



Change  
Your  
WORLD!



In an environment  
that fosters  
**TRUE  
FRIENDSHIP,**  
we offer the  
best opportunities for  
**BUSINESS**  
and  
**CAREER  
DEVELOPMENT,**  
and  
**COMMUNITY  
ACTION**  
to men and women  
21-39 years of age.

**Welcome to The United States  
Junior Chamber!** You have become a member of the greatest young persons' organization in the world! We've put this brochure together to answer some of our new members' most frequently asked questions. We weren't able to include all there is to know about the Jaycee organization, but we believe it will serve as a starting point to help you get involved.

## VISION

*To become the organization of choice for young men and women, providing direction and leadership to our communities and nation.*

## MISSION

*To provide young people the opportunity to develop personal and leadership skills through local community action and organizational involvement while expanding the Junior Chamber movement.*

## HISTORY

The Junior Chamber movement began in 1920 in St. Louis, when Henry Giessenbier recognized a need for an organization to teach young men leadership and business skills in order to advance their careers.

Through the years, the Junior Chamber has made an impact on communities all over the country. If you interview the leaders of your community today, you will probably find that many of them are former Jaycees.

Many local and national leaders got their start in the Junior Chamber. Here are a few of the national initiatives with which the Junior Chamber has been involved:

- 1920s** Get Out the Vote, U.S. Airmail service
- 1930s** National Wildlife Federation, Safety with Light, venereal disease prevention programs
- 1940s** Junior golf program, endorsement of military draft, founding of Junior Chamber International
- 1950s** Junior tennis program, support of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii
- 1960s** Uniform Vehicle Code, Clean Water program, Shooting Education
- 1970s** Operation Red Ball, Operation Identification, Muscular Dystrophy fundraising
- 1980s** Campaign for Liberty, St. Jude's Research Hospital fundraising
- 1990s** Hurricane and flood relief, KidCare ID, Greenworks, Junior Chamber Mission Inn, Social Security reform, Get Out the Vote, Jaycees Against Youth Smoking

## DEVELOPMENT

### How can the Jaycee organization help me?

The Junior Chamber organization provides opportunities for you to develop and polish skills that will benefit both your personal and professional lives. These skills include: time management, fiscal responsibility, teamwork, delegation, public speaking, writing, organization, project management, negotiation, and goal setting, to name a few.

Your involvement also gives you opportunities for community service, networking, and life-long friendships. Ultimately, what you get out of the Jaycees is what you put into it. Your involvement will reap huge benefits.

The Junior Chamber offers its members benefits such as low-interest credit cards and discounted medical and life insurance for qualified members as well as discounts on rental cars, hotels, magazine subscriptions, and much more. You can learn more about these benefits by visiting our web site: [www.USJAYCEES.org](http://www.USJAYCEES.org)

## INVOLVEMENT

### How do I get involved?

Begin by attending your chapter's general membership meetings and reading your chapter's newsletter. These are excellent ways to learn what your chapter is doing and pinpoint those areas where you can make a difference.

The Springboard and Degrees programs are designed to walk you step by step through the Jaycee experience. Once you have completed the tenth degree, you will have a complete understanding of the Junior Chamber organization. Your Chapter President will be able to give you information on the Springboard and Degrees programs.

To get the most from your Jaycee experience, volunteer for at least one chapter project each month. When your chapter holds a new member orientation, be sure to attend. You will learn more about your chapter, develop friendships, and begin to feel comfortable and productive.

After you've gotten your feet wet on a few projects, volunteer to chair a project committee. This experience will give you a feel for what the Junior Chamber is all about while providing opportunities to develop those valuable skills we mentioned earlier.

Finally, you may want to assume a position of leadership on your chapter's Board of Directors. Each level of your involvement brings its own personal and professional growth and a true sense of satisfaction.

## NETWORKING

### How far reaching is The U.S. Junior Chamber?

As a Jaycee, you belong to a vast network of Junior Chamber organizations in all 50 states and more than 100 foreign countries. Jaycee membership begins with the local chapter but it also includes your state organization, the national organization, and Junior Chamber International. You'll receive a quarterly publication entitled *Jaycees Magazine* from the U.S. Junior Chamber.

A great way to learn more about other Junior Chamber chapters is by doing a "visitation." Your Chapter President can fill you in on what events have been scheduled by other chapters in your area. Take along a few of your new Jaycee friends and pay another chapter a visit. This is a great way to have fun and learn at the same time!

## OPPORTUNITIES

### What opportunities are available for Jaycees?

Once you have become an active, integral part of your local chapter, you may want to consider becoming a state or national officer.

Each state is covered by District and Region Directors, and each state organization elects a President, several Vice Presidents, and other officers from local chapter members in your state. The U.S. Junior Chamber has an elected Board of Directors made up of Jaycees from all around the country. All Jaycee members have the potential to serve as a state or national officer.

There are also numerous training opportunities available at the state and national levels. Most states hold quarterly meetings to recognize Jaycees for their hard work and train them to lead their local chapters. The U.S. Junior Chamber conducts educational programs such as the U.S. Leadership Academy, the Local Presidents' Summit, and the National Business Summit. At these meetings, members are provided with valuable training opportunities. For information about these opportunities, contact your Chapter President, your state office, or call the National Service Center at 800.JAYCEES.

## GLOSSARY

### Are there any phrases or words I need to know?

**Ambassador** — Highest honor conferred by The U.S. Junior Chamber. Members receive this award in recognition of their exceptional contribution to the Jaycee movement.

**Anniversary** — Month you joined the Junior Chamber. Your chapter will bill you for your annual dues prior to your anniversary month.

**Brownfield** — Award given to acknowledge outstanding members with less than one year of Jaycee experience.

**CPG — Chairman's Planning Guide** — Used by Jaycees to plan, implement, and evaluate all programs and projects.

**Degrees of Jaycees** — A ten-step activation and retention program designed to guide an individual through their Jaycee involvement.

**First Timer Program** — Traditionally held at your state meeting, this program gives members an opportunity to learn about the organization.

**LOTS - Local Officer Training School** — Training for local chapters provided by state organization at the beginning of the Jaycee year.

**M-Night - Membership Night** — A social gathering to introduce prospective members to the Jaycee organization.

**Nationwide Chapter Projects** — Refers to the projects that chapters across the nation run. The programs are managed by staff at the National Service Center.

**On-To** — Slogan used to promote attendance at state and national meetings.

**Speak-Up** — A program designed to help members improve their speaking skills.

**Write-Up** — A program designed to help members improve their composition skills.

## contacts

### Information to remember!

#### CHAPTER

Number of members: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter meetings (place, day, time):

---

---

Board meetings (place, day, time):

---

---

Chapter President (name, phone number):

---

---

Chapter officers (name, position, phone numbers):

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

#### STATE

State President (name, phone numbers):

---

---

#### YOUR CHAPTER NAME:

Address: Street Address

City, State ZIP

Phone: Your.Phone.Number

Fax: Your.Fax.Number

Web Address: [www.YOUR\\_URL.org](http://www.YOUR_URL.org)