



Financial Budget Presentation

Event Summary

To encourage JAGCA members to develop skills related to financial literacy that could include – money management, budgeting, bank accounts, interest rates, basic investing, credit cards, saving money and financial safety.

Event Code

FB

Event Type

Individual Event

Dress Code

Competitors must be in official JAGCA uniform or in proper business attire. Bonus points will be awarded for proper dress. All team members must be properly dressed to receive the bonus points. Teams who are not dressed appropriately may not be allowed to compete

Hey future financial gurus! This event is all about showing off your skills in budgeting and making smart money choices. Get ready to prove that you can manage your finances like a pro, even before you've crossed the stage at graduation!

Purpose:

The purpose of the Financial Budget Presentation event is to allow you to demonstrate your financial literacy and your ability to manage money wisely. This is your chance to show that you can plan for your future and make realistic financial decisions based on your goals after high school.

Event Overview:

1. Creating Your Budget:

- You will create a budget that covers the 12 months right after your high school graduation. This budget should reflect your realistic plans, whether that's working a job, attending college, joining the military, or another path you're planning to take.
- Use the budget template provided on the Headrush platform. You can find the template link in your event guide, and you'll need to make a copy of the template for your use. Once you've filled out your budget, save it as a PDF and submit it via Headrush.

2. Making Realistic Choices:

- Your budget should be based on realistic scenarios. For instance, if you currently work at a job that pays \$9 per hour, you can base your budget on continuing that job while attending school part-time. However, avoid unrealistic expectations like getting a job you're not qualified for or relying on winning the lottery.
- Your budget can include different tracks such as entering the workforce, attending college, or joining the military. Whatever path you choose, make sure your budget is realistic and backed up by sources.

3. Submission Process:

- Once your budget is complete, you will submit it [via the Headrush platform](#) by March 15, 2026!

 **Submit documents via Headrush March 15. <https://tinyurl.com/46fmnyx9>**

4. Interview with the Judges:

- After submitting your budget, you'll have an interview with the judge(s) to discuss your choices. Be ready to explain why you made certain decisions and how you plan to manage your finances during your first year after graduation.
- You will have a maximum of 8 minutes to answer questions and provide details during the interview. This is your opportunity to impress the judges with your financial knowledge and planning skills!

Key Points to Remember:

- **Realism is Key:** Your budget should be based on your actual post-graduation plans and should be backed up with sources.
- **Be Prepared:** Know your budget inside and out, and be ready to explain the choices you made during the interview.
- **Submit on Time:** Make sure you submit your budget in PDF format via the correct platform before the deadline.
- **Interview Time:** You'll have 8 minutes to shine during your interview with the judges. Use this time wisely to showcase your financial literacy!

Let's Talk Money:

This event is your chance to show that you're ready to manage your finances and make smart decisions about your future. So, get started on that budget, plan carefully, and be prepared to impress the judges with your financial skills!

Judge Rating Sheet

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Name: _____

Section: _____

Division: _____

Judge: _____

Judge Signature: _____

Time In: _____

Time Out: _____

Criteria	Fair 0-2	Average 3-5	Good 6-8	Excellent 9-10	Judge Score
1.Income Accuracy	Income is poorly calculated or missing key elements.	Income is somewhat accurate but lacks detail.	Income is mostly accurate and well-detailed.	Income is fully accurate, detailed, and realistic.	
2.Bill Payment Accuracy	Bills are not well-accounted for or are unrealistic.	Bills are somewhat accounted for but lack precision.	Bills are mostly accounted for and realistic.	All bills are fully accounted for with high accuracy.	
3.Spending on Necessities	Necessary expenses are poorly managed or unrealistic.	Necessary expenses are somewhat managed but need work.	Necessary expenses are well-managed and realistic.	Necessary expenses are excellently managed and realistic.	
4.Spending on Discretionary Items	Discretionary spending is excessive or poorly planned.	Discretionary spending is somewhat reasonable.	Discretionary spending is well-planned and reasonable.	Discretionary spending is very well-planned and reasonable.	
5.Realism & Feasibility	Budget is unrealistic given the chosen lifestyle.	Budget is somewhat realistic but lacks feasibility.	Budget is realistic and feasible given the circumstances.	Budget is highly realistic, feasible, and well-considered.	
6.Fiscal Decision-Making	Poor fiscal decisions or lack of clear reasoning.	Some fiscal decisions are reasonable but need improvement.	Fiscal decisions are well thought out and reasonable.	Fiscal decisions are excellent and show strong reasoning.	
7.Financial Planning	No planning for financial emergencies.	Some planning for emergencies but lacks depth.	Good planning for potential financial emergencies.	Excellent planning for financial emergencies.	
8.Budget Explanation	Poor explanation, lacks clarity and understanding.	Explanation is somewhat clear but needs more depth.	Explanation is clear and shows good understanding.	Explanation is thorough, clear, and demonstrates deep understanding.	
9.Depth of Thought	Little thought went into creating the budget.	Some thought is evident but lacks			

Total Score
Out of 90 total points.