

JUROR EDUCATION PROGRAM

The goal of the Juror Education Project is to leverage the moment employees receive a jury summons as an opportunity to enhance their understanding of the role juries play in our judicial system. At its core, it envisions a democracy in which all employees are informed and engaged, and where jury service is recognized as both a privilege and a duty.



Why is Juror Education important?

When employers prioritize civics, they not only help employees hone valuable workplace skills like collaboration, teamwork, problem-solving, and critical thinking, but also foster workplaces and communities with greater civility, reduced polarization, and deeper engagement.

With more than 168 million people in the American workforce, partnering with employers to elevate civics and juror education is an effective way to reach adults across generations and in communities all across the U.S. The workplace is one of the last places where we still come together every day with people with different backgrounds and ideologies and work together toward a shared goal and purpose. This means that employers can provide access to diverse demographics to help ensure more diverse juries.

How does the Juror Education Project work?

Through this project, we aim to:

1. Create engaging and compelling messaging for employees that explicitly ties jury service to civic engagement and highlights the importance of diverse jury pools.
2. Develop a comprehensive Juror Education Toolkit for employers to facilitate and support employees called for jury service.
3. Foster partnerships with key organizations to support outreach, content development, and training materials.
4. Implement a short, interactive jury simulation to provide employees in participating firms with a hands-on understanding of the jury selection and deliberation processes.

Join Our Pilot!

We are looking to launch the pilot for the Juror Education Project in summer 2025 to help us strengthen and test this project to ensure the greatest possible impact and success.

Participating in the pilot will include:

- Attending a kickoff call of participating employers
- Reviewing the Foundation's new jury education toolkit (which includes email templates to share with staff, one-pagers, and other resources) and provide any feedback;
- Compiling a list of employees who will participate in the pilot (with the goal of a minimum of five employees);
- Sharing our juror simulation (currently in development) with participating employees; and
- Having employees complete a short pre- and post-survey, before and after watching the simulation.

Interested in learning more?

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