Membership Application/Registration Form  
Parent Permission Form  
Medical Treatment Authorization  
Transportation and Photograph Consent Release

**All forms must be completed with applicant photo included.**

**RETURN BY DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION ~ 12:00 PM, FRIDAY APRIL 19, 2024**

You may return completed forms by postmarked mail or drop off at the office listed below between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM Monday through Friday

Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce  
351 C North Royal Street, P.O. Box 703  
Jackson, TN 38302

To submit by email, send to [jacksonmcaacc@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonmcaacc@gmail.com)

ATTACH  
APPLICANT PHOTO

**JACKSON MADISON COUNTY  
AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**FOLLOW ME INTO BUSINESS PROGRAM  
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM**

Registration Form

Please check only one:  Follow Me into Business Program  STEM Program

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Participant Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a previous participant in the Follow Me Into Business program? If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you currently living with both parents? Yes No (Circle one)

If no, circle your head of household: Mother – Father – Grandparent – Guardian

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grandparent's Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your school Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Your Church Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS: PLEASE BRING REPORT CARD TO ORIENTATION.**



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**Follow Me Into Business Program**  
**Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program**

**Parent/Guardian's Permission to Participate in Summer Program**

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

This is to certify that my child, \_\_\_\_\_

has my permission to participate in the Follow Me Into Business Program or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. It is my understanding that these activities are under the auspices of the Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce ("Chamber") and will be supervised by competent members of the program coordinators, board of directors and staff of the Chamber. However, I hereby release the Chamber from all liability and waive all claims against the organization, individually and collectively, for illness or injuries, which might be incurred to and from any travel after reaching the desired destination or while working and/or participating in either program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

**Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce**  
**Follow Me Into Business • Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program**  
**Medical Treatment Authorization**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Consent**

I/we \_\_\_\_\_

The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named child hereby provide consent and approval for him/her to participate in the Follow Me Into Business Program or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program and its events, outings, activities, workshops.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work # \_\_\_\_\_

Please check only one:

1. Parents/guardians will be responsible.

2. Insurance company will be responsible.

If (2) was checked, please complete the following:

Insurance Carrier \_\_\_\_\_

Identification Number \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Physician \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide us any additional information that would facilitate care in a health or medical emergency (i.e., special medications, physical disabilities, allergies, heart condition, seizures, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special concerns or issues we should know about? Please note: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**Follow Me Into Business • Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program**  
**Transportation and Photographic Consent Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) of \_\_\_\_\_ give

Permission to the Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce (“JMCAACC”) and/or any other authorized agency staff and/or volunteers to oversee my child’s transportation to and from the office of the JMCAACC located at 351C North Royal Street or any other approved location and for participation in the City of Jackson and West Tennessee are to and from the various sites on the tour.

I also give permission for my child to attend any fields trips associated with the Follow Me into Business Program or the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian) of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby

grants permission to the Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce (“JMCAACC”) to take photographs and video of my child listed above while enrolled in the Follow Me Into Business Program or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program. I further understand that any photograph or video taken by the JMCAACC staff, volunteers or program coordinators may be used in the JMCAACC website, social media, newsletter, flyers, brochures.

JMCAACC may share photographs and videos with parents or guardians however, the original photos and videos will remain the property of the JMCAACC.

JMCAACC retains the right to expel any child from the program with cause and advance notice if a child becomes unruly and/or violent.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature



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**2024 FOLLOW ME INTO BUSINESS PROGRAM**

**SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM**

**SUMMER SCHEDULE**

**Registration period starts during Spring Break, March 11-15, 2024 and ends April 19, 2024. Pick up registration packets for ages 12 -18 at the Chamber office located in the Huntspon Business Complex, 351-C North Royal. Return completed forms and applicant photo by Friday, April 19, 2024.** Sessions are scheduled for one day a week, Fridays from 9-11, except holidays, for the Follow Me Into Business Program. STEM program runs from July 8 – July 19 every day from 9-11. An orientation for parents/guardians and applicants will be held May 11 in the Jackson Madison County Library in downtown Jackson.

**Follow Me Into Business Workshops, Training Classes, Job Shadowing, and Guest Speakers**

**Paid Summer Jobs for Ages 16-18 – July 1-26**

**Part I (Workshops, Guest Speakers and Role Play, Job Shadowing)**

Friday, June 7 9:00-11:00 am **Karen Wise, Forever Communications**  
Friday, June 14 9:00-11:00 am **Veronica Love, Cadence Bank**  
Friday, June 21 9:00-11:00 am **Annise Bradley, Persevere**

**Part II (Onsite visits to businesses for Shadowing and Mentoring, Guest Speakers)**

Friday, June 28 9:00-11:00 am **Mark Cancia, United Way of West Tennessee**  
Friday, July 5 **Holiday/No Meeting**  
Friday, July 12 9:00-11:00 am **Amy Carter, 6K Energy**  
Friday, July 19 9:00-11:00 am **Tony Tyrone Reed, Forever Communications JJ97.7**  
Friday, July 26 9:00-11:00 am **Dr. Nathan Lewis, Principle JCM Early College (Guest Speaker)**  
Friday, July 26 **Closing Ceremony** 11:00-1:00 pm Luncheon Location – JCM Early College

**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Program**

Monday – Friday July 15 – 26, 2024 9:00-11:00 Class  
Friday, July 26 **Closing Ceremony** 11:00-1:00 pm Luncheon Location – JCM Early College