



Proposal for Overnight Travel & Special Fundraising Activities

Type of Trip:	Future Bound by Junior Achievement, Boston, MA June 2026
Departure Date:	Sunday, 6/7/26
Return Date:	Thursday, 6/11/26
Proposer:	Stacey Geiger
Position:	High School Business Teacher/Electives Dept. Chair
Proposal Date:	Thursday, 5/7/26
Response Requested:	ASAP

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PURPOSE

1. What is the major place to be visited or event to be attended?

Future Bound is Junior Achievement USA's premier national event, bringing together student leaders from across the country to participate in its four flagship competitions and engage in high-impact learning experiences. Future Bound 2026 will be held June 7–11, 2026 at Boston University, located in the heart of Boston. Participants should plan to arrive on Sunday, June 7 and depart on Thursday, June 11. Competitions and core programming will run June 8–10. Lodging, meals, competitions, and most sessions will take place on the university's campus.

2. How is the trip related to the educational program of the District?

The Future Bound trip directly supports the District's educational program by extending classroom learning into a real-world, experiential setting focused on business, economics, and career readiness. Through participation in national competitions—both the Stock Market Challenge and Titan Challenge—students apply concepts in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and strategic decision-making.

In addition, students engage in job shadowing, professional workshops, and collaborative activities that build essential skills such as leadership, communication, and teamwork—key components of the District's college and career readiness goals. Opportunities to present ideas, receive feedback from industry professionals, and network with peers from across the country further enhance students' confidence and professional development.

Overall, the trip reinforces academic standards while providing meaningful, hands-on experiences that prepare students for future education and the workforce.

**3. In what ways will the students benefit?**

Students will benefit from Future Bound through meaningful, real-world learning experiences that build both knowledge and confidence. By participating in competitions and hands-on activities, students strengthen skills in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and problem-solving.

They will also engage with mentors and industry professionals, gaining insight into careers, workplace expectations, and future opportunities. Collaborative workshops and networking with peers from across the country enhance communication, leadership, and teamwork skills.

Additionally, students gain national exposure, along with opportunities to earn recognition, prizes, and scholarships. Overall, the experience equips students with practical skills and a clearer understanding of career pathways, helping them navigate their futures with confidence.

4. In what ways will the District benefit?

The District benefits from participation in Future Bound by enhancing the quality and visibility of its educational programs. Students return with strengthened skills in entrepreneurship, financial literacy, leadership, and communication, which enrich classroom learning and peer collaboration.

The opportunity for students to compete and potentially earn national recognition reflects positively on the District, highlighting its commitment to college and career readiness. Connections with industry professionals and exposure to current workplace practices also help align instruction with real-world expectations.

Additionally, the experience supports student engagement and achievement, while fostering a culture of innovation, leadership, and excellence that benefits the broader school community.



5. How will the trip be evaluated to determine the extent to which these benefits were realized?

The effectiveness of the trip will be evaluated through a combination of student reflection, performance outcomes, and skill application. Students will complete post-event reflections or surveys to assess growth in areas such as leadership, communication, financial literacy, and career awareness.

Student performance in competitions, workshops, and presentations will provide measurable indicators of applied knowledge and skill development. Feedback from mentors, judges, and industry professionals will offer additional insight into student progress. Finally, students will be expected to share their experiences through presentations or class discussions, demonstrating how they apply what they learned to future coursework and career planning. This collective data will help determine the extent to which the educational and developmental goals of the trip were achieved.

STUDENT & STAFF

Fluffy Unicorns**Chaperone: Geiger, Stacey**

09	F	Bartolo, Claire
09	F	Brose, Gracyn
09	F	Graham, Ainsley
09	F	Sharp, Audrey

**Titan Tornadoes****Chaperone: Warnement, Lauren**

10	F	Allen, Lily
10	M	Hossler, Blake
10	F	Schmidt, Sophia

Fantastic Four**Chaperone: Pinkerton, Kait**

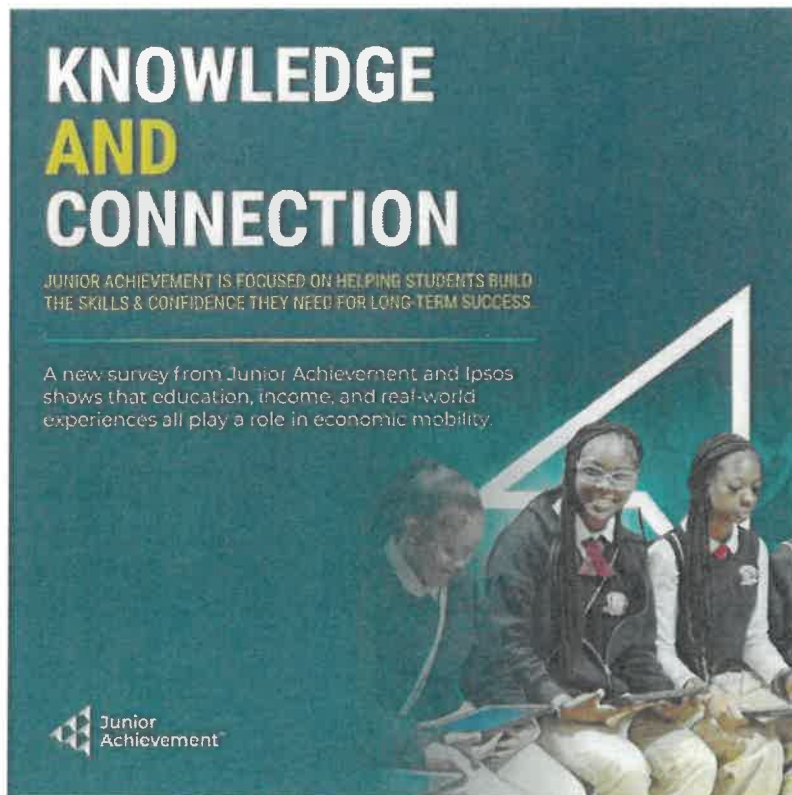
12	F	Cornett, Jessalyn
10	M	Hartson, Liam
12	F	Manning, Jaelyn
12	F	Miller, Jasmine

TC TOOF**Chaperone: Ott, Brette**

10	M	Fox, Russell
09	M	Hinke, Landon
09	M	Schimmoeller, Neil

Student Participation & Supervision Summary

- A total of 13 Tiffin Columbian High School students will participate in JA Future Bound 2026 (see attached roster for student details). All participating students are in good academic standing, with no current academic concerns.
- The trip will be led by Stacey Geiger, TCHS Business Teacher, who brings extensive student travel experience, including this being her third JA Future Bound event, as well as prior leadership of student trips through Key Club International and senior class travel in previous districts.
- She will be joined by three TCHS staff chaperones: Brette Ott, Kate Pinkerton, and Lauren Warnement, with Mrs. Warnement also having prior JA Future Bound chaperone experience.
- No additional non-staff chaperones will attend. All supervision requirements align with Junior Achievement USA guidelines, which require trained, approved chaperones to supervise students throughout all travel, sessions, and event activities.
- Because the event takes place in June after the academic year concludes, no school days will be missed, and no teacher notifications for absences are necessary.





SCHOOL WORK

1. How will missed work be made up?

Not applicable, as school is not in session.

2. What special assistance will be provided for students with academic problems?

Not applicable, as school is not in session.

TRAVEL → ITINERARY

Destination:

Boston University in Boston, MA.

Transportation:

Transportation will include buses to/from the airport, shuttle service provided by Boston University, and transportation for activities arranged by JA USA. Final travel method (air or rail) is still being determined based on fundraising. Flights are faster but costly; rail is cheaper but slower. Charter buses are not being considered. Each provider will have its own policies and insurance. Please reference the Appendix for sample price quotes for varying transportation options.

Lodging & Meals:

Students will stay and eat on the Boston University campus, where most programming takes place.

Activities:

Students will participate in national competitions, job shadowing experiences, professional development workshops, an entrepreneurship expo, and live business simulations—all organized by JA USA.

- Monday- Site Visits/Job Shadowing
- Tuesday- Workshops
- Wednesday- Competitions

Emergency Plans:

JA USA staff and Boston University personnel will be on-site. Parents must complete a phone check-in and ensure all required forms are up to date.

Medical Arrangements:

Parents must provide updated medical information and be available for consent if medication needs to be administered.

Tour Guides:

Not applicable.



FINANCES

1. What is the estimated total cost per student?

The estimated total travel cost is approximately \$250–\$500 per student, depending on final airfare and/or ground transportation pricing. Please reference the Appendix for sample price quotes for varying transportation options.

2. What is the source of funds?

Funding for this experience will come from multiple sources.

- Junior Achievement USA is providing a scholarship for all qualifying participants attending Future Bound in Boston. This scholarship covers lodging, meals during the event, local transportation in Boston, and participation in all official Future Bound programming for eligible students and chaperones.
- Our primary goal is to fully offset student travel expenses through student-led fundraising efforts modeled after the successful approach used for last year's Atlanta experience. Students are actively seeking support from businesses, community partners, and individual sponsors through a team travel shirt sponsorship campaign, which offers multiple sponsorship levels. Based on the selected sponsorship tier, sponsors may receive additional recognition and promotional opportunities, including student-created social media content produced on-site in Boston that can be shared across the sponsor's digital platforms.

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3. How will funds be collected and safeguarded?

All funds will be collected through district-approved fundraising channels and sponsorship processes in accordance with board policy and school financial procedures. Any checks, donations, or sponsorship payments will be processed through the high school office and deposited into the appropriate student activity or district-managed account to ensure proper oversight, transparency, and accountability.

4. How will any shortfall be made up or excess funds used?

Our intention is to raise sufficient funds to cover all student travel expenses associated with attending Future Bound in Boston. Fundraising progress will be closely monitored throughout the process, and fundraising efforts will cease once the financial goal has been met in order to prevent the collection of excess funds. If fundraising efforts do not fully cover the total travel cost, parents/guardians will be responsible for the remaining balance.

5. What provisions has been made for students who are financially unable to pay any necessary costs?

A primary goal of this opportunity is equitable student access. Fundraising efforts are specifically designed to minimize or eliminate out-of-pocket travel costs for participating students. In cases where a financial hardship exists, additional efforts will be made through sponsorship outreach, community partnerships, and scholarship support to ensure that no qualified student is excluded from participation due to financial limitations.



COMMUNICATIONS

1. How will you communicate to parents prior to, during, and after the trip?

Prior to the trip, students and parents must attend a mid-May webinar hosted by JA USA, which will cover event details and student expectations. Mrs. Geiger will also require a parent-teacher conference to address any individual concerns and review key aspects of the trip. She will create and share a Google Drive folder containing all relevant trip information for students and families.

Students and parents will have the option to sign up for updates through the GroupMe app, using their Tiffin City Schools email for accountability. This platform functions as a group messaging system and will include three separate groups: a full participant group, individual team/chaperone groups, and a family/parent group—all overseen by Mrs. Geiger. Additionally, JA USA will provide a livestream of the Awards Gala so families can view the event remotely. After the trip, students and parents will have access to a shared Google Drive folder with photos, outcomes, and event results.

2. List telephone numbers at destination and where the group will be housed.

- Boston University 617-353-2000
- Nora Marturano | Senior Manager, Future Bound Experiences

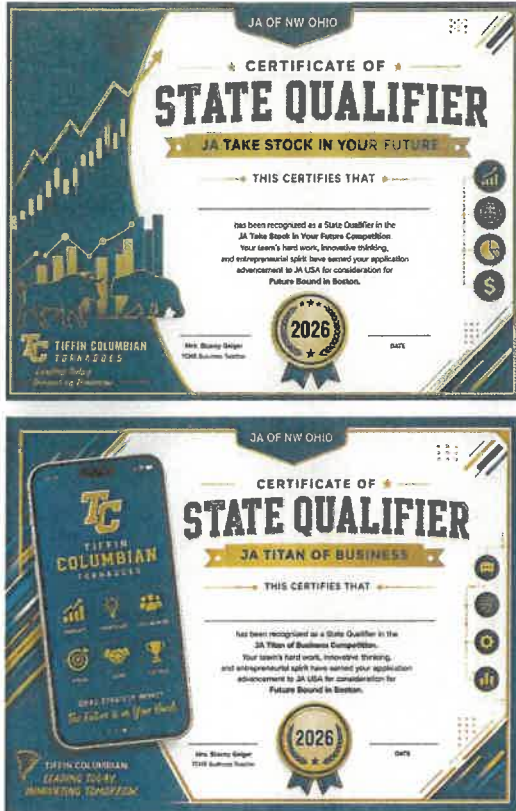
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COMMUNICATIONS

3. What information will be provided to the media and the community?

Information shared with the media and community will highlight student participation in JA Future Bound, including the purpose of the event, the educational value of the experience, and the accomplishments of participating students. Updates may include pre-trip announcements, recognition of student qualifiers, and post-event results or awards.

Content will be shared through school communication channels such as newsletters, the district website, and social media platforms, as well as local media outlets when appropriate. Photos and summaries of student experiences may also be included to showcase learning outcomes and represent Tiffin City Schools positively within the community. All communications will follow district guidelines and student privacy policies.



Travel Options?

Plane



GROUP: \$7,894.80 USD
\$464.00/PER

INCLUDES LAYOVER IN
BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON
INTERNATIONAL THURGOOD
MARSHALL AIRPORT

Train



GROUP: \$3,733.20 USD
\$219.60/PER

NOTES: 16-HOUR TRAVEL
TIME/ONE WAY

Automobile



GROUP: \$13,605.00 USD

NOTES: GROUP IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR DRIVER LODGING