



North American JA Student Company of the Year Competition Province/State Level Judging and Selection of Finalists

Timeline

- 10/14 – 12/4 Event promotion at JA Worldwide U.S. Regional Conference.
- 10/16 Leadership call with JA Canada and Charter Leaders.
- 11/1 Registration for JA Company province/state-level competition opens.
- 3/30 RFP for 2010 North American JA Student Company of the Year host site opens.
- 4/17 JA Company submission deadline for province/state-level competition.
- 4/17 Deadline for submission of RFP for 2010 host site consideration.
- 4/20 – 4/30 Judging of submissions to identify the top province/state winner for each province/state represented, and selection of 20 North American JA Student Company of the Year competitors.
- 4/20 – 4/30 Review of RFP for 2010 host site.
- 5/1 FOCUS call to announce province/state winners and the 20 companies selected for advancement, as well as the 2010 competition location.

Process and Eligibility

- JA Members throughout the United States and Canada may submit JA Student Companies to compete for the title of JA Student Company of the Year for their state. In some cases, this may result in submissions from several different Members within the same province/state.
- 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 per company.
- JA Companies wishing to be considered must provide their local JA office/chapter 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 province/state 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 or state level will be given preference over those that have not.
- Only JA U.S. Members or the JA of Canada National Office 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.
 - Mail a hard copy of the registration materials to JA Worldwide attn: Student Events, One Education Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80906.

Judging

- Stage One
 - A 10 member review panel will be established with two representatives from each of the four US regions and Canada.
 - Panel members will each receive a portion of the total submissions for phase one review and scoring.
 - Panel members will review submissions individually and then will be paired with one other member for further deliberation.
 - Upon completion of stage one, panel members must agree with their partners in the overall ranking of the submissions they have reviewed.
 - This ranking will then be provided to JA Worldwide for final review.
 - At the end of stage one, winners will be selected for JA Company of the Year at the province/state level.
- Stage Two
 - Winners of stage one will enter stage two judging for possible advancement as finalists in the North American JA Company of the Year Competition.
 - Panel members will receive submissions of the province/state winners for review and scoring.
 - Members will use the same process utilized during stage one and will submit their final ranking after deliberation with their assigned partner.
 - If necessary, a conference call with panel members will be arranged for final deliberation.
 - At the conclusion of stage two, 20 JA companies will be selected as finalists for advancement to the North American JA Company of the Year Competition.
- No panel member will be allowed to review submissions from his or her own region.

Announcement of Winners

- Province/state winners and the 20 finalists will be announced live during a FOCUS call on May 1, 2009.

RFP Process to Identify 2010 Site

- JA Worldwide will issue an RFP to JA Member Offices in the U.S. and to the JA of Canada National Office for distribution to JA Charters in Canada on March 30, 2009.
- Deadline for submissions is April 17, 2009.
- An internal JA Worldwide panel will be formed to review and score submissions for the 2010 host site between 4/20 – 4/30, 2009.
- The 2010 competition site will be announced along with the JA Company of the Year state winners and the 20 finalists on May 1, 2009.