

Junior Achievement of New Jersey's Digital Badge for Career Readiness and Certificate of Leadership

Students who participate in JANJ's Women's Future Leadership Academy are now eligible to receive JA's [Career Readiness Badge](#) with their certificate of leadership. We hope you will be one of them!



What is a digital badge?

A digital badge is an indicator of accomplishment or skill that can be displayed, accessed, and verified online. Digital badge credentials are most often displayed in the accomplishments section of a person's LinkedIn Profile and can be added to a digital or online version of your resume. Employers are accepting the badges as a way to evaluate potential employees, and your digital badge can be validated by a potential employer with just a click.

JANJ's badge for Career Readiness will help you stand apart from other job or college applicants by showing that you have the important skills that are in demand right now, like communication, collaboration, and problem-solving.

How can I earn it?

There are four things to complete before you can earn your badge and certificate. This can be done anytime before June 30, 2022.

1. **Attend one or more Executive Career Panel Discussions.** These virtual, hour-long sessions will take place on November 3, December 8, January 12, February 9, March 9, April 6, May 4, and June 8. You can register for these on the program website, www.JANJacademy.org.
2. **Participate in four or more Women's Future Leadership Academy sessions.** These are the regular weekly sessions and special career sessions. The schedule is posted on the program website. If you cannot attend live, you can watch the recordings on the [JANJ Website](#) or our [youtube channel](#). However, it is recommended you attend at least one session live if you can.
3. **Complete and submit the digital badge survey.** You'll check the sessions you attended and how you participated (did you have your camera on, ask a question, collaborate effectively, or speak to the group?) [Click here to access the survey](#).
4. **Submit a Final Project.** Your project should be an expression of what you learned from the Academy, how you've grown as a leader, or how the Academy will help you in the future. Have fun with it! It can be any format you like: Narrative, journal entry, storyboard, video, artwork, digital presentation, or anything that is a reflection of you. You can also submit a report on something you accomplished as a result of the Academy (earned a leadership position in school, club or team; got accepted into a college, created a resume, LinkedIn page, or elevator pitch that helped you make a connection or get a job, etc). There is no deadline and projects are not graded. Projects should be submitted to jaofnj@gmail.com

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