



JA Finance Park® Volunteer Facts

- What is the difference between debit and credit?
- How do I budget for personal expenses?
- How can I invest in the stock market?
- How much money do I need to earn to support myself?

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**They've got financial questions.
You can help them find the answers!**

Become a JA Finance Park Volunteer and make a direct impact in a young person's life.

Today's young people need a strong foundation for making intelligent, lifelong, personal financial decisions. As a volunteer with **JA Finance Park**, you will help students navigate the world of personal

finances as they assume the role of an "adult for the day." At **JA Finance Park**, students are given a unique life situation card to guide them which includes an income, marital status, even kids! Using this persona, students work to create a balanced monthly budget while making decisions regarding housing, transportation, insurance, savings, entertainment expenses and much more.

Volunteers are needed to mentor small groups of students throughout their day at **JA Finance Park**. **No special budgeting expertise or preparation is necessary and thorough training is provided for all volunteers!**

A Typical Day in Finance Park

8:00 – 9:00am	Volunteer Training Volunteers participate in a guided hands-on training
9:00am	School arrival
9:10 – 9:30am	Welcome and Orientation
9:30 – 10:15am	The Truth Revealed Volunteers meet with a small group of students, review students' fictitious life situations and assist students as they calculate their Net Monthly Income and Budget Guidelines.
10:15 – 11:00am	The Big Search Volunteers assist students as they collect pricing information from 17 business storefronts.
11:00am – 12:45pm	The Budget Puzzle (and Lunch Break) Volunteers assist students and provide "real world" connections as they make decisions to create a balanced monthly budget.
12:45 – 1:45pm	The Final Commitment Volunteers assist students as they "pay" their bills electronically.
1:45 – 2:00pm	Closing and Evaluation



JA Finance Park® Volunteer Frequently Asked Questions

What is *JA Finance Park*?

JA Finance Park is an indoor experiential learning complex where students come to gain “real world” financial education experience via an “adult for a day” simulation.

Where is *JA Finance Park* located?

JA Finance Park is centrally located in Los Angeles (bordering Burbank, and Studio City) off Highway 134 between Mt. Sinai and Forest Lawn Cemeteries, on the edge of Griffith Park. Plenty of parking is available for volunteers.

How long is the *JA Finance Park* experience?

The ***JA Finance Park*** experience lasts approximately a full day of instruction for students, or about six hours of volunteer time.

What is considered proper attire for volunteering at *JA Finance Park*?

Students will be looking up to you during your time volunteering at ***JA Finance Park***, so dress to impress and inspire in business casual or appropriate company attire.

Is food available for volunteers?

JASoCal offers coffee and water for our volunteers and we have vending machines available. We recommend packing a lunch which you can enjoy during the day’s lunch break.

Can we volunteer in *JA Finance Park* for a few hours or only part of the day?

We expect that volunteers commit to stay through the entire scheduled simulation. Each volunteer works with a small group of students throughout their visit to ***JA Finance Park***. We want each student to have support throughout the simulation to ensure their successful completion.

Do I need to have experience teaching kids, or be an expert at math or finances?

All volunteers will go through a thorough one-hour training on the same day as their scheduled volunteering. All necessary information and supplies will be provided at this time. No previous experience is required. All basic math skills necessary will be reviewed during the student orientation.

Can we cater a lunch for the volunteers in a separate room during our lunch break?

Many groups choose to cater lunch for their volunteers and often offer to sponsor lunch for the students as well. Groups are welcome to cater lunch, however please be aware that there is only 30 minutes allotted for lunch within the simulation. While it is possible to have a separate lunch area, most groups prefer to eat with the students. All catered lunches should be coordinated by the individual volunteer groups. ***JA Finance Park*** does not provide lunch or coordinate lunch arrangements.

How many students will I be working with?

Volunteers will work with a small group of on average no more than six students.

