

# VOLUNTEERING FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

## >> About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures, and make smart academic and economic choices.

Junior Achievement's programs—in the core content areas of work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy—ignite the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century.

## >> Volunteer Component

JA's unique approach allows volunteers from the community to deliver our curriculum while sharing their professional experiences with students. Classroom volunteers transform the key concepts of our lessons into a message that inspires and empowers students to believe in themselves, showing them they can make a difference in the world.

Local JA Area staff provide

- Hands-on volunteer training
- JA program materials
- Access to resources

Further, JA area staff provide ongoing support to JA volunteers throughout the duration of the experience.

As a JA volunteer, you are a part of a national network of more than 243,000 business and community representatives who are impacting the lives of nearly 4.9 million young people each year in more than 212,000 classrooms across the USA.

## >> Benefits of volunteer engagement with Junior Achievement

- ✓ Direct and immediate impact on local community
- ✓ Team building/morale boosting event
- ✓ Skill building – teamwork, presentation skills, leadership
- ✓ Turn-key project – JA provides the school liaison, volunteer recruitment tools, volunteer training, and classroom materials
- ✓ Volunteer opportunities include classroom program delivery, special event participation, and local participation on Board of Directors where space is available
- ✓ Volunteers may choose to volunteer as an individual, or may decide to team teach with a co-worker



# JA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunity detail will vary by JA Area

## TRADITIONAL IN-CLASSROOM

- JA volunteers commit to teaching sessions in the classroom.
- Elementary grades: 5 to 6 sessions
- Middle grades: 6 to 7 sessions
- High school grades: 5 to 12 sessions
- JA staff prepares the volunteers before the program.
- Teachers assist volunteers at the school and in the classroom.

## JA-IN-A-DAY

- A one day commitment – up to 6 hours
- Volunteers might meet in the morning to enjoy coffee and a snack.
- Teachers assist the volunteers in the classroom.
- JA-In-A-Day is geared toward elementary programming.

## CAPSTONE

- A one day commitment – approximately 7 hours
- Teachers deliver several weeks of classroom lessons and then students attend a JA facility for a day long experience.
- Volunteers facilitate simulation by working hands on with a group of 6-8 students in a JA site based experience - *JA BizTown* or *JA Finance Park*.
- Volunteers use teachable moments to encourage students to complete tasks throughout the day.
- Volunteers keep students on-task by following posted instructions given by JA staff.
- Currently only offered in the United States.

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Other experiential programs like *JA Job Shadow*, *JA Company Program*, *JA Career Fair*, *JA Speaker Series*, and locally created student events and competitions are available.

For more information about volunteer partnerships and local opportunities, contact:  
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