



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 by clicking on "Member" scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Member Form." Please return the completed application by **April 18, 2025**. Applications may be hand delivered, mailed to the post office box address, or emailed to 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 \$30 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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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 6/6-7/25 ☐ STEM Program __6/9-6/20 **OR** __6/30-7/11

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
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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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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2025 FOLLOW ME INTO BUSINESS PROGRAM

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

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Registration period starts during Spring Break, March 17-21, 2025 and ends April 18, 2025. 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 18, 2025. 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. If you have participated in either program in previous years you are NOT required to attend the orientation.

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

Paid Summer Jobs for Ages 16-18 – June 30 – July 25

Part I (Workshops, Guest Speakers and Simulations)

Friday, June 6 9:00-9:30 am **Karen Wise, Forever Communications**
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Friday, June 13 9:00-11:00 am **Veronica Love, Cadence Bank**
Friday, June 20 9:00-11:00 am **Anthony Glover, Persevere**

Part II (Mentoring, Guest Speakers)

Friday, June 27 9:00-11:00 am **Mark Cancia, United Way of West Tennessee**
Friday, July 4 ***Holiday/No Meeting***
Friday, July 11 9:00-11:00 am **TBD**
Friday, July 18 9:00-11:00 am **Curtis Wise, Forever Communications JJ97.7**
Friday, July 25 9:00-11:00 am **Robert R. Sparks, JCM Early College High (Guest Speaker)**
Friday, July 25 **Closing Ceremony** 11:00-1:00 pm Luncheon Location – JCM Early College

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

Monday - Friday June 9 – 20, 2025	9:00 11:00	Class, JCM Early College High
Monday – Friday June 30 – July 11, 2025	9:00-11:00	Class, JCM Early College High
Friday, July 25 Closing Ceremony	11:00-1:00 pm	Luncheon Location – JCM Early College