



Junior Achievement of East Tennessee Classroom Volunteering

What is Junior Achievement?

Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that educates and inspires young people to achieve their potential in school and in the future. JA offers curriculum programs that teach K-12 students about financial literacy, business and economic fundamentals, career exploration, and workplace competencies. Programs are presented by volunteers from the community who expose students to a 'real-world' perspective and serve as positive role models and mentors to students.

Why is it important for me to be involved with Junior Achievement?

You will have the opportunity to make a difference in a child's life by being involved in local education. You are giving back to the community by introducing and developing an invaluable reciprocal relationship between teachers, students and community members. At the same time, you are building favorable public relations between your business and the school community. Finally, the programs are free, fun and relevant—teachers use the JA curriculum to enhance skills and concepts that are covered by curriculum standards helping students to better prepare for comprehensive testing, among other future academic and professional successes.

What do I do when I volunteer?

As a JA volunteer, you will be a 'classroom consultant' for a teacher who has requested JA for his/her students. JA will provide you with a step-by-step guidebook of lesson plans and all the student activity materials you need to lead the students through fun, hands-on activities centered on one of JA's many free enterprise themed programs. Teachers are present in the classroom and help to reinforce your JA message and you are encouraged to share your own expertise and experiences from "the real world".

What is the time commitment?

Depending on the program and grade level, 5 to 7 visits to a classroom throughout one semester, usually once a week for 5 to 7 weeks. Teaching visits last 30-45 minutes depending on the program. You, as the volunteer, schedule the visits directly with the teacher to match your availability with that of the teacher.

Where will I be volunteering and with what age group?

You choose the school, grade level and program from the list of educators who have requested JA programs.

Are there any other ways to be involved with Junior Achievement?

Junior Achievement coordinates job shadowing opportunities for middle and high school students. Contact us if you or your business would be interested in hosting a group of students for a half day workplace visit. Special events, such as our Golf Tournament, Bowl-a-thon, also occur throughout the year. Contact us for more information.

How can I find out more?

A JA representative can come to your worksite to present a one-hour information session for a group of employees, or individuals are invited to an orientation session offered at the JA office.

For more information call 865-457-2461, email maria@jaeasttennessee.org or visit www.ja.org

