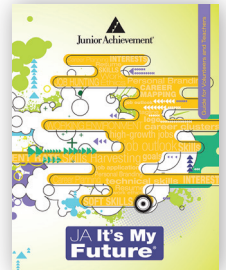


## JA It's My Future®

*JA It's My Future* provides students with practical information about preparing for the working world while still in middle school.

### Following participation in the program, students will be able to:

- Explore potential careers, discover how to plan for a job, and learn how to keep it.
- Develop personal-branding and job-hunting tools for earning a job.



### Session Titles and Summaries:

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#### **Session One: My Brand**

Through interviews, self-reflection, and creation of a personal logo, students explore the importance of building a positive personal brand for the future, starting in middle school.

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#### **Session Two: Career Clusters**

Students explore career clusters and identify jobs for additional research. They also recognize the value of and need for all types of jobs.

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#### **Session Three: High-Growth Careers**

Students learn the four factors to consider in choosing a job, and they take a close look at some high-growth career fields.

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#### **Session Four: Career Mapping**

Students explore how to use life experiences to develop work skills and how to map a path to employment goals.

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#### **Session Five: On the Hunt**

Students are introduced to the basic aspects of job hunting through a scavenger hunt. Students are taught to keep all their vital job-hunting information in one place.

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#### **Session Six: How to Keep (or Lose) a Job**

Students learn the difference between technical and soft skills, and they recognize the impact that their personal behavior has on their ability to succeed in a job.



Join Junior Achievement's national network of more than 213,000 volunteers and help students in your community connect the dots between what they learn in school and the "business of life" — work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.

## JA's Turn-Key Volunteer Solution:

### Personalized Placement

JA works with you to ensure you teach at the location and grade level of your choice.

### Comprehensive Training

JA staff provides training so you are comfortable visiting the classroom. You will be trained in classroom management, understanding and delivering the JA curriculum, working with the classroom teacher, and communicating effectively with students.

### Minimal Time Commitment

The time commitment is minimal compared to the significant impact you make. Middle grade-level classes include six 45-minute sessions.

JA provides you with a kit containing all of the session plans and student materials you'll need to make every minute count.

### JA Staff Follow-Up and Support

JA staff is available to answer your questions or make suggestions about your volunteer assignment.

# JA It's My Future®

What does it take to be successful in today's working world? While still in middle school, students explore potential careers, discover ways to plan for and keep a job, and prepare a personal-branding map to their future. Selected pieces of the program are featured below.



- 1 Guide for Volunteers and Teachers**  
Provides session plans, teaching tips, and talking points.

- 2 Certificate of Achievement**  
Given to students in recognition of their participation.

- 3 Brand Interview Pamphlets**  
Students interview one another and consider positive ways to describe themselves.

- 4 Bendable Sticks Sets**  
Using colorful bendable sticks, students create a personal logo.

- 5 Career Clusters Charts**  
Students identify potential jobs that might complement their areas of strength.

- 6 Career Fair Fliers**  
Students create recruiting posters to teach each other about high-growth industries.

- 7 Career Map Posters**  
Students analyze work experiences through short-, middle-, and long-term goals needed to earn a job in the future.

- 8 Industry Profiles**  
Students learn about the job outlook for high-growth careers.

- 9 Scavenger Hunt Poster and Clues Sheet**  
Students conduct a scavenger hunt to learn about tips and tools needed for job hunting.

- 10 Keep a Job Tips Sheet**  
Provides important tips for being a successful employee.