



# Legislative Summit 2026

The federal policy landscape is rapidly changing, impacting learning, work, and economic advancement opportunities. Join us for Jobs for the Future's inaugural Legislative Summit at Horizons 2026 to gain critical insights and direct access to influence change.

The Legislative Summit will take place Monday and Tuesday, July 13-14, 2026, during Horizons at the Marriott Marquis Washington, DC, and on the day after Horizons, Wednesday, July 15, on Capitol Hill. We'll advance a federal policy agenda that aims to transform the U.S. education and workforce systems to ensure there are [No Dead Ends](#) to economic opportunity in America. Our agenda seeks to break down barriers to quality jobs and drive economic success for people, businesses, and communities.

At JFF, we take pride in elevating field-leading practice in our conversations with policymakers. By submitting your application to participate in the Legislative Summit, you will be able to lend your voice and expertise to urgent policy conversations in collaboration with more than 100 education and workforce leaders from your state and across the country.

Make the most of your Horizons experience in DC by signing up for the Legislative Summit today!

## The Legislative Summit at a glance

### **Monday, July 13**

- Kickoff, breakfast, and orientation
- Afternoon policy and advocacy workshop exclusively for Legislative Summit attendees

### **Tuesday, July 14**

- Morning and afternoon breakout sessions at Horizons focused on key federal policy issues and designed specifically for Legislative Summit participants
- Invite-only evening reception on Capitol Hill

### **Wednesday, July 15**

- Breakfast meeting on Capitol Hill with congressional staff
- Constituent meetings with congressional offices organized by JFF

Please email [policy@jff.org](mailto:policy@jff.org) for more information.

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What policy issues will be discussed at the Legislative Summit and during meetings on Capitol Hill?**

Jobs for the Future (JFF) will set priorities closer to the 2026 Legislative Summit. We anticipate that the topics will cover timely and pertinent issues across education and workforce development that expand access to quality jobs and ensure there are No Dead Ends on pathways to economic advancement for workers and learners.

## **How do I register for the Legislative Summit?**

Attendance at the Legislative Summit is limited due to space and logistics. To be considered, interested applicants must: (1) register for Horizons 2026 and pay the Horizons registration fee, and (2) complete the Legislative Summit questionnaire in the Horizons registration portal, and (3) check the designated box affirming your commitment to participate in all Legislative Summit programming. If accepted, applicants must pay the additional \$100 Legislative Summit fee to confirm their spot.

## **Who should apply to participate in the Legislative Summit?**

An effective participant brings experience or insight related to education, workforce development, or economic mobility and can represent their organization's perspectives in conversations with policymakers. JFF welcomes applicants from business and industry, education and training programs, intermediaries and civic organizations, and wraparound service providers, as well as students and workers. You do not need deep expertise in federal policy or prior advocacy experience. What matters most is a desire to deepen your understanding of policymaking and partner with JFF and peers nationwide to advance policy solutions.

## **How is JFF deciding who to accept for the Legislative Summit?**

JFF is making decisions about participation based on several criteria designed to ensure representation across the learn and work ecosystem. Specifically, we are considering applicants' states of residence, the types of organizations they represent, their roles and areas of expertise and leadership, and their alignment with JFF's policy and advocacy goals as expressed in the Legislative Summit questionnaire. JFF is capping the number of participants per organization at two. We advise interested applicants to coordinate internally. JFF is capping the number of participants per organization at two. We advise interested applicants to coordinate internally. All participants will be assigned to a state team that will meet with their congressional delegations on July 15.

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## **Is JFF forming state-based teams for all 50 states?**

No. Due to space and logistical constraints, JFF is fielding a select number of state-based teams, with a focus on congressional delegations and offices that influence education and workforce policy and funding decisions. JFF has not yet confirmed our target states, so we encourage all interested people to apply to participate in the Legislative Summit.

## **Am I or other members of my state-based team responsible for setting up meetings with congressional offices on Wednesday, July 15?**

No. JFF staff will schedule all Capitol Hill meetings and will provide participants with preparation, materials, and guidance to support productive conversations with policymakers.

## **How many people from my organization can participate in the Legislative Summit?**

JFF is capping the number of participants per organization at two. We advise interested applicants to coordinate internally. On a case-by-case basis, JFF will entertain requests to swap attendees within an organization, although requests are not guaranteed.

## **I have completed the three steps (described above), when will JFF notify me with a decision about my application?**

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis as JFF receives Horizons registrations. Space is limited, and demand is expected to be high. JFF does not anticipate considering applications submitted after May 15.

We will notify applicants of their status in waves.

- People who submit applications during the early bird registration period for Horizons will be notified by January 16, 2026.
- People who register during the Horizons advance registration period, January 1–May 14, 2026, will be notified within the first 10 business days of the month following registration.
- JFF will expedite the notification timeline as we approach Horizons and the hotel reservation cut-off date of June 15, 2026.
- People who receive an acceptance letter via email from JFF must submit the \$100 Summit fee within 10 business days to officially confirm their spot in the Legislative summit; failure to do so will result in forfeiting their spot.

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**After I receive my acceptance letter and pay the summit fee, what happens next?**

You will receive periodic emails from summit planning staff or JFF Director of Policy Campaigns David Altstadt, with additional guidance and information on preparing for the Legislative Summit. Please note that participation in the Legislative Summit requires an additional night in the hotel on July 14 so that participants are available to attend the Capitol Hill meetings on July 15. We strongly recommend that participants book return flights no earlier than the evening of July 15 to ensure availability for Hill meetings that may occur throughout the workday.

**Can I participate in the Legislative Summit if I am not registered to attend Horizons 2026?**

No. The Legislative Summit is only available to paid registrants of Horizons.

**Can I still participate in some of the Legislative Summit programming if my application is not accepted?**

JFF plans to offer all Horizons attendees a handful of breakout sessions tied to Legislative Summit policy priorities. Space may be limited.

**What is the cancellation policy for the Legislative Summit?**

If you have to cancel your registration for Horizons 2026, it will automatically cancel your registration for the Legislative Summit. For people who are attending Horizons but need to withdraw from the Legislative Summit due to other factors, we ask that they notify JFF of this change in plans. People may receive reimbursement of their summit fee; however, no reimbursements will be provided within 60 days of Horizons.

**Who should I contact for more information about the Legislative Summit?**

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