

# VOLUNTEERING FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT



## About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement (JA) 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 future, and make smart academic and economic choices.

Junior Achievement's programs—in the core content areas of career and 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.



## Benefits of Volunteer Engagement with JA

- Direct and immediate impact on the local community
- Team-building/morale-boosting events for organizations
- Skill-building: teamwork, presentation skills, and leadership
- Turn-key experience; 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 the Board of Directors where space is available
- Volunteers may choose to volunteer as an individual or decide to team-teach with a co-worker



## Volunteer Component

JA's unique approach allows both individual and organization-wide 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 relatable 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

JA area staff provide ongoing support for JA volunteers throughout the experience.

Nationally, Junior Achievement reaches over three million students per year in 127,817 classrooms and after-school locations. JA programs are taught by volunteers in inner cities, suburbs, and rural areas throughout the United States, by over 100 area offices in all 50 states.



# JA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## TRADITIONAL IN-CLASSROOM



- JA volunteers commit to teaching a certain number of sessions in the classroom
- Elementary school grades: 5 to 6 sessions
- Middle school 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 high-impact way to deliver JA's lessons for a particular grade level all on the same day (4-5 hours)
- Volunteers from the same organization or company conduct the lessons in assigned classrooms
- Teachers are present in the classroom at all times to partner with the volunteers, help maintain discipline, and answer any questions
- Perfect for volunteers who can only take one day off work

## JA EDUCATION CENTER



- A one-day commitment – approximately 7 hours
- Teachers deliver several weeks of classroom lessons and then students attend a JA Education Center for a day-long immersive experience
- Volunteers work hands-on with a group of 6-8 students in a simulated city experience at *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

## ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES



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

For more information about volunteer partnerships and local opportunities, contact **Connie Montoya**, Regional Program Manager, at [conniem@jashington.org](mailto:conniem@jashington.org).