

Junior Appalachian Musicians, Inc. 3-Year Strategic Plan July 1, 2022 – June 20, 2025



MISSION

To provide communities with the tools and support they need to teach children to play and dance to traditional old time and bluegrass music.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Develop new outreach/marketing/support materials to reach new audiences for program development, fundraising purposes

Core Strategies:

- I. Create new promo video
- II. Publication of printed materials
- III. Target new music/cultural festivals for partnership
- IV. Pilot one adult JAM program

KPIs (Measures):

I.	Establish baselines for Contact list, Partnership outreach	Year 1
II.	Increase audience contact list by 30%	Year 2
III.	Increase number of views of media by 30%	Year 2
IV.	Increase collaborative partnership outreach list by 40%	Year 3
V.	Form relationship(s) with potential well-known spokesperson(s)	Year 3
VI.	Offer one adult JAM program to 10 persons w/ feedback	Year 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Expand the reach to develop new JAM programs in pre-determined target areas

Core Strategies:

- I. Provide consultation to aid in development of new JAM programs, guided by JAM Service Area Policy
- II. Create paid opportunities for touring artists/JAM alum to play recruitment/interest events in targeted areas

I.	Develop 2 new programs per year	Year 1
II.	Involve 5 traditional musicians in recruitment events	Year 1
III.	Develop 4 new programs per year	Year 2
IV.	Involve 10 traditional musicians in recruitment events	Year 2
V.	Develop 5 new programs per year	Year 3
VI.	Involve 15-20 traditional musicians in recruitment events	Year 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Support existing affiliate JAM program organizational and financial sustainability

Core Strategies:

- I. Collect data from current affiliates to determine programs with challenges related to student recruitment, retention, local leadership, quality of programming, usage of JAM resources and other needs
- II. Work with identified affiliates with challenges to re-structure program models and best practices

KPIs (Measures):

l.	60% affiliates submitting data	Year 1
II.	Re-establish 1 program lost due to COVID in SWVA	Year 1
III.	80% affiliates submitting data	Year 2
IV.	Re-establish additional program(s) in SWVA	Year 2
٧.	100% affiliates submitting data	Year 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Engage JAM Alumni in opportunities to further musical growth and involvement in traditional music community

Core Strategies:

- I. Develop participant information database and method of regular communication
- II. Partner with a realistic amount of high-profile music festivals annually to offer performance opportunities for alumni

KPIs (Measures):

I.	Send regular communication to developed database	Year 1
II.	Accept at least 25 applications for Helen White Scholarship Fund	Year 1
III.	Engage 5-8 alumni in performance opportunities	Year 2
IV.	Accept 30 applications for Helen White Scholarship Fund	Year 2
V.	Engage 10 - 15 alumni in performance opportunities	Year 3
VI.	Accept 35 applications for Helen White Scholarship Fund	Year 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Grow the financial base of the organization

Core Strategies:

- I. Dedicate new staff time to fundraising responsibilities
- II. Incentivize staff fundraising responsibilities with a 5% bonus if goal is reached
- III. Provide training and coaching for staff in the area of fundraising skill and diversification

I.	Increase budget by additional \$160k/10% donor growth	Year 1
II.	Increase budget by additional \$200k/20% donor growth	Year 2
III.	Increase budget by additional \$250k/30% donor growth	Year 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Define sub regions of overall JAM region to enhance collaboration and offered opportunities for JAM affiliates

Core Strategies:

- I. Pinpoint 6-7 center locations to host regular monthly open jam session events w/ visiting artist hosts
- II. Create online groups in each region for communication
- III. Offer professional development opportunities within each sub region

KPIs (Measures):

l.	Reach 300 children, family members, musicians with events	Year 1
II.	Reach 50 teaching artists with professional development	Year 1
III.	Reach 400 children, family members, musicians with events	Year 2
IV.	Reach 75 teaching artists with professional development	Year 2
٧.	Reach 500 children, family members, musicians with events	Year 3
VI.	Reach 100 teaching artists with professional development	Year 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Engagement of the Board of Directors

Core Strategies:

I. Create and implement materials for Board of Directors members to utilize for supporting the mission, fundraising, and future recruitment

KPIs (Measures):

I.	Increase number of directors to 10 according to Board matrix needs	Year 1
II.	Engage committees to meet and work between regular board meetings	Year 1
III.	100% of Board of Directors will agree to board engagement terms	Year 1
IV.	Increase/maintain number of directors to 12 according to matrix needs	Year 2
V.	Board of Directors will collectively bring 30 new prospects to the organization	Year 2
VI.	Board of Directors will maintain Board engagement terms to bring new	Year 3
	donors and awareness to the organization	

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Develop Hierarchy for JAM Training and Professional Development

Core Strategies:

- I. Determine ranking system and Identify existing credits of previous/current JAM teachers
- II. Develop JAM Teacher Certification Program, available through in-person professional development training events and an online module
- III. Implement paid benefits for certified JAM instructors
- IV. Explore relationships with institutes of higher education to develop accreditation for students working in JAM programs

I.	Develop continuing annual awards for excelling JAM teachers	Year 1
II.	Develop professional development database	Year 1
III.	Paid Professional Development/Certification for 50 JAM teachers	Year 2
IV.	Accreditation program for 10 undergrad students	Year 3
V.	Certification for additional 25 JAM teachers	Year 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Development of Curriculum and Enrichment Resources

Core Strategies:

- I. Provide tablature resources print and online to affiliates
- II. Provide podcasts available to general public
- III. Provide short videos for enrichment usage
- IV. Engage curriculum committee to evaluate usage and effectiveness of new resources

KPIs (Measures):

I.	Volume 1 "Top 50 Tunes of Old Time and Bluegrass" distributed to affiliates	Year 1
II.	Obtain 300 followers of podcast series	Year 1
III.	40% of programs will report using materials	Year 1
IV.	Volume 2 – developed and distributed	Year 2
V.	60% teachers will report using curriculum	Year 2
VI.	Increase followers of podcast series by 20%	Year 2
VII.	Volume 3 developed and distributed	Year 3
VIII.	70% teachers will report using materials	Year 3
IX.	Increase followers of podcasts by additional 10%	Year 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Increase communication and utilization of resources between parent office and affiliates by providing online platform

Core Strategies:

- I. Hire contractor to develop "JAM App" for smart phones to be integrated for usage with current affiliate staff, JAM kids to assist with service provision, branding recognition, data collection
- II. Market usage of app to affiliate staff, parents and students; offer related training

I.	Develop and test mobile app with focus group/program	Year 2
II.	Release JAM App	Year 2
III.	JAM App will have at least 250 users	Year 3