

# VOLUNTEERING FOR JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT



## About Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement (JA) is the nation's largest organization dedicated to empowering young people with the skills and confidence they need to shape their future financial success. JA programs spark curiosity, ignite the joy of learning, and help students discover their boundless possibilities.

Since 1953, Junior Achievement of Washington (JAWA) has positively impacted over 2 million students across Washington State and Northern Idaho. Through partnerships with organizations and dedicated volunteers, JAWA is transforming education with engaging programs that teach essential skills in financial literacy, career readiness, and entrepreneurship.



## 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 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

In 2023-24, JA of Washington made an incredible impact, delivering over **398,055 hours** of service through **1,137** transformative learning experiences. Together with volunteers and educators, we reached **47,132** students, inspiring young minds and building stronger communities.

Our goal is to reach over **90,000** students by 2027, expanding to new communities across the state through our traditional program delivery and our new JA Mobile Finance Park experience.



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TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!

## DEI VISION STATEMENT

At Junior Achievement of Washington, we believe that education is foundational to building a more equitable and just world. We strive to cultivate an inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated, and each individual can share their unique abilities and perspectives to achieve our mission and provide world-class programming. We are committed to addressing inequities and finding innovative ways to serve diverse learners, especially those experiencing systemic racism and barriers to economic prosperity.

# 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 MOBILE FINANCE PARK



- A one-day commitment – approximately 7 hours
- Teachers deliver several weeks of classroom lessons, followed by students participating in the immersive day-long JA Mobile Finance Park experience
- Volunteers work hands-on with a group of 6-8 students in a simulated city experience at JA Mobile 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, JA Stock Market Challenge, and locally created student events and competitions are also available.

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