



About JAG Nebraska

HELPING OUR STUDENTS SUCCEED IN SCHOOL - AND LIFE

We think of Nebraska as “The Good Life,” a place of excellence and achievement. Yet our high school graduation rate of 88.2%* places us toward the middle of the nation for students who fail to receive diplomas.

A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM

All students face challenges, some more overwhelming than others. Common barriers standing in the way of high school graduation include economic factors, academic difficulties and personal or social development issues. Despite these barriers, there is a solution: JAG Nebraska - and even though the program is relatively new to our state, it’s already making a major impact.

WHAT IS JAG NEBRASKA?

Founded in January 2019 as part of the national Jobs for America’s Graduates (JAG) affiliation network, JAG Nebraska is provided by United Way of the Midlands in combination with government agencies and participating school districts. JAG focuses on education, hands-on learning, life skills, career development, leadership and civic awareness, and it gives students the support and tools needed to graduate and find post-graduation success.

JAG MISSION STATEMENT

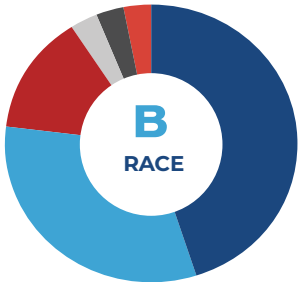
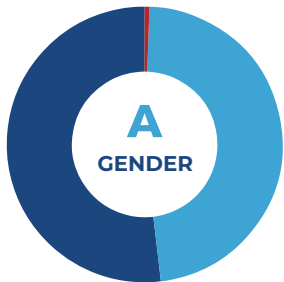
Empowering our nation’s young people with the skills and support to succeed in education, employment and life.



JAG is a for-credit classroom elective that provides professional and technical education to all students who need, want or can benefit from the assistance.

JAG STUDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

- Male 50%
- White 62%
- Asian 2%
- Female 49%
- Hispanic 17%
- Multi-Racial 3%
- Other 1%
- Black 6%
- American Indian 5%



*Source: U.S. News & World Report, U.S. graduation rates for 2019-2020 school year

THE PROOF IS IN THE RESULTS

With the support and skills provided by JAG Nebraska, high school student GPAs improve and negative behaviors decline. The likelihood of graduating increases, which leads to a higher level of contribution to the economy and community.



STUDENTS:

61 school districts throughout the state currently offer JAG

7,000+ students served since 2019



OUTCOMES:

99% of JAG Nebraska students graduated in 2024-2025

84% of grads are employed in full or part-time positions or are working while attending vocational training, community colleges or universities



GRADUATE OUTCOMES:

20% higher earnings than non-graduates

15% more likely to own homes

50% less likely to be at risk for poverty



At \$1,800 per student, JAG helps each participant to succeed for \$5 per day. The cost of allowing our youth to fail is much greater.

HELP BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

At a time when Nebraska employers face significant difficulty attracting enough skilled workers to meet the demand for jobs, JAG is poised to become a key solution to our workforce challenges.



Learn more about how you can support JAG Nebraska and help move our students and our economy forward. Go to: jagnebraska.org.



“Our young people are the future of our state. We need to afford them every opportunity to succeed in school, in the workforce and in life – and JAG Nebraska can help students see their potential and work to reach their goals.”

- Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen

