



The Americas Region JA Student Company of the Year Competition Judging and Selection of Finalists

Timeline

2/2	Leadership call with JA Americas Region Executive Directors.
2/16	Registration for Americas Region JA Company of the Year Competition opens.
8/1	RFP for 2010 Americas Region JA Student Company of the Year host site opens.
9/23	JA Company submission deadline for competition.
9/23	Deadline for submission of RFP for 2010 host site consideration.
9/28 – 10/15	Judging of submissions to identify the company of the year winner for each country and selection of 20 Americas Region JA Student Company of the Year competitors.
9/28 – 10/15	Review of RFP for 2010 host site.
10/16	FOCUS call to announce the 20 companies selected for advancement, as well as the 2010 competition location.
12/10 – 12/13	Americas Region JA student Company of the Year Competition Buenos Aires, Argentina

Process and Eligibility

- JA Members throughout the Americas Region may submit JA Student Companies to compete for the title of JA Student Company of the Year for their country. In some cases, this may result in submissions from several different Members within the same Country. Each JA member may submit a maximum of 10 companies for consideration.
- JA Companies must have been active during the current school year to be eligible for submission.
- The registration fee for the competition is \$70.00 USD per company.
- JA Companies wishing to be considered must provide their local JA office with the following:
 - *JA Company Program* annual report in both PDF or Word format and hard copy.
 - A cover letter stating why the JA Company should be selected as JA Company of the year for its country and why it should be considered for advancement to the regional level competition.
 - While not a requirement, JA Companies that have competed at a local level will be given preference over those that have not.
- Only the JA Office in the country may register student companies for consideration. Upon receipt of the above materials, the JA office must:
 - Register the student company via RegOnline.
 - Upload the company report and cover letter in either PDF or Word format to the registration site. These materials must be in English. Please note: If JA Companies have submitted this information in their own language it is



the responsibility of the JA Member Office to arrange translation prior to submission to JA Worldwide.

- Mail a hard copy of the registration materials to JA Worldwide attn: Student Events, One Education Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

Judging

- A 10-member review panel will be established from the Region.
 - Panel members will each receive the total submissions for review and scoring.
 - Panel members will review submissions individually and then will be paired with one other member for further deliberation.
 - Panel members must agree with their partner in the overall ranking of the submissions they have reviewed.
 - This ranking will then be provided to JA Worldwide for final review.
 - If necessary, a conference call with panel members will be arranged for final deliberation.
 - At the conclusion, 20 JA companies will be selected as finalists for advancement to the Americas Region JA Company of the Year Competition.
- No panel member will be allowed to review submissions from his or her own region.

Announcement of Winners

- Announcement of the 20 JA Company finalists as well as the 2010 host site will be announced live during a FOCUS call on October 16, 2009.

RFP Process to Identify 2010 Site

- JA Worldwide will issue an RFP to JA Americas Regional Office for distribution to JA International Members on August 1, 2009.
- Deadline for submissions is September 23, 2009.
- An internal JA Worldwide panel will be formed to review and score submissions for the 2010 host site between 9/28 – 10/15, 2009.
- The 2010 competition site will be announced along with the JA Company of the Year state winners and the 20 finalists on October 16, 2009.