

Volunteer Opportunities - Brief

2024.2025 (Preliminary – 5.31.2024)

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Pennsylvania is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping young people develop the skillsets and mindsets to build thriving communities. We are one of 100 chapters nationally and JA Worldwide extends across the globe.

Junior Achievement of Southeastern Pennsylvania equips young people for economic mobility and the pursuit of their own ambitions. In collaboration with educators, community organizations, and businesses, we ensure young people (5-25) have access to high-quality financial education and career-readiness learning experiences to **inspire** possibilities, **prepare** them for careers, and build skills to **succeed**. With a focus on under-resourced communities and expanded programming for middle and high school students, we provide foundational and scalable solutions that elevate all young people in Southeastern Pennsylvania to be future-ready.

AT YOUR OFFICE

JA Company Program Host – <https://southeasternpa.ja.org/events/2024-25-ja-company-program-after-school>

- **Nov 2024-April 2025**
- JA Company Program® is an in-depth High School entrepreneurship program. Throughout the 15-week program, student companies are hosted and mentored by corporate professionals that provide coaching and insight into larger business concepts, including leadership and communication. These sessions involve all key steps in the business ownership process, from creation to liquidation. The Host Site will host the students at their facility for the weekly on-site meeting.
- Minimum of 8-14 Volunteers needed. 2 volunteers will perform Coordinator role.
- Host Site sponsoring companies provide financial support of \$7500 for the program.
- Host sites will need to provide facility support, including accessible meeting space for at least ~25 people, guest wi-fi, and dinner (i.e. pizza or in-house caterer) each week.
- **Prework:** Planning begins in July.

JA Job Shadow Host - <https://southeasternpa.ja.org/volunteer/opportunity/ja-job-shadow-2023-24>

- **October-November 2024/March-May 2025**
- Join JA of Southeastern PA this school year as we partner with Mastery Charter School Network and the School District of Philadelphia's CTE program to bring career exposure experiences to their young people. Your workplace would: host a class of 20-30 students from 10:00am to 1:30pm including lunch, provide a workplace tour, allow students to visit and observe professional work conduct, and lead challenges/activities that bring home lessons from the world of work.
- Minimum of 10-12 volunteers needed

- **Prework:** recruit volunteers from various company departments, review Site Coordinator Guide (1 hour), attend agenda planning meeting with JA staff (1 hour), host volunteer orientation virtually or in-person (45 minutes), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes)

AT A VENUE

JA Rising Women - <https://southeasternpa.ja.org/events/ja-rising-women-2023>

- **October 2024**
- The Junior Achievement of Southeastern PA Team will be holding our annual [JA Rising Women](#) event on October 19th, 2023 at the Community College of Philadelphia. JA Rising Women empowers high school students through a transformative learning and coaching experience - encouraging students to explore all career possibilities, inspiring them to dream big, and preparing them to succeed This event pairs 100 young women from Philadelphia high schools with 100 working professional women as volunteer mentors for a day of soft skills activities, team builders, and networking.
- 100 volunteers needed, included in sponsorship package
- Prework: attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review Brief Guide for Volunteers (30 minutes)

JA Career Success Conference - <https://southeasternpa.ja.org/programs/ja-career-success>

- **March 2025**
- Run workshops emphasizing professional skills for groups of high school students at our JA Career Success Conference. In volunteer teams present workshops to students in 1.5 hour blocks as a rotation. Additional details TBD.
- Prework: attend training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), review Guide for Volunteers (1 hour), Meet with colleagues to coordination presentation roles (30 minutes)

JA Inspire: STEM Expo - <https://southeasternpa.ja.org/events/ja-inspire-stem-series>

- **May 2025**
- The JA Inspire: STEM Series serves as a catalyst for high school students, igniting their curiosity and encouraging exploration of diverse careers within STEM fields. Participating companies will have the opportunity to host volunteer-led, interactive booth activities for students, featuring demos, experiments, games, and more. This spring, this program will serve 1,200 Philadelphia high school students through two events: Wednesday, April 24th at Franklin Learning Center and Wednesday, May 1st at Northeast High School. Participating companies can recruit one group of volunteers for both events, or two groups to attend each date. While we appreciate investment in this student learning experience, we do not want funding support to hinder participation.
- 2-6 volunteers needed on each date
- **Prework:** Create interactive activity to run at your booth repeatedly throughout the event, attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review Brief Guide for Volunteers (30 minutes)

JA Finance Park Mobile - <https://jausa.ja.org/programs/ja-finance-park-entry-level>

- **Pilot: November 2024-January 2025; February 2025-May 2025**
- **Experience Description:** This program, comprising a curriculum and a simulation, helps students build a foundation on which they can make intelligent financial decisions that last a lifetime, including decisions related to income, expenses, savings, and credit. The classroom curriculum culminates with a visit to JA Finance Park, a realistic mobile facility, where students engage with volunteers and put into practice what they've learned by developing a personal budget.
- **Prework:** Attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review PDF Guide for Volunteers (1-2 hours - written presentation/talking points)
- 14 volunteers needed daily
- Additional details TBD

IN SCHOOLS

School District of Philadelphia Middle Schools

Work Readiness Foundations –

<https://southeasternpa.ja.org/programs/ja-it-s-my-future>

<https://southeasternpa.ja.org/programs/ja-economics-for-success-2-0>

- **Oct-May – Various dates**
- **Half Days (Typically 3-4 hours between 8:30-12:30)**
- **Experience Description:** Direct students through activities to guide them in building a personal brand, self-reflection, exploring career opportunities and goal-setting. Emphasis is on foundational work readiness skills such as critical thinking and problem-solving. Present three (3) 45-minute workshops to a class of middle school students. All student worksheets, talking points and on-screen presentation provided.
- **Prework:** Attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review PDF Guide for Volunteers (1-2 hours - written presentation/talking points), Access learning platform to practice navigation of on-screen presentation (30 minutes)
- 4-12 volunteers needed for each event

Budgeting Blitz Events with Gear Up Programs

- **Various dates – Allentown, Pottstown, Norristown**
- **Experience Description:** Volunteers present a 45 minute budgeting workshop to multiple classrooms from 1st period to the end of the day. Students learn the fundamentals of budgeting and put that knowledge into practice with a budgeting game – top scores are our budget champions!
- **Prework:** Attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review PDF Guide for Volunteers (30 minutes - written presentation/talking points), Access learning platform to practice navigation of on-screen presentation (30 minutes)
- 2-12 Volunteers needed for each school

Entrepreneurship Workshops in Methacton School District (high school) -

<https://southeasternpa.ja.org/programs/ja-be-entrepreneurial-think-like-an-entrepreneur>

- **November 2024**
- **Experience Description:** Volunteers present a 45 minute workshop on Growth Mindset to multiple classrooms from 1st period to the end of the day. Incorporate your personal reflections and challenge 11th grade students to strive for success
- **Prework:** Attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review PDF Guide for Volunteers (30 minutes - written presentation/talking points), Access learning platform to practice navigation of on-screen presentation (30 minutes)
- Two days. Sign up for 1 or more days. 8-12 Volunteers needed per day.

Entrepreneurship Workshops in Methacton School District (elementary) -

<https://southeasternpa.ja.org/programs/ja-our-region>

- **May 2025**
- **Experience Description:** JA Our Region provides foundational entrepreneurship education for grade 4 students. Present 5 workshops to your assigned classroom from roughly 9am-2pm (breaks included). Co-teach with a colleague if interested while engaging students in activities such as identifying entrepreneurial characteristics, playing a game to calculate profit or loss on a hot dog stand business, and experiencing a supply chain by collecting computer “parts” from countries around the “classroom world.”
- **Prework:** Attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review PDF Guide for Volunteers (2 hours - written presentation/talking points)
- Four Schools. 4-8 Volunteers needed per school.

Elementary Work and Career Programming: JA in a Day

- **Fall 2024/Spring 2025 (Coatesville, Norristown, and Reading Elementary Schools)**
- **Experience Description:** JA Our City, JA Our Region and JA More than Money provide foundational career, finance and entrepreneurship education for elementary students. Present 5 workshops to your assigned classroom from roughly 9am-2pm (breaks included). Co-teach with a colleague if interested while engaging students in hands-on activities in the classroom.
- **Prework:** Attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review PDF Guide for Volunteers (2 hours - written presentation/talking points), Organize Kit/Handouts where available.
- Scheduled on-demand based on availability of volunteer partners. Typically 10-30 volunteers per event.

JA Empower PA Volunteers – Financial Literacy

- **Jan-May** – Various Locations (Lehigh County: Catasauqua MS; Philadelphia Charter Schools: Various; Chester County: Kennett Middle School; Bucks County: Strayer Middle School (Quakertown) and Palisades Middle School.)
- **Note: Clearances typically required**

- **Experience Description:** Weekly for 5 weeks - direct students through 45-minute activities to learn financial literacy essentials such as savings, budgeting, credit and debt and more. All student worksheets, talking points and on-screen presentation provided.
- **Prework:** Attend virtual training (1 hour), complete registration with JA (5-10 minutes), Review PDF Guide for Volunteers (1-2 hours - written presentation/talking points), Access learning platform to practice navigation of on-screen presentation (30 minutes)
- Volunteer needs vary by location

REMOTE

JA Workforce Coaching - <https://southeasternpa.ja.org/coaching/opportunity/become-a-ja-coach-ja-sepa>

- **On-Going**
- JA Workforce Coaching consists of a four-hour coach training program and 12 one-on-one sessions designed to lead participants directly into a job or a career-focused educational or training program. Participants ages [16-21] create a personalized action plan that provides:
 - A clear picture of their work interests, skills, and values
 - A database of local employers with jobs that are a fit
 - A professional online presence and resume
 - Connections to employment: gig work, apprenticeships, internships, and full-time jobs

IN THE SUMMER

Do you have volunteer availability for July 2024? Last minute opportunity – your support is needed!

Coming Soon: Volunteers for one-day presentations on professional/soft skills are needed for high school interns in Philadelphia! Contact laura.yohe@ja.org for more information.