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# YOUTH BUSINESS SUMMIT 2026

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## Youth Business Summit Event and Registration Overview

**April 21, 2026**

**Long Island University**

*1 University Plz, Brooklyn, NY 11201*

**United Federation of Teachers**

*52 Broadway, New York, NY 10004*

**April 22-23, 2026**

**Jacob Javits Convention Center**

*429 11th Ave, New York, NY 10001*

***Please read all materials carefully***

**<https://veinternational.org/ybs-2026/>**

Dear VE Educators,

The annual Youth Business Summit at the iconic Jacob Javits Convention Center is an opportunity for students to showcase their work throughout the year. Schools travel nationally and internationally to attend a 3-day summit that includes national business plan, human resources, finance, and marketing competitions, a Global Innovation Challenge, a Financial Literacy Challenge, an International Trade Exhibition, team and individual competitions, and much much more. This year we anticipate over 5,000 attendees!

**PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE OVERVIEW CAREFULLY.** This guide has been prepared to ensure you and your students have the best experience possible. All students must be accompanied by a teacher or chaperone at all times. This year's Youth Business Summit will take place in three locations throughout Brooklyn and Manhattan, culminating at the Jacob Javits Convention Center in Hudson Yards and bringing together over 200 firms from across the country and internationally.

**All facilitators/teachers of participating schools must sign and submit the acknowledgement on **page 19** and attach to the [Consent JotForm](#) by April 2, 2026.**

Visit the 2026 YBS website at <https://veinternational.org/2026-ybs/> for more information throughout the year.

We can't wait to see you there!

Sincerely,  
VEI

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## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Date	Information
<b>Nov 17, 2025</b> 11:00 AM ET	Registration Opens <a href="#">Hub</a> → <a href="#">Event Registration</a> → <a href="#">2025 Youth Business Summit</a>
<b>Nov 24, 2025</b> 11:00 PM ET	Early Bird Registration Closes
<b>Feb 10, 2026</b> 11:00 AM ET	<b>Registration Opens for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Innovation Challenge</li> <li>• Financial Literacy Challenge</li> <li>• Social Media Marketing Campaign</li> <li>• Ai Challenge</li> <li>• VE-JV National Championships Registration (Open Qualifying Rounds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Year 1: Business Pitch Registration</li> <li>○ Year 2: Business Plan Registration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Feb 25, 2026</b> 11:55 PM ET	<b>Registration Closes for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Innovation Challenge</li> <li>• Financial Literacy Challenge</li> <li>• Social Media Marketing Campaign</li> <li>• Ai Challenge</li> <li>• VE-JV National Championships Registration (Open Qualifying Rounds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1: Business Pitch Registration</li> <li>• Year 2: Business Plan Registration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Feb 27, 2026</b> 11:55 PM ET	Deadline to Register for the 2026 Youth Business Summit <a href="#">Hub</a> → <a href="#">Event Registration</a> → <a href="#">2026 Youth Business Summit</a>
<b>Feb 27, 2026</b>	Preliminary Bus Certificate of Insurance Information Due <a href="#">Link HERE</a>
<b>Mar 12, 2026</b>	Participant Announcement & Waitlist Instructions emailed for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Innovation Challenge</li> <li>• Financial Literacy Challenge</li> </ul>
<b>Mar 12, 2026</b> 11:55 PM ET	National Business Plan Competition Written Business Plan Submission Due <a href="#">Click the link sent via email to qualifiers</a> Deadline to fill out <a href="#">Trade Show Set-Up Registration Form</a>
<b>Mar 18, 2026</b>	Cancellation date for CONFIRMED TEAMS needing to withdraw from Financial Literacy Challenge; Waitlisted teams notified
<b>Mar 20, 2026</b>	2026 Global Innovation Pre-Work and Financial Literacy Team Challenge Packets distributed to confirmed participants
<b>Apr 2, 2026</b> 11:55 PM ET	National Competitions (Finance, Human Resources, Marketing) Slideshow Submission Due <a href="#">Click the link sent via email to qualifiers</a>
<b>Apr 2, 2026</b> 11:55 PM ET	Financial Literacy Challenge Written Submission Due <a href="#">Click the link sent via email to participants</a>
<b>Apr 2, 2026</b>	Facilitator Consent Form Confirmation & Participant List Due
<b>Apr 9, 2026</b> 11:55 PM ET	National Business Plan Competition Slideshow Submission Due <a href="#">Click the link sent via email to qualifiers</a>
<b>Apr 21-23, 2026</b>	<a href="#">2026 Youth Business Summit</a> See below for more information on the schedule

## DAY 1 EVENT SCHEDULE

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

### **National Business Plan Competition at United Federation of Teachers**

- 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Preliminary Round
- 12:00 PM Recognition of Top 25 Teams
- 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM Semifinal Round
- 4:00 PM Announcement of Top 8 Moving onto Championship Round

### **Financial Literacy Challenge at Long Island University Brooklyn**

- 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM Registration and Competition Overview
- 9:15 AM - 10:30 AM Team Working Sessions
- 10:45 AM - 12:45 PM Preliminary Round Presentations
- 1:15 PM - 3:30 PM Championship Round Presentations

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## DAY 2 EVENT SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at Jacob Javits Convention Center**

### **National Business Plan Competition Championship Rounds**

- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Championship Rounds

### **National Competitions - Human Resources, Marketing, Finance**

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Preliminary Rounds
- 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Semifinal Rounds
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Championship Rounds

### **Global Innovation Challenge**

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Registration and Team Assignments
- 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Kickoff and Orientation
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM Team Working Sessions
- 11:30 PM - 1:30 PM Preliminary Round Presentations
- 2:00 PM - 4:45 PM Championship Round

### **Early Setup and Create & Connect Hour**

- 4:00 - 6:00 PM Early Access Booth Set-Up
- 4:30 - 5:30 PM Networking Hour and Special Access Trading

## DAY 3 EVENT SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 23, 2026 at Jacob Javits Convention Center

### International Trade Exhibition

- 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration and Booth Set-Up for Exhibitors
- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM Opening Ceremony, Keynote Address, Ribbon Cutting for Exhibition & Trading
- 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM TRADE SHOW OPEN
- 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch Period
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sales Pitch Presentations in Hall 1D
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Booth Design Competition Judging
- 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM Closing and Awards Ceremony
- 3:10 PM - 4:00 PM Booth Breakdown

### VE-JV National Championships Open Qualifying Rounds

- 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Qualifying Rounds
  - Year 1 - Business Pitch Competition
  - Year 2 - Business Plan Competition

### Social Media Campaign Marketing Challenge & Ai Challenge

- 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM Setup Campaign Board on Easel (*note: easels not provided*)
- 9:30 AM-11:30 AM Judging of Campaign Boards (*no need to be present*)
  - 10:00 AM Ai Challenge Top 3 Presentations
- 2:00 PM-3:00 PM Winner announced at Awards Ceremony
- 3:10 PM - 4:00 PM Campaign Board Pick Up

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Supervision

Facilitators are responsible for supervising students at all times while on Youth Business Summit (YBS) facilities and during travel to and from the event venue. At no point does VE assume responsibility for students during activities associated with or during the Youth Business Summit.

Facilitators will also verify in writing that they have obtained permission slips, medical release documents, and photo and video consent forms for each participating student, and have taken appropriate precautions regarding any student health issues (for example, allergies).

### Name Badges

- All participating students and guests **MUST** have identification badges visible at all times. The badges must include on the front:
  - Participant's name
  - Firm name
  - School Name
- The badges must also include the following information on the back:
  - Teacher/Facilitator Full Name
  - Teacher/Facilitator Email
  - Teacher/Facilitator Mobile Number
- All participants will also be provided a visitor badge for both days by VEI. Do not lose your badge.

### Code of Conduct

- Smoking and vaping is not permitted in any of the YBS event spaces.
- Participants are required to keep surrounding spaces neat and litter free.
- There shall be no defacing of public property. Any damage to any property or furnishing at the Javits Center must be paid for by the individual or chapter responsible.
- Participants must dress in accepted business attire or in a manner that compliments the firm's business model.
- Participants shall not possess alcoholic beverages, narcotics or weapons in any form at any time under any circumstances.
- Disorderly conduct, profanity and running are expressly prohibited.
- Any inappropriate behavior is prohibited and is cause for immediate dismissal from conference activities.
- Facilitators must actively chaperone their students.
- Facilitators and Chaperones will be responsible for delegates' conduct.

## Lost or Stolen Items

VE engaged Javits Security to provide security services throughout the Javits while the YBS is in session. VEI is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Items such as money, jewelry, personal stereos, computers, exhibitor display items or other valuables should never be left unattended in the booth during setup, breakdown or any time that the exhibit is open for trading. Please report any security issue, which would affect the event, to conference management, at the registration table. **Do not bring expensive personal belongings with you.**

## Transportation

VEI will not provide any means of transportation. It will be the responsibility of each exhibitor to provide their own transportation to and from all event spaces.

Buses for the Jacob Javits Center will only be available for schools that followed The Jacob Javits Center's transportation requirements outlined [below](#) (page 10).

## First Aid & Emergencies

Emergency Medical Technicians will be on-site to assist in the event of an emergency.

In the event of a medical emergency, the Facilitator bears primary responsibility. If the Facilitator is not in the immediate vicinity, VE personnel will contact the facilitator using the phone number on the back of the student's badge.

## Food and Beverage

Food will NOT be provided for participants. Cultivated, the Javits Center's catering and retail vendor, will have options for purchase ranging in price from approximately \$20.00 - \$25.00.

## Bus Arrival and Insurance

If you will be arriving at the Javits Center by bus, you may be required to [submit](#) a Certificate of Insurance to Jacob Javits Convention Center evidencing Automobile Liability insurance with a minimum limit of a \$1M combined single limit plus umbrella coverage and naming the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center/NYCCOC as an additional insured. Information regarding UFT and LIU Brooklyn arrivals, along with bus policies, will be posted on our [website](#).

## Javits Security

Javits Security will be posted at all entrances and exits to Halls 1C, 1D, and 1E.



## Electrical Requirements and Wifi Information

WiFi will be available at all locations. **To ensure a stable connection, there is a limit of 2 devices per booth connected to the VEI Youth Business Summit WiFi.**

If you would like to guarantee bandwidth, we highly suggest bringing a hotspot.

**Firms may purchase electricity as an add-on with their booth package.**

## Booth Setup

VE will be using an internal check-in system to keep track of the total number of visitors that are present for the event. All schools and guests are required to check-in at registration and confirm the total party count. Set up will take place on Wednesday, April 22 between 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM and Thursday, April 23 between 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM. Sign up using this link [here](#) for your registration slot. **All firms must follow the Jacob Javits Center's Hand Carry Policy. Firms that do not abide by the policy will be disqualified from ALL trade show competitions (See Appendix B).**

## Booth Breakdown and Check-Out Procedures

Booth breakdown may begin at **2:00 PM on Thursday, April 23**. Dismantling of the booths will occur before the Awards Ceremony. **Firms that initiate breakdown before 2:00 PM (unless pre-approved by VE) will be disqualified from all competitions and/or have their trade show sales invalidated.** Under extremely special circumstances, firms may be granted early break down status. Any firm not in the early breakdown section or has not been approved that breaks down early will be penalized. **Check-out procedures will be enforced.** Crates and packing materials not required for the show must be removed immediately after setup.

**Exhibitors should remove ALL trash from their booth and place EVERYTHING in trash bags.**

## Booth Staffing and Supervision

- Booths must be continually staffed by at least two student employees during all official setup and exhibiting hours.
- Students must be supervised at all times.
- A coordinator/chaperone for each firm must be on the premises and available at all times during scheduled hours.

## Booth Specifications

- Each booth is 8 feet deep and 10 feet wide.

- 6'w x 2'd x 30"h skirted table with 2 chairs and 1 waste basket.
- 8' High Back Wall Drape
- 3' High Side Rail
- All displays, tables, chairs, etc. must fit within the confines of the booth and may NOT extend into the aisle.
- No part of the booth design may block the view from **side to side** of another booth.
- **Electricity is available if purchased as an add-on at registration.**

## Exhibitor Considerations

- No exhibitor may engage in any activity or device that tends to create unreasonable congestion in the aisles. Sufficient space must be provided within the exhibit area and be arranged so that persons watching demos and other activities are contained within the booth.
- Firms may sell **ONLY WITHIN THEIR BOOTHS.**
- All marketing activities, exhibits, moving displays, etc. should not create crowd congestion or obstruct activities of adjacent exhibitors.
- Booth sides **may not** be enclosed with streamers, balloons, banners, flags, netting, etc. that would create a sight line obstruction from one exhibit to the next.
- Decorations, signs, banners and streamers may not be attached, taped, nailed or otherwise fastened to any ceiling, painted surface or wall of the venue.
- All students can participate in booth construction and display at the exhibition. However, adults are asked to refrain from assisting students in the physical set up of the booth.
- No tape may be used on the trade show floor or booth drape. **There will be a clean up/damage fee if tape is used or sticky materials are used.**
- Exhibitors are to show respect for spectators and booth demonstrators by keeping the volume of music or other amplified sound to a minimum.
- Under NO circumstances are adhesive back decals to be given away.
- All booths must completely clean up their area before leaving and place all trash in garbage cans.
- Climbing on tables or chairs is prohibited.

## Prohibited Items\*

In accordance with the Jacob Javits Convention Center regulations, the following items are not permitted:

- Power tools
- Self-stick decals
- Fog or haze machines
- Strobe lights
- Flashing lights
- Glitter or any items containing glitter
- Confetti
- Silly string
- Popcorn machines
- Fake currency
- Helium balloons
- Animals
- Personal transporters
- Hazardous materials
- Glitter or adhesive decals
- Paint
- Propane or other flammable liquids
- Weapons
- See [here](#) for the full details and list of prohibited items

**Failure to abide by these regulations will disqualify participants from competitions and may be subject to additional damage fees.**

**All prohibited items must be removed or your team will be disqualified from competitions and/or subjected to additional damage fees.**

*\*If the policies of the School District's Code of Conduct or the event venue are more restrictive than those of VE, they will take precedence over VE's Code of Conduct, policies, and guidelines. If not, VE's Code of Conduct, policies, and guidelines will apply.*

## Selling and Processing Sales

You will be processing sales through the **Trade Exhibition Point of Sale System (POS)**. The POS system is provided to VE firms with an exhibition booth to easily process trade exhibition sales payments. This system can be used on a smartphone, iPad/tablet, or laptop with a WiFi or cellular data connection. **We HIGHLY recommend that you bring a mobile hotspot or cellular device to ensure a good connection. Each firm may connect 2 devices to the event space Wifi.**

You will be selling to two categories of customers.

1. Customers who are visitors to the trade exhibition (non-VE participants) and do not have online virtual checking accounts. These customers will pay for their purchases using the **US Network Bank Card** that will be provided to them on the day of the trade exhibition. Each card can only be used at one booth at a time and has a randomized dollar amount that is visible on the card.
2. Customers who are VE participants (VE firms and VE students) who have online virtual checking accounts. These customers will pay for their purchases using their **Student Debit Card**.

Instructions for the Trade Exhibition Point of Sale System, U.S. Network Card, and Student Debit Card setup and use can be found by clicking [here](#).

All Selling and Processing Sales resources can be found in the VE curriculum in

## Operations Task 5 - Organize Trade Show Activities.

### Raffles and Promotions

**Raffle announcements will take place before the award ceremony at 2:00 PM ET in Hall 1D.** Raffles and promotions are a proven way to increase sales. Customers who buy are allowed to enter into a drawing for prizes. Firms may give customers a free opportunity to register for a raffle after the customer makes a purchase, but may not require a purchase in order for a customer to be entered. Raffle items should not exceed a value of \$200 to be fair to all firms. Also, remember that as a “Virtual” conference and exhibition, no sales of actual products are permitted.

### Booth Numbers

All booths have an assigned number that is displayed on top of the pipe and drape. This number must remain in this location and made visible throughout the event. Once a booth is assigned, companies are not to exchange numbers or booth spaces with other companies. These numbers are used by the judges to provide ratings for the Booth Design Competition.

### Music

Exhibitors are to show respect for spectators and booth demonstrators by keeping the volume of music or other amplified sound to a minimum. Loud sounds are distractions and tend to disrupt participants and spectators. It is recommended that exhibitors use headsets when music or other amplified sounds is critical to booth presentation. **VE staff will enforce these limits.**

### Event Cancellation

If the show facility becomes unfit or unavailable for occupancy, or becomes substantially interfered with by reason of picketing, striking, embargo, injunction, act of war, act of God, fire, or state of emergency declared by any government agency or by reason of any municipal, state, or federal law or regulation or by reason of any other occurrence beyond the control of management, show management may cancel or terminate the show. In the event of such cancellation or termination, the exhibitor waives any and all claims for damages or expenses and agrees to accept in complete settlement and discharge of all claims against the exhibitor’s prorated share of the total amount paid by all exhibitors, less all cost expenses incurred by management in connection with the show.

## #YBS2026 Competition Information

Live Competitions are open to all firms participating in the 2026 Youth Business Summit. **Those that qualify for National Competitions, National Business Plan Competition,**

**and Global Innovation Challenge will receive a separate email with information regarding participation.** Guidelines and scoring guides are available on the VE Hub / Curriculum / Competitions Scoring Guides and Resources. Late submissions will not be accepted. If the correct format is not followed, submissions will not be judged.

To find scoring guides for all competitions:  
Go to **Hub / Curriculum / Competition Scoring Guides & Resources**

### Qualifying Competitions

- National Finance Competition
- National Human Resources Competition
- National Marketing Competition
- National Business Plan Competition

All competition qualifiers will receive an email from the VE Central Office about registration and submission requirements.

### Event Competitions

- Global Innovation Challenge
- Financial Literacy Challenge
- Social Media Marketing Competition
- Ai Challenge
- VE-JV Business Pitch Competition
- VE-JV Business Plan Competition

### Live Competitions\*

- Sales Pitch Competition (in Hall 1D)
- Booth Design Competition

**\*All firms registered for the International Trade Exhibition will be entered into the Live Competitions.**

## Successful Competition Tips and Guidelines for Professionalism

- Select different students for each of the competitions. Individual students should not be asked to participate in multiple competitions as it will complicate scheduling procedures. The Competition Schedule is created in advance and cannot be changed at the last minute.
- Spectators must maintain neutrality during others' presentations and guests are welcome if space is available in the seating areas.
- All work submitted must be student-produced work.
- No cell phones may be used for the oral presentations. Turn all cell phones off. They may be used as POS for booth sales.
- Professional attire required (*company uniforms permissible*).
- All Awards Must Be Picked Up During the Event Hour. Certificate replacement requests must be received by the VEI Office no later than 30 days after the end of the event.

## #YBS2026 ON SOCIAL MEDIA

### #YBS2026

A hashtag is a keyword or a phrase used to describe a topic or a theme. Using hashtags on X and Instagram allows users to share and find content based on certain categories. We're using #VEInternational as the official hashtag for VE-related content and using it to organize social media for events. Explore this hashtag on Instagram and X to find firms to connect with and see examples of what other firms are posting.

**We're looking for engaging content that highlights your firm and the YBS experience, including:**

- A video showing a creative use of the event space
- A photo gallery showcasing your team and your firm's brand
- A video featuring your team interacting with guests
- A photo of your booth display during a busy time
- A quick, behind-the-scenes conference tour hosted by a student in the firm
- Posts that attract engagement (likes, comments, shares)
- Content that makes viewers stop, smile, and say "Wow!" in a positive way
- *For inspiration, see examples of the previous posts at <https://veinternational.org/blog/2023/05/01/2023-youth-business-summit-recap/>*



**HAPPY HASHTAGGING!**

## Appendix A

### **Freight Moving Exhibitors May Perform (Hand Carry Policy)**

The Javits Center is the busiest convention center in the United States, and, as a result, our operations can have a major impact on the surrounding community. As Manhattan's West Side continues to evolve with rapid new development, clients of the Javits Center must make every effort to minimize our impact on neighboring streets during busy move-in and move-out periods.

The hand carry policy, which is outlined below, is designed to maximize exhibitor move-in/out efficiency, minimize traffic congestion and negative impact on the west side of Manhattan. Exhibitors should take notice that 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the adjacent streets around the Javits Center are no longer permitted to be used for staging or unloading hand-carry materials as in years past. Likewise, hand-carry materials are no longer permitted to enter the Crystal Palace, via 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue due to Lincoln Tunnel congestion concerns.

Exhibitors whose vehicles are illegally parked will be subject to a fine and/or vehicle towing by the New York City Police Department (NYPD). In an effort to streamline the hand carry process for our exhibitors, the Javits Center's Security and Safety Solutions Department provides all exterior security staffing, and oversight for hand carry operations.

The Javits Center Hand Carry Policy is as follows:

#### **Approved During Hand Carry Operations:**

- Individuals moving materials must be employees of the exhibiting company and must carry identification to verify their position
- Exhibitors moving materials must use doors and routes designated by event management
- Hand-carried items can be brought in through the front of the building (east side) only through the inner-roadway and only during event specified times
- Hanging clothing racks with four wheels are allowed for moving hanging garments
- Standard jewelry cases with four wheels are permitted for moving jewelry and trade product
- Pop-up displays – equal or less than 10 feet in length and capable of being carried by hand by one person – may be brought into the building.



**Prohibited During Hand Carry Operations:**

- Any materials originating from any vehicle on New York City streets for the purpose of delivering, staging, or collecting exhibitor materials
- Any equipment, other than a two-wheeled baggage cart (plastic or rubber wheels only), to move their materials
- Power tools, ladders, vacuum cleaners, or any type of carpenter/construction equipment are not permitted in the building, unless specific written approval is obtained in advance
- Any freight from a box truck, commercial vehicle, or any vehicle larger than a standard van
- Any freight moved on equipment larger than a two-wheeled baggage cart
- Any freight that cannot be hand carried by one person
- Any freight moved by a moving or freight company, contractor, or any persons other than Javits Center freight handlers or direct employees of an exhibiting company engaged in approved hand carry operations.

**Javits Inner-Roadway:**

- Hand carry operation hours are specific and designated by event management
- Loading and unloading of vehicles is limited to vehicles no larger than a standard van
- All vehicles must be issued a Javits Center Placard to stage
- All vehicles are allocated 45 minutes, and the time limit will be strictly enforced
- All vehicles must be parked perpendicular to the curb, staged with back of vehicle at the curb
- Hazard lights must be activated while staged
- Double parking is strictly prohibited and will likely result in a fine or tow
- Parking or standing on 11th Avenue or any of the secondary streets around the Javits Center is strictly prohibited and subject to fine or tow
- Pre-pack all exhibit items before staging a vehicle curbside
- Failure to follow the above regulations may lead to a fine and/or vehicle towing

**Loading Docks & Truck Marshaling Area:**

- All vehicles transporting freight larger than a standard van, such as, but not limited to, a moving truck or box truck, are required to load and unload via the Javits Center loading docks
- The loading docks are accessible during designated hand carry hours for all over-sized vehicles and can be accessed without an appointment via the entrance on 12th Avenue and 39th Street
- Scheduled hand-carry usage within loading docks and/or designated area within the marshaling building will require an advance appointment with access via the entrance on 12th Avenue



- All vehicles are required to register with the general contractor upon arrival at a designated location or in advance through the Javits Center yard management portal.

**Expansion Area Access (Hall 3, Event Space, North Lobby):**

- Hand-carry access for exhibitors will always require strict adherence to the published routes and access points as determined by the event producer
- When only Hall 3 is licensed, Exhibitor hand carry will be conducted through the truck marshaling building loading docks. Exhibitors will enter the docks at 40<sup>th</sup> street and 12<sup>th</sup> Ave
- Teamster assist is required when unloading POV in the marshaling yard. Teamster assist is coordinated by show management and GC.
- Hand-carry access will only occur through the inner-roadway via the 3A escalator when 3Hall and 3A hall are licensed together
- The north lobby may not be used to access any part of the Center for the purpose of delivering or removing exhibitor product or materials
- The use of passenger elevators or escalators within the expansion space may not be used for the purpose of delivering or removing exhibitor product or materials
- Specific hand-carry instructions will be published within the show guide

**Enforcement for Hand Carry Operations:**

- The Javits Center's Security and Safety Solutions Department, in conjunction with city and state agencies, will provide security on the inner-roadway and loading docks during all designated hand carry hours of operation
- The New York City Police Department will provide all enforcement for the New York City streets surrounding the Javits Center
- The Javits Center reserves the right to search any box, bag, container, crate, etc. to ensure full compliance with the building's regulations
- The Javits Center reserves the right to deny entry to anyone not in compliance with all stated policies and procedures

## Appendix B

### Important Items Packing List for Day 1 - April 21, 2026 (UFT, LIU Brooklyn)

- ☐ Water
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Name badges
- ☐ A computer/device for presentations and HDMI and VGA to Mac Converters (NBPC Preliminary and Semi-Finals, Financial Literacy Challenge participants)

### Important Items Packing List for Day 2 - April 22, 2026 (Javits)

- ☐ Water
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Name badges
- ☐ A computer/device for presentations and HDMI and VGA to Mac Converters (Global Innovation Challenge participants, NPBC Finals, National Department Competitions)
- ☐ Trade Show Items - a checklist is available in the VE curriculum in the Operations Task 5 - Organize Trade Show Activities (remember to review the [Javits Center's Hand Carry Policy](#))
- ☐ 2 devices for POS
- ☐ Hotspot for better internet
- ☐ Stepladder (standing on chairs is prohibited)

### Important Items Packing List for Day 3 - April 23, 2026 (Javits)

- ☐ Water
- ☐ Snacks
- ☐ Name badges
- ☐ A computer/device for presentations and HDMI and VGA to Mac Converters
- ☐ Social Media Challenge board [and easel](#) (if participating)
- ☐ Trade Show Items - a checklist is available in the VE curriculum in the Operations Task 5 - Organize Trade Show Activities (remember to review the [Javits Center's Hand Carry Policy](#))
- ☐ 2 devices for POS
- ☐ Hotspot for better internet
- ☐ Stepladder (standing on chairs is prohibited)

Additional resources on packing lists and lunch schedule templates can be found in the VE curriculum in **Operations Task 5 - Organize Trade Show Activities**.

## Acknowledgement

Click to access, complete and submit: [Facilitator Consent Form Confirmation](#)

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to the information outlined in the 2026 Youth Business Summit Event Overview including the 2026 Youth Business Summit Schedule, the Javits Center Hand-Carry Policy and completing of the Facilitator Consent Form above.

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Firm Name

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School Name

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Facilitator or Principal Signature

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Title

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Facilitator or Principal Printed Name