

# Facts for JA Volunteers



## What is Junior Achievement® (JA)?

In partnership with business professionals and educators, JA inspires and prepares young people to succeed in a global economy. JA programs focus on **financial literacy**, **workforce readiness** (business/economics), and **entrepreneurship** using JA lessons led by business, parent, and community volunteers.

## What do JA volunteers do?

JA volunteers have a variety of individual and group volunteer opportunities to select from allowing the flexibility to find an area you'd like to support. JA volunteers can lend a hand in any of the areas below:

- ▲ **Administrative:** You can volunteer in our office for short or long term projects (i.e. kit rebuilding, event basket making, etc.).
- ▲ **Special Events:** JA offers a variety of different golfing, bowling, and miscellaneous special events.
- ▲ **JA Experiential Education Volunteer:** Volunteers can spend the day in JA BizTown™ or JA Finance Park™ where you will help a small group of students run their business or to create a personal financial plan.
- ▲ **JA Classroom Volunteer:** JA classroom volunteers lead hands-on activities designed by JA to help young people understand the economics of life. After being matched to a classroom and attending training, you will deliver engaging, easy-to-follow lessons infused with your unique experiences.

## What other responsibilities does a JA volunteer have?

- Sign and abide by JA's Volunteer Conduct Policy.
- JA Classroom and Experiential Education Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older.
- All JA Classroom and Experiential Education Volunteers must complete JA volunteer training and be available to work with students during the normal school day.
- JA Classroom volunteers who work with middle and high school students must have 3 years of full-time professional work experience.

## What are some benefits to volunteering?

Volunteers can grow in the following areas: communication, self confidence, coaching talents, leadership, presentations, and supervisory skills. Companies who sponsor JA enhance their company image by showing their commitment to educating today's youth. Volunteers feel good about helping students in their community and JA can have a positive impact on employee morale!

## TIME COMMITMENT CHART

Program Level	Preparation	Classroom Visits
<b>K - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades:</b> (Weekly model)	30 to 45 min. prior to each visit	One observation and five 30-50 minute lessons
<b>6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade:</b> (Weekly model)	1 hr. prior to each visit	One observation and six to eight 55 minute lessons
<b>JA Day:</b> (K-8 <sup>th</sup> )	3 to 5 hrs. prior to the JA Day	A one time commitment of one full school day during the work week (ex: 7:30am to 3:30pm)
<b>JA BizTown:</b> (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> ) <b>JA Finance Park™</b> (8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> )	1 hr. volunteer training	A one day 5 ½ hour experience at JA facility in Tempe

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