



JA BizTown®

Junior Achievement Volunteer Opportunities

What is  Junior Achievement® ?

Junior Achievement is a worldwide nonprofit organization that presents important life skills through hands-on educational materials focusing on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness.

What is Biztown?

JA BizTown is an 8,000 square foot mini-city housing 15 business storefronts. Students participating in the JA BizTown program complete 16 lessons taught in the classroom. Classroom lessons prepare students to take on the challenge of running a business and managing their personal and business finances. Classroom preparation also encompasses career exploration, applying for a job, and job interviews. After completion of the classroom curriculum, students are fully prepared to take on the task of running JA BizTown for the day.

What will I be doing?

You will assist the students in their assigned businesses throughout the five hour day. Volunteers serve as "business consultants", leading staff meetings, helping the students to read and understand their job directions, and reminding the students to stay on task and focus on their goals.

What is the time commitment for a JA BizTown volunteer?

The day runs from approximately 8 am - 2 pm, depending on student arrival time.

Does Junior Achievement provide the plans, activities, and training?

Absolutely! All plans, materials and activities, along with an easy-to-follow manual will be provided to you. We provide orientation for all volunteers.

What if I have never worked with students before?

JA staff members will be available from beginning to end to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have.

Is lunch provided?

No. Students, teachers, and volunteers should plan to bring a bagged lunch.

Do I need clearances to enter BizTown?

Yes. As of January 1, 2020 Pennsylvania state law requires Junior Achievement volunteers that participate in BizTown have clearances on file with Junior Achievement of South Central PA. You will receive information from our office on what is required and how to obtain them. Any Covid related requirements will be shared with you prior to the event.



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