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# VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT'S COMPANY PROGRAM

Working alongside a team of business professionals, the CP Advisor will act as a business mentor, role model and facilitator for a group of 10-20 high school students. The CP Advisor will mentor and support these students through an 18-week entrepreneurial journey to create, run and liquidate a real start-up business. Resources, training and support for all volunteers is provided by the JA Company Program team.

# **BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING (JUST TO NAME A FEW!):**

- Enhance your leadership, presentation and facilitation skills
- Meet like-minded professionals from across Central Ontario
- Become a role model and mentor for young people in your community
- Help build the next generation of business leaders

# \*NEW FOR THE 2020/2021 YEAR\*

The JA Company Program will operate as a **fully virtual experience** for the 2020/2021 year. All meetings will be held virtually and students will be asked to develop a **digital product or service**. We are excited for the opportunity to engage students and volunteers from across Central Ontario who previously were not able to participate due to program location barriers. For more information, including FAQs regarding the virtual program, please click **here**.

#### WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Volunteers don't need a particular background or area of expertise to be an effective Company Program Advisor - only a passion and willingness to support young people in an impactful way and the ability to foster teamwork. This year, we are also encouraging volunteers with expertise or knowledge in any areas related to digital product development (coding, digital design and marketing, e-commerce or entrepreneurship) to sign up.

CP 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.

# TIME COMMITMENT:

- Volunteers should expect to dedicate 2 to 4 hours each week to the program which will include:
  - 1 to 1.5 hours for full team meetings (set time each week)
  - 30 min to 1 hour available for small group mentoring & support (flexible scheduling & will vary by week)
  - 30 min to 1 hour for prep time and/or to answer student and JA inquiries (will vary by week)
- Volunteers are asked to commit to attending at least 75% of the 18 week sessions
- Volunteers must also attend a mandatory virtual advisor training session in October

# **PROGRAM TIMELINE:**

November 2020 to April 2021 (Exact Weeks TBC)

Please note: Meetings will not take place during the holidays or March Break

FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO CHECK OUT PAST STUDENT COMPANIES, PLEASE VISIT:

www.jacocompanyprogram.ca

