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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

At this year's JACL National Convention, held in Chicago, the National Youth/Student Council will be launching the Convention Mentorship Program. Youth who choose to participate will be paired up with a Chapter delegate during National Council business sessions. Throughout those sessions, the delegate mentor will help guide youth mentees through the difficult and challenging processes and procedures. The youth will have the opportunity to see a different side of JACL and engage in fruitful dialogue with his/her Chapter delegate mentor.

Frequently Asked Questions

FOR YOUTH PARTICIPANTS:

I attended the last convention and was given rooming assignments by the youth convention organizers. Will it be the same for this year's convention if I choose to sign up this program?

No. This program will only pair you with a Chapter delegate mentor for the National Council sessions. All accommodations shall be secured by each individual participant. The JACL, as an organization, bears no responsibility in securing any accommodation for the participant.

When will I be notified as to who my mentor is?

Once you've have registered, members of the National Youth/Student Council will pair you with a Chapter delegate. Once the Council has paired you, the Council will contact you by email with all of the pertinent information. It really depends when you've registered, but if the Chapter delegate list is available and you've completed your registration, the process should take about a week.

Is it required that I attend all of the other convention functions (i.e., awards luncheon, oratorical contest)?

No. The mentorship program will be available with all convention packages. Youth participants will not be required to attend any portion of the convention outside of the National Council sessions. However, considering this is only available with the packages, it behooves you to attend all of the events that are included so you get the most out of your money.

Do I have to go to every National Council session?

If you are under 18, both the required chaperone and the youth participant must inform the delegate mentor of any change in plans. If you're over 18, while we can't stop you, we ask that you please inform your delegate mentor of any change in plans.



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FOR CHAPTER DELEGATE MENTORS:

As a Chapter delegate mentor, am I responsible for my youth mentee outside of the National Council sessions?

No. Once business has concluded for the each National Council session, the delegate no longer has the responsibility to mentor the youth participant. All youth participants who have come to convention under the supervision of a chaperone shall report back to the chaperone.

Can I opt-out of being a mentor for the program?

Each Chapter delegate who registers will automatically be a possible mentor for the youth who sign up for this program. If you do not wish to be a mentor for this program, please indicate such on your delegate form.

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION THAT IS NOT ON HERE? PLEASE EMAIL YOUTHREP@JACL.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.