



The Opportunity

Are you between the ages of 18-24 and interested in improving how young people navigate their career paths? Do you want to make a real impact on how your peers discover and access the educational and career navigation tools and experiences that they need to succeed, while working directly with [Jobs for the Future \(JFF\)](#), one of the nation's leading non-profits committed to building access to quality jobs and economic opportunity for all Americans?

The [Britebound Center for Career Navigation at JFF](#) is looking for motivated changemakers, like you, to help shape how young adults explore careers, access education and job training, and find jobs that work for them.

Our Center aims to help young people embark on education and career journeys that lead to quality jobs and economic advancement. To make this vision a reality, we need *you*.

We are excited to launch applications for two programs that offer young people the opportunity to support a national non-profit in designing and implementing policies, programs, and research to help young people thrive – while gaining valuable experience and earning money! These two programs are:

- **Youth Advisory Council (YAC)**
- **Youth Research Fellows (YRF)**

If you are interested in growing as a leader, building your resume, and making your voice heard, read on for more details on these programs!

Youth Advisory Council (YAC)

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is a national leadership council of young adults (ages 18–24) who bring real-world insight into how young people develop skills, pursue education, and build careers. We are seeking **8 young adults** to serve on the YAC from **September 2026 to June 2027**.

As a YAC member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Share your perspective on what information, skills, experiences, and supports young people need to make good decisions about education and career
- Provide valuable insight into how to connect with young people and engage them on these topics
- Learn how national and state-level policies can transform career navigation for young people and provide your input on what is most important

- Gain exposure to how a national non-profit works to increase access to quality jobs and economic opportunity for Americans
- Receive a \$1,250 stipend

What to expect:

- Attendance at virtual monthly meetings (1 hour)
- Complete additional activities (on your own time) of up to 4 hours per month
- Participate in up to three (3) virtual professional development workshops (60-90 minutes each)

Eligibility:

- Ages 18-24, living in the United States
- Comfortable communication in English
- Access to digital device(s) and internet that will enable participation in online meetings (for example, on Zoom)
- Able to commit to the level of work detailed above (estimated 5 hours per month, including one mandatory meeting monthly)
- See additional notes within the *Who Should Apply* section below

Youth Research Fellows (YRF)

Youth Research Fellows (YRF) is a virtual fellowship opportunity for young adults to receive research training and conduct research under the guidance of JFF research professionals, while also meaningfully contributing to the learning and strategy of the ASA Center for Career Navigation at JFF. We are seeking **4 young adults** to serve as YRF members from **September 2026 to June 2027**.

As a YRF member, you will have the opportunity to:

- Serve as a member of the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) (see above)
- Learn about research practices, collect and analyze data, and present your findings
- Receive guidance from JFF research professionals
- Contribute to the learning and strategy of the Britebound Center for Career Navigation at JFF
- Gain exposure to how a national non-profit works to increase access to quality jobs and economic opportunity for Americans
- Receive a \$2,500 stipend (please note this is the total stipend amount, YRF will not receive additional stipend funds for their role on YAC)

What to expect:

- Attend monthly meetings for YAC and YRF workshops (up to 3 hours per month)
- Work with JFF staff and YRF on a research project (up to 8 hours per month)
- Participate in up to three (3) virtual professional development workshops (60-90 minutes each)

Eligibility:

- Ages 18-24, living in the United States
- Comfortable communication in English

- Access to digital device(s) and internet that will enable participation in online meetings (for example, on Zoom)
- Able to commit to the level of work detailed above (estimated 10 hours per month, including up to two mandatory meetings monthly)
- Must be enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college program and have second year/sophomore standing and a minimum GPA of 3.0
- See additional notes within the *Who Should Apply* section below

Who Should Apply?

We welcome young adults (ages 18-24) from all backgrounds!

Please note that we are interested in YAC and YRF members who bring diverse perspectives. That means we are interested in young adults who:

- Come from different socio-economic, racial, ethnic, and immigrant backgrounds
- Have different genders
- Live in urban, suburban, and rural communities
- Have different experiences with high school education such as traditional high schools, alternative high schools, GED programs, or other experiences with high school
- Have different experiences with post-secondary education including no experience with post-secondary education, participation in skills training programs such as certificates and credentials, participation in pre-apprenticeship or apprenticeship programs, and participation in community college or university.
Please note that for YRF only, you must be enrolled in either a 2- or 4-year college, have second year/sophomore standing, and a minimum GPA of 3.0.
- Have different experiences with work, including no experience with work, experience with internships, and experience with paid part-time or full-time employment across all industries
- Are working to build their education and careers while balancing situations such as being a parent, being involved with the justice system, being involved with the foster care system, or other circumstances

Your lived experience and perspective matter in shaping a system that works for all, rather than some.

If you are passionate about helping your peers navigate careers, enjoy sharing innovative ideas, and can commit to regular virtual meetings, we encourage you to apply!

How to Apply

Interested candidates should apply by **July 24th, 2026**, using [this form](#). Please also send an email to Ikeia Miller at careernav@jff.org with the subject line YAC/YFR Application [YOUR NAME]. Within your email, include a copy of your resume and confirm that you have completed the online application.