



Legacy Chamber of West Tennessee

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March 2026

TO: Parents and Guardians

FROM: Clarissa Halton-Williams, President, Legacy Chamber of West Tennessee

During the week of spring break (starting March 16) for the Jackson Madison County School System, parents may pick up registration packets for the upcoming **Follow Me Into Business and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)** summer programs. Eligible students are age 12-18. Students ages 16-18 are eligible for the summer work program. Applications are available at the LEGACY CHAMBER office located at 351C N. Royal Street between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM or they can be downloaded from our website Legacychamberwesttn.org.org. Please return the completed application by **April 17, 2026**. Applications may be hand delivered, mailed to the post office box address, or email them to info@legacychamberwesttn.org. All eligible applicants will be invited to an orientation session prior to the start of the summer programs which begin the first Thursdays and Friday in June and runs through July. Starting time for the programs is 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Meetings will be held at JCM Early College High School, 215 Allen Street.

All participants will have the opportunity to learn about the business world from corporate experts in manufacturing, banking, media, healthcare, technology, and other areas as well as entrepreneurs and small business owners. The programs build poise and self-confidence while exposing your child to the attitudes and skills to be successful in life and on the job. The **STEM Program** focuses concentration in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Students aged 12-15, who complete all eight (8) weeks of program will receive a \$30 stipend and an invitation to the closing awards banquet. All participants are invited to attend. Students aged 16-18 who may have worked in a designated business during the program are NOT eligible for the stipend.

Please note, the LEGACY CHAMBER has never charged parents or guardians for a child's participation in the Follow Me Into Business or STEM programs which has currently benefited more than 800 young people. These training programs are free for young people living in Jackson-Madison County.

Your personal donations to the LEGACY CHAMBER would benefit future participants of the program and aid in the program's expansion to include more participants and employers throughout Jackson and Madison County. The LEGACY CHAMBER is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Your tax-deductible gift should be made payable by check or credit card to "LEGACY CHAMBER" and mailed to the post office box. We also have a 12-month Supporting Membership available for those who may or may not own their own business but support the economic development of small and minority owned businesses.

Thank you for your continued interest in providing positive, life-long work skills to the future leaders of this community.

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APPLICATION PACKET

2026 FOLLOW ME INTO BUSINESS ® SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, and MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM

*Providing Business and Life Skills Training
For Ages 12-18 - "Follow Me into Business"
Grades 6-11 - "STEM"*

Please print name and age of applicant online above

Four (4) forms to be completed:
Student Membership Application/Registration Form
Parent Permission Form
Medical Treatment Authorization
Transportation and Photograph Consent Release

All forms must be completed with applicant photo included.

RETURN BY DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION ~ 12:00 PM, FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2026

You may return completed forms by postmarked mail or drop off at the office listed below between 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM Monday through Friday

Legacy Chamber of West Tennessee
351 C North Royal Street, P.O. Box 703
Jackson, TN 38302

To submit by email to info@legacychamberwesttn.org

ATTACH
APPLICANT PHOTO

LEGACY CHAMBER OF WEST TENNESSEE

FOLLOW ME INTO BUSINESS PROGRAM
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM

Registration Form

Please check only one: Follow Me into Business Program STEM Program 6/8-6/19
 STEM Program 6/29-7/10

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Age _____ Social Security Number _____

Address _____ Home Telephone # _____

City, State, Zip _____ Participant Cell # _____

Email Address _____

Are you a previous participant in the Follow Me Into Business program? If so, when? _____

Are you currently living with both parents? Yes No (Circle one)

If no, circle your head of household: Mother – Father – Grandparent – Guardian

Parent's Name _____

Parent's Address _____

Parent's Phone # _____ Email _____

Grandparent's Name _____

Grandparent's Address _____

Grandparent's Phone # _____ Email _____

Your school Name and Address _____

Your Church Affiliation (if any) _____

PARENTS: PLEASE BRING REPORT CARD TO ORIENTATION.



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**Follow Me Into Business Program
Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program**

Parent/Guardian's Permission to Participate in Summer Program

Participant's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

This is to certify that my child, _____

has my permission to participate in the Follow Me Into Business Program or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program. It is my understanding that these activities are under the auspices of the Legacy Chamber of West Tennessee ("Chamber") and will be supervised by competent members of the program coordinators, board of directors and staff of the Chamber. However, I hereby release the Chamber from all liability and waive all claims against the organization, individually and collectively, for illness or injuries, which might be incurred to and from any travel after reaching the desired destination or while working and/or participating in either program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Home Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Jackson Madison County African American Chamber of Commerce
Follow Me Into Business • Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program
Medical Treatment Authorization

Name _____ Age _____ DOB _____ Sex _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Telephone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

In case of emergency, contact: _____

Home Telephone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ Parent's Work _____

Parent/Guardian Consent

I/we _____

The parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named child hereby provide consent and approval for him/her to participate in the Follow Me Into Business Program or Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program and its events, outings, activities, workshops.

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____ Date _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature _____ Date _____

Home Telephone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ Work # _____

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Please check only one:

- 1. Parents/guardians will be responsible.
- 2. Insurance company will be responsible.

If (2) was checked, please complete the following:

Insurance Carrier _____

Identification Number _____ Group Number _____

Personal Physician _____

Telephone # _____

Please provide us any additional information that would facilitate care in a health or medical emergency (i.e., special medications, physical disabilities, allergies, heart condition, seizures, etc.):

Are there any special concerns or issues we should know about? Please note: _____

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Follow Me Into Business • Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Program
Transportation and Photographic Consent Form

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) of _____ give

Permission to the Legacy Chamber of West Tennessee (“LEGACY CHAMBER”) and/or any other authorized agency staff and/or volunteers to oversee my child’s transportation to and from the office of the LEGACY CHAMBER located at 351C North Royal Street or any other approved location and for participation in the City of Jackson and West Tennessee are to and from the various sites on the tour.

I also give permission for my child to attend any fields trips associated with the Follow Me into Business Program or the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program.

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian) of _____ hereby grants permission to the Legacy Chamber of West Tennessee (“LEGACY CHAMBER”) to take photographs and video of my child listed above while enrolled in the Follow Me Into Business Program or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program. I further understand that any photograph or video taken by the LEGACY CHAMBER staff, volunteers or program coordinators may be used in the LEGACY CHAMBER website, social media, newsletter, flyers, brochures. LEGACY CHAMBER may share photographs and videos with parents or guardians however, the original photos and videos will remain the property of the LEGACY CHAMBER.

LEGACY CHAMBER retains the right to expel any child from the program with cause and advance notice if a child becomes unruly and/or violent.

_____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature



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SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) PROGRAM

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Registration period starts during Spring Break, March 16-20, 2026 and ends April 17, 2026. Pick up registration packets for ages 12 -18 at the Chamber office located at 351-C North Royal. Return completed forms and applicant photo by Friday, April 17, 2026. Sessions are scheduled for two days a week, Thursday and Fridays from 9-11, except holidays, for the Follow Me Into Business Program beginning June 5. STEM program runs from June 8 – June 19 and June 29 – July 10 every day from 9-11. An orientation for parents/guardians and applicants will be held May 9 in the Jackson Madison County Library in downtown Jackson.

Follow Me Into Business Workshops, Training Classes, Job Shadowing, and Guest Speakers

Paid Summer Jobs for Ages 16-18 – June 29 – July 24

Part I (Workshops, Guest Speakers and Role Play, Job Shadowing)

Thursday and Friday, June 4-5 9:00-11:00 am **Karen Wise, Forever Communications, TBD**

Thursday and Friday, June 11-12 9:00-11:00 am **Veronica Love, Cadence Bank, TBA**

Thursday, June 18 9:00-11:00 am **Mark Cancia, University of Memphis**

Friday, June 19 “Juneteenth” Holiday

Part II (Onsite visits to businesses for Shadowing and Mentoring, Guest Speakers)

Thursday, July 2 9:00 -11:00 am **TBD**

Friday, July 3 **Holiday/No Meeting**

Thursday and Friday, July 9-10 9:00-11:00 am **Dr. Derriell Springfield, Western Governors University, TBA**

Thursday and Friday, July 16-17 9:00-11:00 am **Tony Tyrone Reed, Forever Communications JJ97.7, TBA**

Thursday, July 23 9:00 – 11:00 **TBD**

Friday, July 24 9:00-11:00 am **Robert R. Sparks, JCM Early College High (Guest Speaker)**

Friday, July 24 **Closing Ceremony** 11:00-1:00 pm Luncheon Location – JCM Early College

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Program

Monday – Friday June 8 – 19, 2026 9:00-11:00 Class

Monday - Friday June 29 – July 10, 2026 9:00-11:00 Class

Friday, July 24 **Closing Ceremony** 11:00-1:00 pm Luncheon Location – JCM Early College

Summer Program Co-Coordinator: Karen Wise, Forever Communication JJ97.7 731.313.1585

Board President: Clarissa Halton-Williams 731.326.0118

Chamber Executive Director/Co-Coordinator: Don McCorry 731.506.8219