



Jeff City START is an initiative of the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce. We have two main goals as an organization. The first is to connect students seeking internships and employers offering internships. Secondly, we want to connect those interning in Jefferson City to our community. We achieve this by offering opportunities to learn more about Jefferson City, to network with community leaders and young professionals, and attend professional development events as they begin to make choices about their career paths.

In an effort to continually improve our program and our participants' experiences, starting in 2016 Jeff City START will offer a certificate program aimed at preparing interns to enter the workforce while exposing them to the unique opportunities that our community has to offer.

Interns who participate in the Jeff City START Academy will have the opportunity to obtain a certificate of completion for the JCACC signifying that they are now better prepared for entrance into the workforce. Certificate holders will feel more comfortable in a myriad of professional settings, understand what is expected of young professionals and will have gained a number of other valuable tools and skills from high-achieving community members in their industry and human resource professionals.

A certificate is obtained through a points system. Each event or assignment below is worth 1 or 2 points with 9 total points available. Once an intern has accrued 5 points they will be eligible to receive the certificate from the Chamber of Commerce and consider themselves a "graduate" of the academy. Our hope is that interns, especially those looking to locate in Jefferson City after graduation, will add this certificate to their resume to signify not only their achievement but their interest and investment in our community. If a participant attends all events and completes all assignments they will not only receive the certificate but will be entered into a drawing for a Visa gift card. A commencement celebration will be held at the Side Bar at Prison Brews on July 27th, food will be provided.

Event	Points	Date/Time
JC 101 Kick-Off Event	2	June 2, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Lunch & Learn: "Making an Impression"	1	June 15, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Lunch & Learn: "Office IRL" (In Real Life)	1	June 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Lunch & Learn: "Getting Hired: A Discussion with HR Professionals"	1	July 20, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Submit your resume for review and feedback by HR professionals	1	By July 1
Attend July YP Meeting	1	July 7, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Appointment with HR professional to get feedback on resume on the phone or in person	1	By July 25
Schedule lunch/coffee/meeting with a YP or professional in your field	1	By July 25
Commencement at the Side Bar at Prison Brews		July 27, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.