



COMPETITIVE EVENT GUIDELINES

for JAG LEADERSHIP EVENT

DESCRIPTION

Individual Jobs for Montana's Graduates (JMG) Students will demonstrate commitment to the JMG Program and his or her Montana Career Association (MCA) by writing a letter to his or her Career Specialist illustrating the value of JMG to his or her personal and career goals.

PURPOSE

Provide JMG Students an opportunity to showcase their understanding of how JMG benefits them while competing with other JMG students across the state for selection to attend the National Student Leadership Academy, hosted by Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) in Washington D.C. Once in Washington D.C. student will take part in the JAG national leadership training academy, competitive events, tour national and historical sites, and have the opportunity to connect/network with peers from other JAG state chapters.

ELIGIBILITY

JMG students in grades 11 and 12, currently enrolled in the MCA, and recorded on an up-to-date Jobs for America's Graduates eNDMS roster as verified by JMG state staff.

ENTRIES

One entry from each chapter. Career Specialist will assess all letters from grade 11 or 12 and submit only **one** student essay with conference materials.

OBSERVERS

There are no observers for this event

COMPETITIVE EVENT TIMELINE

JAG Leadership event essays must be post marked on or before the JMG registration deadline, which will be within the last couple weeks of September. Date will be set and communicated to Career Specialists each year. JAG Leadership event essays will be distributed to judges approximately one week after received in the JMG state office. JAG Leadership essay judges will have one week to score essays. Event winners will be announced at the LEAD Conference.

EVENT RULES

1. The Career Specialist must indicate on the LEAD Montana Conference online registration intent to submit JAG Leadership essay. Chapters must submit the JAG Leadership Essay and registration form, along with other competition submissions by the registration deadline.
2. All students in the JMG Chapter (grades 11 or 12) interested in competing will submit a letter to their Career Specialist indicating the following:
 - a. Why he or she should be considered for attending the National Student Leadership Academy





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- b. Personal narrative about his or her life experience
 - c. Why he or she is in JMG
 - d. How participating and competing at the National Student Leadership Academy in Washington D.C. will affect him or her
 - e. How the National Student Leadership Academy will contribute to his or her JMG Chapter's goals during the current or succeeding years
3. The Career Specialist will submit a letter explaining the following:
 - a. Why the student was selected as the chapter entry
 - b. Why the student should attend the National Student Leadership Academy
 - c. What the student will gain from attending and competing at the National Student Leadership Academy
4. Letters will be judged prior to the LEAD Montana Conference.
5. Late submissions **will not** be accepted.
6. JAG Leadership essays will be judged based on the criteria in the Scoring Sheet.
7. Judges' decisions are final.





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JAG LEADERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

* Must be completed and included with competition materials sent to JMG state office.

School Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Career Specialist Name: _____

In the event you are selected to attend the National Student Leadership Academy (NSLA) in Washington DC, please complete the following:

What NSLA Competitive Event is your first choice to compete in?

*Options are: Public Speaking, Employability Skills, Math Skills

What NSLA Competitive Event is your second choice to compete in?

What is your t-shirt size?

SM MED LG XL XXL

Have you ever flown before?

Yes No

Have you ever traveled out of state before?

Yes No

Do you have a federal or state issued ID card?

Yes No

Will you be able to obtain permission to travel from your school board within a reasonable timeframe?

Yes No



Judge # _____

STUDENT NAME	
HIGH SCHOOL NAME	

"POINTS ACHIEVED" CAN BE AWARDED IN A RANGE FROM 0 TO MAXIMUM "POINTS POSSIBLE"	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS ACHIEVED	COMMENTS (Comments are very helpful for students' learning and are highly encouraged)
DEMONSTRATED NEED			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly articulates a "need" for the JMG program 	10		
PERSONAL NARRATIVE			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explains his or her life story in an engaging manner 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies how JMG will benefit him or her in overcoming a significant challenge 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies how JMG will leave a lasting effect on his or her future path to success 	5		
REASONING FOR JOINING JMG			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly express an understanding of the value of JMG 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies why he or she chose JMG. 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effectively demonstrates a commitment to the JMG Program and MCA 	5		
COMMITMENT			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides examples of commitment to chapter's goals for current school year 	10		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrated commitment to project based learning and volunteerism 	10		
FORMAT EVALUATION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Free from errors: misspellings, grammar, punctuation, etc. 	10		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typed on school or personal letterhead 	5		
CAREER SPECIALIST RECOMMENDATION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Typed on school letterhead and signed 	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clearly expresses why this particular student was deserving of the selection 	10		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides specific examples of how student has benefitted from being in JMG 	10		
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