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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH JA CENTRAL ONTARIO'S COMPANY PROGRAM

**Support and empower a new generation of entrepreneurs through Company Program.**

Become a JA Company Program Advisor and inspire a new generation to dream big and reach their goals. Working alongside a team of business professionals, Advisors act as mentors, role models and facilitators to a group of 10-20 high school students during an 18-week entrepreneurial journey to create, run and liquidate a business.

This unique learning experience that empowers young people in grades 9-12 with the skills, connections, and confidence to build something incredible - a business, a community, and a bright future.

### Who can volunteer?

Company Program Advisors don't require specific expertise or knowledge, only a passion and willingness to support young people and the ability to foster teamwork. The JA Company Program team provides resources, training, and support for all volunteers. We encourage volunteers from all professional backgrounds and areas of expertise to participate.

Company Program Advisors must complete a Vulnerable Sector Screening/Police Check and provide two references to participate in the program. Details and instructions will be provided at registration.

### Benefits of volunteering (just to name a few!):

- Become a role model and mentor for young people in your community
- Empower young people with the skills to build thriving communities
- Enhance your leadership, presentation, and facilitation skills
- Meet like-minded professionals from across Central Ontario

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### Program Summary:

- The program will be running **in-person** across Central Ontario.
- Each volunteer advising team will consist of **1 to 2 lead advisors** and **3 or more advisors**.
- With your advising team, you will be supporting a **team of 10 to 20 high school students**. You will be mentoring the same group of students for the entirety of the program.
- With the mentorship of the advising team, the group of students will come up with **one business** to create and run over the **18 weeks**.
- **Resources, training, and support** for all volunteers are provided by the JA Central Ontario Company Program team.

### Time commitment:

- Volunteers are expected to dedicate **3 to 4 hours** each week from November to April. This includes: 3 hours weekly for program meetings (set date/time each week) and an additional 30 min to 1 hour for prep time and/or to answer student and JA inquiries (will vary by week)
- Volunteers must commit to attending a **minimum of 75%** of the 18 weekly meetings
- Volunteers must also attend **one or two\* mandatory evening virtual training sessions** in October and other training calls throughout the year as required. (\*New advisors will be required to attend two virtual trainings in October)

### Program Timeline:

- September: Volunteer registration will be available
- October: There will virtual advisor training in October
  - New advisors must attend one of the New Advisor Training Dates: October 18 or 20<sup>th</sup>
  - All advisors (new and returning) must attend the main training on October 25<sup>th</sup>
- November: The program will run **November 7, 2022 to April 17, 2023**.  
*Please note: Meetings will not take place during the holidays or March Break*

**For more information or to review our FAQs, visit our website [here](#).**

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