

# An Invitation to Make a Difference... Become a Junior Achievement Volunteer



## What is Junior Achievement?

Junior Achievement (JA) is a non-profit organization that recruits volunteers to teach students in elementary school about business, economics and the importance of staying in school. Volunteer role models use their own experience along with the JA curricula to deliver JA programs. Volunteers can be college students, business professionals or parents.

## Why should you become a JA volunteer?

- ❖ This is great experience for anyone interested in education or business, and helping children.
- ❖ JA is a worldwide organization, recognized by many businesses. Volunteering enhances your résumé!
- ❖ You will be making a positive impact on the lives of children.
- ❖ No business or economics expertise is necessary, just a desire to help children.
- ❖ JA provides lesson plans, materials and training on how to implement the program. Training can even be completed online!
- ❖ You can work alone or with a partner.
- ❖ Being a JA volunteer is a fun and rewarding experience!

## What is the time commitment?

JA activities take just 30-45 minutes per lesson, for 5 lessons, plus a pre-program planning meeting which you can schedule with the teacher how ever you'd like. Also, all new volunteers attend a training session to become familiar with the program and the materials. You can even complete online training, which only takes about 30 minutes. For a total time commitment of 4 to 6 hours, you can make a huge difference in the life of a child!

## How do I become a volunteer?

To become a volunteer, please complete and return the form below.

Or contact **Alaina Scavullo** at:

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Find out more about how you can help JA at [www.janeny.org](http://www.janeny.org)

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I am interested in volunteering for Junior Achievement!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level Preference: K-2 \_\_\_\_ 3-5 \_\_\_\_



## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### Elementary School Programs

The purpose of these programs is to show K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students the relevance of education to the workplace. For each grade level, there is a different theme that fits in with the social studies curriculum. The Elementary School Program teaches students the basics of business through fun, activity-oriented lessons. Volunteers work with the classroom teacher 45 minutes a week, for six weeks. Concepts and skills taught at each grade level build on those taught in preceding grades.

**OURSELVES (K)** – is designed to develop personal economic concepts through storybook characters in read-aloud stories and hands-on activities.

**OUR FAMILIES (1<sup>ST</sup>)** – provides practical information about family members and their interdependence.

**OUR COMMUNITY (2<sup>ND</sup>)** – focuses on the many occupations found in government and businesses in a typical community.

**OUR CITY (3<sup>RD</sup>)** – teaches students about businesses and the main occupations found in those businesses in a typical city.

**OUR REGION (4<sup>TH</sup>)** – provides practical information about natural, human and capital resources found in regions and used by businesses to produce goods and services.

**OUR NATION (5<sup>TH</sup>)** – teaches students about businesses' need for individuals who can meet the demands of the job market. Further, it introduces the concept of business globalization as it relates to business resources and careers, and the need for students to be entrepreneurial in their thinking to meet the requirements of business worldwide.

**JA MORE THAN MONEY** – teaches students in grades 3-5 about earning, sharing, saving and spending money, and businesses they can start or jobs they can perform to earn money. There are six after-school volunteer-led activities.

### Middle School Programs

#### **JA AMERICA WORKS:**

Through six volunteer led activities this program provides students with examples of how business and entrepreneurship affected the economic development of the United States in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

#### **JA GLOBAL MARKETPLACE:**

Through six volunteer led activities this program is designed to provide practical information about the key aspects of the global economy, what makes world trade work, and how trade affects students' daily lives.

#### **JA ECONOMICS FOR SUCCESS:**

This program explores personal finance and students' education and career options based on their skills, interests, and values. It also emphasizes the economic benefits of staying in school. The volunteer leads six classroom activities.

#### **JA IT'S MY BUSINESS:**

Through six volunteer led activities this program emphasizes entrepreneurship while providing a strong focus on social studies, reading and writing skills. Students are encouraged to use critical thinking to learn entrepreneurship skills that support positive attitudes as they explore and enhance their career aspirations. This can be done after school or in-school. The volunteer leads six classroom activities.